Essence of Tipiṭaka

U Ko Lay
Essence of Tipiṭaka

U Ko Lay

Vipassana Research Institute
Dhamma Giri, Igatpuri
Contents

PREFACE vii

1 WHAT IS VINAYA PIṬAKA? 1

2 VINAYA PIṮAKA 9
   1. Pārājika Pāḷi 11
   2. Pācittiya Pāḷi 15
   3. Mahāvagga Pāḷi 19
   4. Cūḷavagga Pāḷi 21
   5. Parivāra Pāḷi 22

3 WHAT IS SUTTANTA PIṬAKA? 23

4 DĪGHA NIKĀYA 33
   1. Silakkhandha Vagga Pāḷi 35
   2. Mahā Vagga Pāḷi 45
   3. Pāṭhika Vagga Pāḷi 52

5 MAJJHIMA NIKĀYA 59
   1. Mūlapaṇṭhāsa Pāḷi 61
      (a) Mūlapariyāya Vagga 61
      (b) Sīhanāda Vagga 64
      (c) Opamma Vagga 67
      (d) Mahāyamaka Vagga 70
      (e) Cūḷayamaka Vagga 73
   2. Majjhima Paṇṭhāsa Pāḷi 76
      (a) Gahapati Vagga 76
      (b) Bhikkhu Vagga 79
(c) Paribbājaka Vagga 81
(d) Rāja Vagga 85
(e) Brāhmaṇa Vagga 89

3. Uparipaṇṇasa Pāli 93
   (a) Devadaha Vagga 93
   (b) Ānupada Vagga 96
   (c) Suññata Vagga 98
   (d) Vibhaṅga Vagga 101
   (e) Saḷāyatana Vagga 104

6 SAṬṬUTTA NIKĀYA 107
   1. Sagāthā Vagga Saṭṭutta Pāli 109
   2. Nidāna Vagga Saṭṭutta Pāli 117
   3. Khandha Vagga Saṭṭutta Pāli 123
   4. Saḷāyatana Vagga Samyutta Pāli 127
   5. Mahā Vagga Saṭṭutta Pāli 137

7 AṆGUTTARA NIKĀYA 143
   1. Ekaka Nipāta Pāli 146
   2. Duka Nipāta Pāli 147
   3. Tika Nipāta Pāli 149
   4. Catukka Nipāta Pāli 151
   5. Pañcaka Nipāta Pāli 154
   6. Chakka Nipāta Pāli 157
   7. Sattaka Nipāta Pāli 159
8. Aṭṭhaka Nipāta Pāḷi 160
9. Navaka Nipāta Pāḷi 161
10. Dasaka Nipāta Pāḷi 162
11. Ekādasaka Nipata Pāḷi 163

8 KHUDDAKA NIKĀYA 165

1. Khuddakapāṭṭha Pāḷi 168
2. The Dhammapada Pāḷi 171
3. Udāna Pāḷi 173
4. Itivuttaka Pāḷi 174
5. Suttanipāta Pāḷi 175
6. Vimāna Vatthu Pāḷi 176
7. Peta Vatthu Pāḷi 177
8. The Thera Gāthā Pāḷi 178
9. The Therī Gāthā Pāḷi 178
10. Jātaka Pāḷi 180
11. Niddesa Pāḷi 180
12. Paṭisambhidā Magga Pāḷi 181
13. Apadāna Pāḷi 181
14. Buddhavaṃsa Pāḷi 182
15. Cariyā Piṭaka 183
16. Netti 184
17. Peṭakopadesa 184
18. Milindapañha Pāḷi 185
9 WHAT IS ABHIDHAMMA PΙΤAKA? 187

10 ABHIDHAMMA PΙΤAKA 193

1. The Dhammasaṅgaṇī Pāli 195
2. Vibhaṅga Pāli 199
3. Dhātukathā Pāli 201
4. Puggalapaṅnantti Pāli 202
5. Kathāvatthu Pāli 203
6. Yamaka Pāli 204
7. Paṭṭhāna Pāli 205

INDEX 209

List of VRI Publication 222
List of Vipassana Meditation Centres 226
Preface

VRI would like to extend its gratitude to the Burma Piṭaka Association and U Ko Lay for permission to publish the *Essence of Tipiṭaka* here in India.

Until now, this lucid and inspiring introduction to the words of the Buddha has been difficult to obtain outside Myanmar.

VRI hopes that the *Essence* will encourage students of Vipassana both here and abroad in their meditation practice, and also lead them to further study of the actual texts.

With the permission of U Ko Lay and the Burma Piṭaka Association, VRI has made some small changes to the general formatting and style of the book but its substance remains intact. An index has been added.

U Ko Lay was formerly the Vice-Chancellor of Mandalay University and was a devoted student of Sayagyi U Ba Khin. He is presently carrying out translation work in Yangon, where he lives with his wife.
WHAT IS VINAYA PIṬĀKA?
WHAT IS VINAYA PIYAKA?

The Vinaya Piṭaka is made up of rules of discipline laid down for regulating the conduct of the Buddha’s disciples who have been admitted into the order as bhikkhus (monks) and bhikkhunis (nuns). These rules embody authoritative injunctions of the Buddha on modes of conduct and restraints on both physical and verbal actions. They deal with transgressions of discipline, and with various categories of restraints and admonitions in accordance with the nature of the offence.

**Seven Kinds of Transgression or Offence (Āpatti)**

The rules of discipline first laid down by the Buddha are called *mūlapaṇṇatti* (the root regulation). Those supplemented later are known as *anupaṇṇatti*. Together they are known as *sikkhāpadas* (rules of discipline). The act of transgressing these rules of discipline, thereby incurring a penalty by the guilty bhikkhu, is called āpatti, which means “reaching”, “committing”.

The offences for which penalties are laid down may be classified under seven categories depending on their nature:

1. *Pārājika*
2. *Saṅghādisesa*
3. *Thullaccaya*
4. *Pācittiya*
5. *Paṭidesanīya*
6. *Dukkata*
7. *Dubbhāsita*

An offence in the first category of offences (*pārājika*), is classified as a grave offence (*garukāpatti*), which is irreremediable (*atekicchā*), and entails the removal of the offender from bhikkhuhood.