

## A Buddhist Approach To Peace

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editors introduction this volume is a collection of papers presented at the international workshop on buddhist approach to global education in ethics which is being held on may 13 2019 at international conference center tam chuc ha nam vietnam on the occasion of the 16th united nations day of vesak celebrations 2019 the aim is to throw new light on the values of the global ethical system with a focus on the buddhist approach in deepening our understanding of how buddhist ethics can deliver a social change in the globalized world review of contents prof p d premasiri in his paper titled universally valid ethical norms of buddhism applicable to global education in ethics deals with hindrance in determining the basis for global

education in ethics and providing undeniable facts about the diversity involved in ethical norms principles and attitudes of various global communities the author also discusses the characteristics of buddhist teaching on a humanistic approach to the moral life with perceptions of enlightened humans i.e knowledgeable persons vi à purisà the paper places further emphasis on the necessity to draw the attention of educators to train the minds of humans on ethical choices in accordance with such decisions the paper entitled teaching buddhist ethics through the life of the buddha and jesus by abraham velez de cea has proposed a new approach to the buddhist ethical way of teaching and its application through interpretations of the buddha's life from the perspective of virtue ethics and meditation the purpose is to heighten the buddhist contribution being made to global education in ethical issues the paper is divided into two parts buddhist ethics as a form of virtue ethics and secondly interpretation of the buddha's teachings from the perspective of virtue ethics and meditation

editors introduction background there have been major changes in world today and that the term global leadership and sustainable development is no longer taken for granted as a point of reference for understanding the contemporary chaotic situation these disruptive changes mean that it is now arguable as to whether we still live in a world of justice equality peace and prosperity the nature of these changes and the concepts of the buddhist approach are central to the whole project of this book in this light we place great emphasis on understanding buddhist teaching in dealing with this matter we argue that any investigation of the changing character and context of the present time needs to take account of the buddhist philosophy we focus on providing a thorough and critical understanding of change taking place as a starting point of discussion in doing so we attempt to clarify the nature of the buddhist approach it may be more productively understood as the result of a complex contested and fragile set of arrangements which in this book we term as approach we do not imply that the frameworks based on the buddhist teachings are fully fixed and agreed by everybody rather it would refer to a set of arrangements that need to be further discussed given the above this volume collects together papers presented at the international workshop on buddhist approach to harmonious families healthcare and sustainable societies which took place on 13 may 2019 at international conference center tam chuc ha nam vietnam on the occasion of the 16th united nations day of vesak celebrations 2019 the participants in this workshop were not representative of the mainstream thinking or conventional wisdom of this field although this volume reflects this richness and diversity treating the buddha teachings as a basic theoretical reconstruction we examine the relationships between the societies and buddhist responsibilities we combine analyses of the conflicts trends and dynamics affecting future development with more focused studies on a range of policy areas migration education leadership climate change etc two of our most crucial presumptions are that making buddhism great again at the time of disruption is our first and foremost duty and the buddhist responsibility can contribute to creating a new foundation for global leadership and sustainable development

foreword in 1999 the general assembly of the united nations adopted the resolution to recognize the vesak day as an international day of recognition

