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LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS

These days are devoted to quiet reflection at the monastery. Visitors may come and take the Precepts for the day and join in all or part of the extended evening meditation.

The dates for the lunar calendar are determined by traditional methods of calculation, and are not always the same as the precise astronomical occurrences.

THE MAJOR FULL-MOON DAYS OF 2010-2553/54

Magha Puja February 28 (‘Sangha Day’) Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1250 arahants, to whom the Buddha gave the exhortation on the basis of the discipline (Ovada Patimokkha).

Vesakha Puja (Wesak) May 28 (‘Buddha Day’) Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Asalha Puja July 26 (‘Dhamma Day’) Commemorates the Buddha’s first discourse, given to the five samanas in the Deer Park at Sarnath, near Varanasi. The traditional Rainy-Season Retreat (Vassa) begins on the next day.

Pavarana Day October 23 This marks the end of the three-month Vassa-retreat. In the following month, lay people may offer the Kathina-robe as part of a general alms-giving ceremony.

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Let go of the past. 
Let go of the future. 
Let go of the present. 
With a heart that is free 
cross over to that shore which is beyond suffering.

Dhammapada v. 348

January 2010/2553

*Ajahn Chah Memorial Day
It is hard to find a being of great wisdom; rare are the places in which they are born. Those who surround them when they appear know good fortune indeed.

*Dhammapada v. 193*
Devotion and respect should be offered to those who have shown us the Way.

*Dhammapada* v. 392
If spoken to harshly, make yourself as silent as a cracked gong; non-retaliation is a sign of freedom.

Dhammapada v. 134
Having a heart at peace, pure, contained, awake and blameless, distinguishes a Wayfarer...

Dhammapada v. 142
Bale out the water from your boat; cut loose from the defiling passions of lust and hatred; unencumbered, sail on towards liberation.

Dhammapada v. 369
True contemplation leads to wisdom; without contemplation wisdom wanes. Recognise how wisdom is cultivated and destroyed, and walk the Way of increase.

Dhammapada v. 282
All states of being are determined by mind.
It is mind that leads the way.
As surely as our shadow never leaves us,
so well-being will follow when we speak or act with a pure state of mind.

Dhammapada v. 2
Those who are energetically committed to the Way, who are pure and considerate in effort, composed and virtuous in conduct, steadily increase in radiance.

Dhammapada v. 24
While in the midst of those who are greedy, to dwell free from greed is happiness indeed.

Dhammapada v. 199
If, while still young and strong, you procrastinate when you should act, indulging in heedless fantasies, the Way and its wisdom will never become clear.

Dhammapada v. 280
There is no tension for those who have completed the journey and have become free from the distress of bondage.

*Dhammapada v. 90*
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