



**Bhante S. Dhammika** was born in Australia in 1951 and had an interest in religion from an early age. Eventually he discovered Buddhism and came to consider himself a Buddhist by the age of eighteen. In 1972 he travelled to Thailand, Laos and Burma with the intention of becoming a monk and finally to India where in 1976 he was eventually ordained by Venerable Matiwella Sangharatana in Shravasti in UP. In that same year he went to Sri Lanka where he spent nearly two decades becoming one of the co-founder of the Nilambe Meditation Center and studying at Kelaniya University's Post-Graduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies. Subsequently he moved to Singapore and was appointed spiritual advisor to several Buddhist organizations. During this time, he traveled to India numerous times, mainly visiting ancient Buddhist sites to collect material for his books and essays. Bhante is a well-known speaker and writer, his twenty-five books on Buddhist doctrine, history and culture have translated into over thirty languages. In 2017 Bhante Dhammika returned to Australia where he now lives in the north of the country meditating, writing and tending his garden.



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