of buddhists and the contribution of the buddha to the world since then the people and the royal government of the kingdom of thailand in general and mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya university in particular were very honored to have successively and successfully held for twelve years the united nations day of vesak celebrations in thailand from 2004 to date we have come a long way in the celebrations and we are happy to be the host and organizer but it is time for the celebrations to grow and evolve the united nations day of vesak is coming to maturity with twelve celebrations under our belt much experience gained and it is time now to share this with others there will always be room for growth and development and we are elated to see it grow in 2006 2007 having joined the international organizing committee for the un day of vesak as deputy secretary general ven dr thich nhatt hanh has played a crucial role in building strong relationships between the national vietnam buddhist sangha and the international council for day of vesak in particular and the global buddhist communities in general we have supported and congratulated vietnam on organizing successful undv celebrations and conference in 2008 and 2014 respectively we have full trust in vietnam being the host of undv 2019 for the third time we like to thank all those who have contributed to the success of previous celebrations and wish all future celebrations be successful the teachings of the buddha see no boundaries the minds of all are alike the sufferings of all are similar and truly and the liberation of all is the same we are happy to initiate the process develop the scope and now it is time for others to follow in similar footsteps evolve the celebrations into a truly international event that can be shared with buddhists and non buddhists alike let the dhamma of the buddha be the beacon to the world shredding away the ignorance within our hearts bringing development into sustainable capacity for humanity and more importantly peace and harmony to the world most ven prof brahmapundit president international council for day of vesak icdv president international association of buddhist universities iabu preface the history of mankind records how the buddha got enlightenment and showed a path which not only leads but also guides the world till date that is solely to emanate wisdom and offer insights which help us overcome numerous challenges and achieve the welfare of humanity recognizing his pragmatic approach values and contribution of buddhism the united nations in a resolution in 1999 decided to celebrate the triply blessed day of vesak birth enlightenment and passing away of gautama falling mostly in a lunar calendar in the month of may the first celebrations were held way back in the year 2000 at the united nations headquarters in new york and subsequently the day has been celebrated hugely in different countries today our planet is confronted with a number of crises and unprecedented natural disasters the imminent threat of terrorism and ethnic violence tackling poverty providing education and sustainable development leads us to strive for social justice there is an urgent need for concerted and constant planning and right effort at an international level to foster permanent peace in the societies and in the lives of individuals against the backdrop of such widespread misery and strife leading to complex issues and crises buddhism with its rich heritage of tolerance and non violence can contribute immensely and inspire us with his message of loving kindness peace and harmony in today s world the united nations day of vesak undv 2019 is a testimony to this fact vietnam got the chance and responsibility of hosting this international buddhist event undv in 2008 and 2014 respectively the event proved an amazing spectacle of religious and spiritual festivity with thousands of buddhists from around the world converging in vietnam to spread the buddha s message of peace love and harmony this is the third time that vietnam is hosting this important international event which is

viewed by buddhists as an opportunity to spread the buddha's message and values of love, peace, non-violence, tolerance and compassion across the world. It is a great honor for Vietnam, the Vietnamese people, the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and buddhists all around the world to participate in the UNDV celebrations and spread the rich buddhist heritage, especially its teachings of equality, social justice, respect and understanding for the benefit of all humanity. World buddhists and particularly the Vietnamese people are excited about their country hosting this auspicious and important event for the third time. This international religious, cultural and academic event would also certainly promote interaction and exchange of buddhist cultural and intellectual values among diverse countries. The international buddhist conference with the main theme of buddhist approach to global leadership and shared responsibilities for sustainable societies during the celebrations could not have been more relevant and timely. The present book is the outcome of one workshop representing one perspective of the conference. Other perspectives of the conference include i) mindful leadership for sustainable peace, ii) buddhist approach to harmonious families, healthcare and sustainable societies, iii) buddhist approach to global education in ethics, iv) buddhism and the fourth industrial revolution and v) buddhist approach to responsible consumption and sustainable development. This international conference aims to foster co-operation among buddhist communities and institutions and to develop buddhist solutions to the global crisis. Papers selected for this volume are those that combine thematic relevance, familiarity with the main theme or sub-themes, significant research in primary resources, innovative theoretical perspectives, clarity of organization and accessible prose style. Acceptable articles in this volume are determined by the academic peer review committee. UNDV 2019 certainly is an opportunity for the world buddhists, the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and all the members of the international community to benefit from the rich traditions, values and spiritual ideals of buddhism. The pragmatic path shown by buddha can make the world a better, safer, more peaceful and harmonious place to be cherished and enjoyed by all sentient beings on behalf of the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and myself. I would like to warmly welcome: President of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. U Win Myint; Prime Minister of Nepal, Right Hon. Mr. K. P. Sharma Oli; Vice President of India, H.E. Mr. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu; Chairperson of the National Council of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Tashi Dorji; Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific, H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana; Director General of UNESCO, H.E. Ms. Audrey Azoulay; Ambassadors and many other dignitaries. It is my honor to warmly welcome National Assembly Chairwoman, H.E. Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan; Prime Minister of Vietnam, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc; President of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee, H.E. Mr. Tran Thanh Man; Permanent Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Mr. Truong Hoa Binh; Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs, H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh; other dignitaries including former political leaders of the Government of Vietnam. I extend my warmest welcome to all respected sangharajas, sangha leaders, buddhist leaders, sangha members and 1600 buddhist scholars and practitioners from 115 countries and territories participating in this international celebration and conference. Let me thank all of you for your contributions to this celebration and conference. My heartfelt thanks are extended to respected members of the Supreme Patriarch Council and executive members of the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha, especially 25 sub-committees for UNDV 2019 in Vietnam for their devotion and contribution. I take this opportunity to express here my profound gratitude to Most Ven. Prof. Brahmapundit for his continuous supporting Vietnam to host this international event. I also thank profusely all

