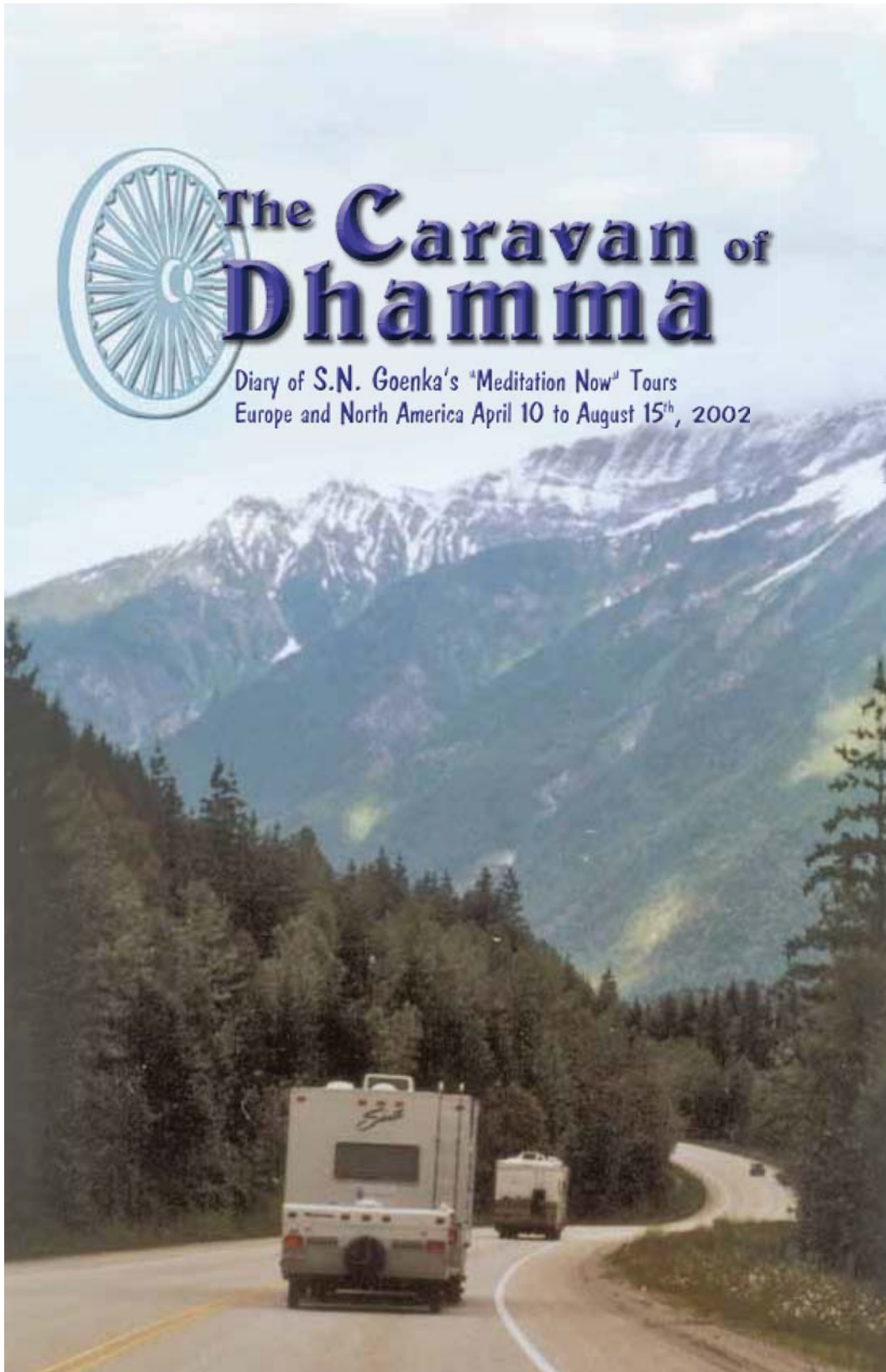




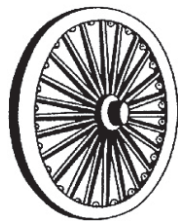
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Yattha kho, āvuso, na jāyati na jīyati na mīyati na cavati na upapajjati, nāhaṃ taṃ gamanena lokassa antaṃ ñāteyyaṃ datṭheyyaṃ patteyyanti vadāmi”ti...

Na kho panāhaṃ, āvuso, appatvā lokassa antaṃ dukkhassa antakiriyaṃ vadāmi.

Api ca khvāhaṃ, āvuso, imasmimyeva byāmamate kaḷevare sasaññimhi samanake lokañca paññapemi lokasamudayañca lokanirodhañca lokanirodhagāminiñca paṭipadanti.

Friend, I say that the end of the world where one is not born, does not age, does not die, does not pass away, and is not reborn, cannot be known, seen or reached by travelling to the end of the world.

However, friend, I say that without having reached the end of the world, there is no end to suffering.

It is, friend, in this fathom-long body with its perception and mind that I make known the world, the origin of the world, the cessation of the world and the way leading to the cessation of the world.

Samyutta Nikaya 1.1.107, Rohitassa Sutta

Preface

In 2002, at the age of 78, Goenkaji embarked on a remarkable Dhamma tour of the West. He traveled for 128 days through Europe and North America, giving many Dhamma talks, leading meditation sessions, giving media interviews and guiding students in private interviews along the way. The United Kingdom was the first stop of Goenkaji's tour. He arrived in London on April 10 and left on April 18 for New York.

There, he began the second leg of the journey of over 13,000 miles of road through the United States and Canada to spread the gift of Dhamma with compassion and joy.

He returned to Europe in August, this time to Belgium from where he traveled to Holland and Germany for Dhamma talks.

This diary does not give all the details of this remarkable tour. It merely gives glimpses of Goenkaji's daily life on the tour.

The author is a Vipassana Teacher and Secretary to Goenkaji. This chronicle was the result of informal notes compiled during the author's travels with Goenkaji during this marathon Dhamma tour.

Goenkaji has not had time to read this diary completely. Any errors in it are solely the responsibility of the author.

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