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LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS ••••••

These are days 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 observances are determined by a traditional method of calculation, and are not always the same dates as the precise astronomical occurrences.

THE MAJOR FULL-MOON DAYS OF 2006 / 2549 - 50

Magha Puja Feb 13 ('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 12 ('Buddha Day') Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Asalha Puja July 10 ('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 7

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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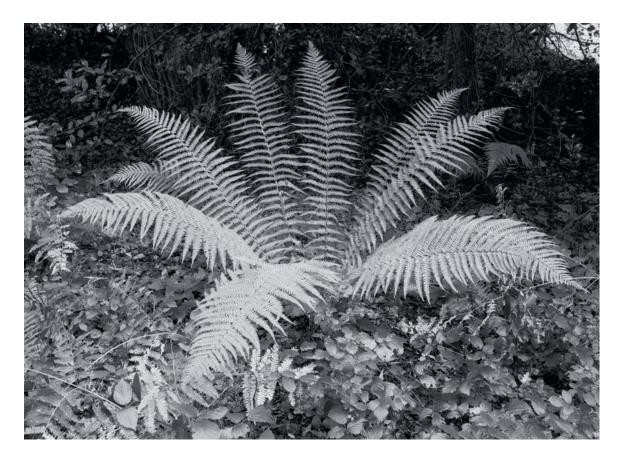
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If one sees Nature, one sees Dhamma; if one sees Dhamma, one sees Nature. Seeing Nature, one knows the Dhamma.

2006 January 2549

Sun 1	Tue 17
Mon 2	Wed 18
Tue 3	Thu 19
Wed 4	Fri 20
Thu 5	Sat 21
Fri 6	Sun 22
Sat 7	Mon 23
Sun 8	Tue 24
Mon 9	Wed 25
Tue 10	Thu 26
Wed 11	Fri 27
Thu 12	Sat 28
Fri 13	Sun 29
Sat 14	Mon 30
Sun 15	Tue 31
Ven. Ajahn Chah Memorial Day Mon 16	



Consciousness is one, but when it functions at different places we give it different names. At the eye, ear, nose, tongue, body or mind it is just one awareness, which is this very mind.

2006	Febr	uary	2549
	Wed 1	Wed 15	
	Thu 2	Thu 16	
	Fri 3	Fri 17	
	Sat 4	Sat 18	
	Sun 5	Sun 19	
	Mon 6	Mon 20	
	Tue 7	Tue 21	
	Wed 8	Wed 22	
	Thu 9	Thu 23	
	Fri 10	Fri 24	
	Sat 11	Sat 25	
	Sun 12	Sun 26	
	Magha Puja Mon 13	Mon 27	•
	Tue 14	Tue 28	



If water settles and becomes still, we can see all sorts of things reflected in it.

Likewise, when the mind is settled, wisdom is resplendent.

The illuminating light of wisdom surpasses all other light.

2006	March		2549
	Wed 1	Fri 17	
	Thu 2	Sat 18	
	Fri 3	Sun 19	
	Sat 4	Mon 20	
	Sun 5	Tue 21	
	Mon 6	Wed 22	lacktriangle
	Tue 7	Thu 23	
	Wed 8	Fri 24	
	Thu 9	Sat 25	
	Fri 10	Sun 26	
	Sat 11	Mon 27	
	Sun 12	Tue 28	
	Mon 13	Wed 29	
	Tue 14	Thu 30	
	Wed 15	Fri 31	
	Thu 16		



Let things be according to their nature. If there is no movement in the mind, we abide in equanimity, and if something comes up, we ask ourselves: Does this cause suffering?

Am I holding with attachment? Is there anything here?

If we practice and get to this point, I think all of us will realize genuine peace.

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Sat 1	Sun 16
Sun 2	Mon 17
Mon 3	Tue 18
Tue 4	Wed 19
Wed 5	Thu 20
Thu 6	Fri 21
Fri 7	Sat 22
Sat 8	Sun 23
Sun 9	Mon 24
Mon 10	Tue 25
Tue 11	Wed 26
Wed 12	Thu 27
	Fri 28
Fri 14	Sat 29
Sat 15	Sun 30



Our way of practice is to examine things closely and to see them clearly.

We are persistent, yet not rushed; nor do we delay.

It is a matter of gradually feeling our way and integrating our practice.

2006	M	ay 2549
	Mon 1	Wed 17
	Tue 2	Thu 18
	Wed 3	Fri 19
	Thu 4	Sat 20
	Fri 5	Sun 21
	Sat 6	Mon 22
	Sun 7	Tue 23
	Mon 8	Wed 24
	Tue 9	Thu 25
	Wed 10	Fri 26
	Thu 11	Sat 27
	Vesakha Puja Fri 12	Sun 28
	Sat 13	Mon 29
	Sun 14	Tue 30
	Mon 15	Wed 31
	Tue 16	



If we accelerate our efforts, and practice in an even, continuous way, mindfulness will be like a stream of water. Whatever posture we are in, awareness will be constant.