members of the international council for day of vesak icdv conference committee and editorial board for their devotion i am grateful to mr xuan truong for his generosity and other donors sponsors volunteers and agencies from the public sector and the private sector for their excellent contribution this publication and other 29 books printed for vesak could not have been possible without the persistence hard work and dedication of editorial committee for their devotion including most ven dr thich duc thien prof le manh that and especially most ven dr thich nhat tu serving as the international conference coordinator i extend my warmest and best wishes to all the delegates and participating countries on this special occasion which strengthens our resolve to improve the world by walking on the path shown by the lord buddha whatever merit there is in publishing this book may be transferred over to the welfare and happiness of all sentient beings may all sentient beings be happy and released from suffering we wish the celebration of the united nations day of vesak 2019 in vietnam every success most ven thich thien nhon president of national vietnam buddhist sangha chairman of the united nations day of vesak 2019 in vietnam

brilliant sanity buddhist approaches to psychotherapy and counseling volume 1 revised and expanded edition brings together influential scholars and practitioners who have studied and practiced at the intersection of buddhism psychotherapy and counseling including karen wegela mark epstein han f de wit ed podvoll jeff fortuna robert walker farrell silverberg chuck knapp dale asreal and others brilliant sanity draws particularly from the mahayana and vajrayana buddhist traditions that emphasize the importance of individuals being of benefit to others and the world this revised and expanded edition comes 13 years after the release of the widely successful first edition and includes four new chapters the majority of the original chapters have been updated drawing upon advances in theory and research in this new volume increased attention is given to multicultural and social justice perspectives as well the introduction and 24 chapters in this new edition are essential reading for students and experienced practitioners interested in buddhist psychotherapy and counseling

our desires for fashion our addiction to cheap clothes our fixation on surface looks can we find ways to make what we wear more positive here s a quirky irreverent way to consider what s a more sustainable way to be with and still enjoy fashion this little book shows that fashion isn t shallow but connects us to the depths of existence especially today fashion can tell us something about life and this series of meditations and conversations between fashion hacktivist von busch and buddhist teacher josh korda shows how a buddhist perspective on fashion can help us engage with clothes in wiser ways it may seem a buddhist approach to fashion would be about denying fashion and living an ascetic life in dull robes however buddhism can teach us to be more present and take more pleasure in fashion with practice and reflection we can live a wiser life with the consumption of clothes includes action exercises to help put ideas into practice in your life and closet

buddhism from abhidharma to zen offers a practical path to harmony of head and heart for over 2 000 years buddhists have been developing

sophisticated psychologies to guide the work of achieving freedom from mental suffering now east and west are beginning to learn from each other in a readable and practical manner this book challenges basic assumptions of western psychology demystifies buddhist psychology and presents zen as a therapy giving examples of its effectiveness in psychotherapeutic practice the author shows how zen derives from the buddhist theory of the mind and throws new light upon the buddhist theory of relations and conditions this seminal work is a resource full of intriguing and controversial ideas

editors introduction background this is a great academic solace to see the volume on buddhist approach to responsible consumption and sustainable development which covers sub theme five of undv 2019 academic conference review of contents the world of today is suffering from the crisis of consumerism the first paper on a buddhist perspective on overconsumption and its negative effects towards society and environment deals with it specifically in the reference of consumption beyond requirements which is generally termed as overconsumption such human tendency leads to negative impact on the entire force of nature and the environment how the buddhist principles guide us to live a better life where there is least effect on the environment and society is well explained in this paper the second paper in this volume entitled attaining a sustainable society through the teachings of the khandhaka of the theravāda vinaya piṭaka is a vivid example of the benefits which one can derive from our ancient pali literature while studying the theravada vinaya pitaka the author explores the specific words of the buddha in the khandhaka which hint at the possibility of sustainability and development going together without harming other societal components though the vinaya being a pitaka for monastics it still is highly useful for the laity as well the paper buddhist ethics in the establishments of green tourism is a unique academic contribution here the writer states that the buddha s life and principles make us learn a lot as how green methods must be applied in our day to day life the damage being caused by the genre called development needs to be controlled and for this the words of master exhibits his proximity to protect nature humanity and the world order

in this provocative book noted buddhist teacher thich nhat hanh offers a dramatic vision of the future of a planet overheated by rapidly disappearing fossil fuels degraded by massive overconsumption and besieged by unsupportable population growth hanh finds answers to these critical problems in the buddhist teaching of the impermanence of all things he demonstrates how this teaching can offer inner peace and help us use our collective wisdom and technology to restore the earth s balance mixing inspiring insights with practical strategies hanh cites projects his own monastic community has undertaken that can serve as models for any community both his no car day observed once a week and the earth peace treaty commitment sheet can impact our ecological footprint on the earth above all he shows how acceptance of problems is that first critical step toward a deeper understanding of the best way to care for our earth includes thich nhat hanh s speech at unesco from october 2006 introducing his proposal for a global no car day foreword by alan weisman

this book introduces buddhism by describing its approach to spiritual development and those who undertake the buddhist path it aims to make buddhism more easily understood by those who might be unfamiliar with its objectives

in thich nhat hanh's most exciting and provocative book in years he offers a dramatic vision of the future of our planet and links his contemplation of environmental destruction to the buddhist teachings of interconnectedness and the impermanence of all things rather than seeing impermanence as an excuse for disengaging from the world he argues passionately that engaging with the world is the key to our individual and collective survival the world we have is above all a hopeful book thich nhat hanh offers a clear vision of the road ahead and models conviction and courage that we will need to stay on that path

the pure land dharma door is the most popular form of buddhism in asia though it is largely unknown in the west in this book we introduce the pure land teachings to those who may not yet be familiar with this profound practice hoping that more people will benefit from these methods furthermore we will shed new light on the fundamentals of pure land so even those who have grown up with and practiced pure land for years can learn important points that are not commonly known we present for you here a genuine american form of pure land buddhism what if what if you could end all suffering and enjoy eternal bliss what if you could attain a permanent state of perfect happiness without the duality of its opposite pain what if you could break the cycle of reincarnation and continue your spiritual cultivation with a constant forward movement never losing ground what if you could cultivate in a world of peace where everyone around you supports your efforts and you support theirs what if you could clear away the debris that prevents you from seeing your true self and that of all others what if you could realize your true nature become a buddha and realize the vow to help all living beings attain the same this is what the buddhas promise us if we cultivate our inner gardens and plant good strong seeds that take root and flourish the quest for enlightenment is a long and arduous spiritual journey that can take many lifetimes but there is a shorter and more pleasurable path it is called the pure lands

the demonstrations of monks in tibet and myanmar burma in recent times as well as the age old conflict between a predominantly buddhist population and a hindu minority in sri lanka raise the question of how the issues of human rights and buddhism are related the question applies both to the violation of basic rights in buddhist countries and to the defence of those rights which are well grounded in buddhist teachings the volume provides academic essays that reflect this up to now rather neglected issue from the point of view of the three main buddhist traditions theravada mahayana and vajrayana it provides multi faceted and surprising insights into a rather unlikely relationship

a buddhist meditation teacher offers a new path to transformation within ourselves and within the wider world that integrates spiritual wisdom and social action by the time donald rothberg was in his early twenties he knew he had two vocations he wanted to dedicate himself to justice and social

change and he wanted to commit himself to exploring the depths of human consciousness to an awakening of our deeper spiritual nature it has been his life's work as an activist organizer writer and teacher to bring these two paths together and to reveal how deeply they require one another the engaged spiritual life is the fruit of this work skillfully weaving together basic spiritual teachings real life examples social context and exercises rothberg provides a clear thorough and compelling guide for those interested in connecting inner and outer transformation at the core of the book are ten spiritual principles and associated practices that will enable readers to engage all the parts of their lives whether personal interpersonal or political into a seamless whole