2006 June	2549
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Fri 16
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Mon 19
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Wed 21
Thu 22
Fri 23
Sat 24
Sun 25
Mon 26
Tue 27
Wed 28
Thu 29
Fri 30



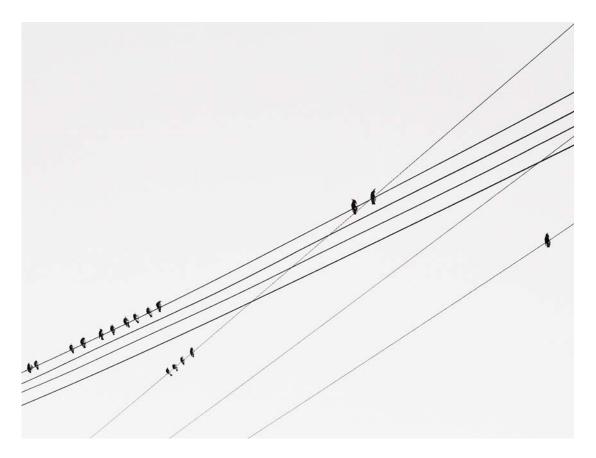
If we establish the Buddha within our mind then we see everything as identical to ourselves.

We see the animals, trees, mountains and vines as no different from ourselves.

One who understands this is content wherever they are.

They listen to the Buddha's teaching at all times.

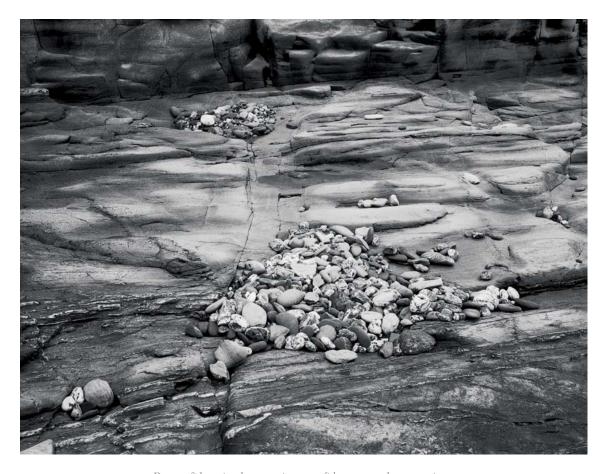
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	Sat 1	Mon 17
	Sun 2	Tue 18
	Mon 3	Wed 19
	Tue 4	Thu 20
	Wed 5	Fri 21
	Thu 6	Sat 22
	Fri 7	Sun 23
	Sat 8	Mon 24
	Sun 9	Tue 25
	Asalha Puja Mon 10	Wed 26
	Vassa begins Tue 11	Thu 27
	Wed 12	Fri 28
	Thu 13	Sat 29
	Fri 14	Sun 30
	Sat 15	Mon 31
	Sun 16	



Do not be in a hurry or try to push your practice. If you become peaceful, then accept it; if you don't become peaceful, then accept that also. This is the nature of the mind.

We must find our own practice and persevere.

2006	Aug	ust	2549
	Tue 1	Thu 17	lacktriangle
	Wed 2	Fri 18	
	Thu 3	Sat 19	
	Fri 4	Sun 20	
	Sat 5	Mon 21	
	Sun 6	Tue 22	
	Mon 7	Wed 23	
	Tue 8	Thu 24	
	Wed 9	Fri 25	
	Thu 10	Sat 26	
	Fri 11	Sun 27	
	Sat 12	Mon 28	
	Sun 13	Tue 29	
	Mon 14	Wed 30	
	Tue 15	Thu 31	0
	Wed 16		



Be confident in the practice, confident enough to continue until you are fed up with both your likes and dislikes.

You will then see according to the truth.

2006

September

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Sat 16
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Wed 20
Thu 21
Fri 22
Sat 23
Sun 24
Mon 25
Tue 26
Wed 27
Thu 28
Fri 29
Sat 30



Peace comes from a one-pointed mind.

This one-pointedness, however, can be troublesome, since we don't want other mental states to disturb us. If we reflect on these states, however, when they arise, this reflection becomes the one-pointed mind.

2006 October 2549

Sun 1	Tue 17
Mon 2	Wed 18
Tue 3	Thu 19
Wed 4	Fri 20
Thu 5	Sat 21
Fri 6	Sun 22
Pavarana Day (Vassa ends) Sat 7	Mon 23
Sun 8	Tue 24
Mon 9	Wed 25
Tue 10	Thu 26
Wed 11	Fri 27
Thu 12	Sat 28
Fri 13	Sun 29
Sat 14	Mon 30
Sun 15	Tue 31
Mon 16	



If there is no problem, there is nothing to solve.

When there is a problem that's when we must act, right then!

There's no need to search for anything special, just live normally.

But know where your mind is.

2006	November		2549 - 2550
	Wed 1	Thu 16	
	Thu 2	Fri 17	
	Fri 3	Sat 18	
	Sat 4	Sun 19	
	Anapanasati Day Sun 5	Mon 20	
	Mon 6	Tue 21	
	Tue 7	Wed 22	
	Wed 8	Thu 23	
	Thu 9	Fri 24	
	Fri 10	Sat 25	
	Sat 11	Sun 26	
	Sun 12	Mon 27	
	Mon 13	Tue 28	
	Tue 14	Wed 29	
	Wed 15	Thu 30	



All of Dhamma practice comes to completion where nothing remains. It is the place of surrender, of emptiness, of laying down the burden.

This is the end.

December 2550

Fri 1	Sun 17
Sat 2	Mon 18
Sun 3	Tue 19
Mon 4	Wed 20
Tue 5	Thu 21
Wed 6	Fri 22
Thu 7	Sat 23
Fri 8	Sun 24
Sat 9	Mon 25
Sun 10	Tue 26
Mon 11	Wed 27
Tue 12	Thu 28
Wed 13	Fri 29
Thu 14	Sat 30
Fri 15	Sun 31
Sat 16	

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