in the reality between author ken lucas takes up where elisabeth kübler ross left off lucas elegantly makes the case that although psychotherapists have limited the use of kübler ross's five stages of grief to physical death patients can be taught to see anger depression and even addiction in their own grief context the reality between shows how therapists can train themselves to hear the dozens of grief states their patients are experiencing at every single moment most psychotherapists fail to see their patients drowning in grief anger and depression are grief stages not simply stressors or stand alone issues most people die unhappily in the middle of kübler ross's grief stages as humans we have a duty to become just as fluid and dynamic as the ever changing world around us placing grief into a much larger more fundamental eastern context is a must for every psychotherapist

a popular american buddhist teacher explores the creative relationship between faith and doubt knowing and not knowing and shows how an awakened life results from living from the place in between faith is a thorny subject these days its negative expressions cause many to dismiss it out of hand but elizabeth mattis namgyel urges us to reconsider for faith is really nothing but our natural proclivity to find certainty in a world where certainty is hard to come by and if we look carefully we'll discover that the faith impulse isn't separate from reason at all faith and logic in fact work together in a playful and dynamic relationship that reveals the profoundest kind of truth a truth beyond the limits of is and is not using the traditional buddhist teachings on dependent arising elizabeth leads us on an experiential journey to discover the essential interdependence of everything and through that thrilling discovery to open ourselves to the whole wonderful range of human experience

engaged buddhism is a term coined by thich nhat hanh in the 1960s at the height of a series of wars that vietnam experienced at the time the term was meant to ignite a buddhist movement in vietnam aimed at creating a sense of responsibility to engage and mitigate suffering caused by the injustices of war the vietnamese engaged buddhist movement expanded the modern scope of buddhism across the globe to include all greed aggression and indifference that cause suffering on a global scale through social political military and religious institutions an engaged buddhist perspective acknowledges that suffering is embedded in our societal systems and as members of planet earth and the human family we have an obligation to engage in the systems and transform the systems to ease the suffering of all beings throughout this paper i will make a case for the



following that 1 although personal enlightenment and transformation is a fundamental and core aspect of the buddhist path it should not be the end of the path and it should not overshadow the equally important elements of social engagement that have been a part of buddhism since its inception 2 understanding and embodying the four noble truths uncovers the causes and conditions of our suffering and offers us the skillful means to transform it creating a path towards liberation and 3 buddhist meditation practices such as shamatha mindfulness of the body and emotions and loving kindness practice grow the four divine abodes compassion loving kindness sympathetic joy and equanimity inside us so that we can share and co create a society founded on those four virtues

buddhist philosophy a comparative approach presents a series of readings that examine the prominent thinkers and texts of the buddhist tradition in the round introducing contemporary readers to major theories and debates at the intersection of buddhist and western thought takes a comparative rather than oppositional approach to buddhist philosophy exploring key theories and debates at the intersection of eastern and western thought addresses a variety of topics that represent important points of convergence between the buddhist and western philosophical traditions features contributions from a wide array of acclaimed international scholars in the discipline provides a much needed cross cultural treatment of buddhist philosophy appropriate for undergraduate students and specialists alike

meditation master chögyam trungpa applies the foundational teachings of buddhism to mental health more and more mental health professionals are discovering the rich tradition of buddhist psychology and integrating its insights into their work with clients buddhist tradition teaches that all of us are born with what chögyam trungpa terms basic sanity or inherent goodness health and clear perception helping ourselves and others to connect with this intrinsic ground of sanity and health is the subject of this collection of teachings which the author gave to western psychologists psychotherapists and students of buddhist meditation over a number of years the sanity we are born with describes how anyone can strengthen their mental health and it also addresses the specific problems and needs of people in profound psychological distress additionally the author speaks to the concerns of psychotherapists and any health care professionals who work with their patients states of mind the collection includes teachings on buddhist concepts of mind ego and intelligence and how these ideas can be employed in working on oneself and with others meditation as a way of training the mind and cultivating mindfulness nurturing our intrinsic health and basic sanity guidance for psychotherapists and health professionals

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