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2016 • 2559

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THE MAJOR FULL MOON DAYS

Māgha Pūjā · ('Sangha Day')

Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1250 arahants to whom
the Buddha gave an exhortation on the basis of the Discipline (*Ovāda Pāṭimokkha*).

Vesākha Pūjā · ('Buddha Day')

Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Āsāḷhā Pūjā · ('Dhamma Day')

Commemorates the Buddha's first discourse, given to the five *samaṇas* in the Deer Park at
Sarnath, near Varanasi. The traditional Rainy-Season Retreat (*Vassa*) begins on the next day.

Pavāraṇā Day

This marks the end of the three-month *Vassa* retreat. During the following month,
lay people may offer the *Kaṭhina* robe as part of a general alms-giving ceremony.

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When the mind is beyond doubt, you will live and act in accordance with nature.
 You will be fully able to live in this world and find peace
 even in the midst of that which is not peaceful.

January

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* Ajahn Chah Memorial Day



Because there are many of us, that does not mean there must be disharmony.
 A millipede has many legs but it doesn't have difficulty walking,
 because it has its own order and rhythm. In our practice it's the same.

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* Māgha Pūjā

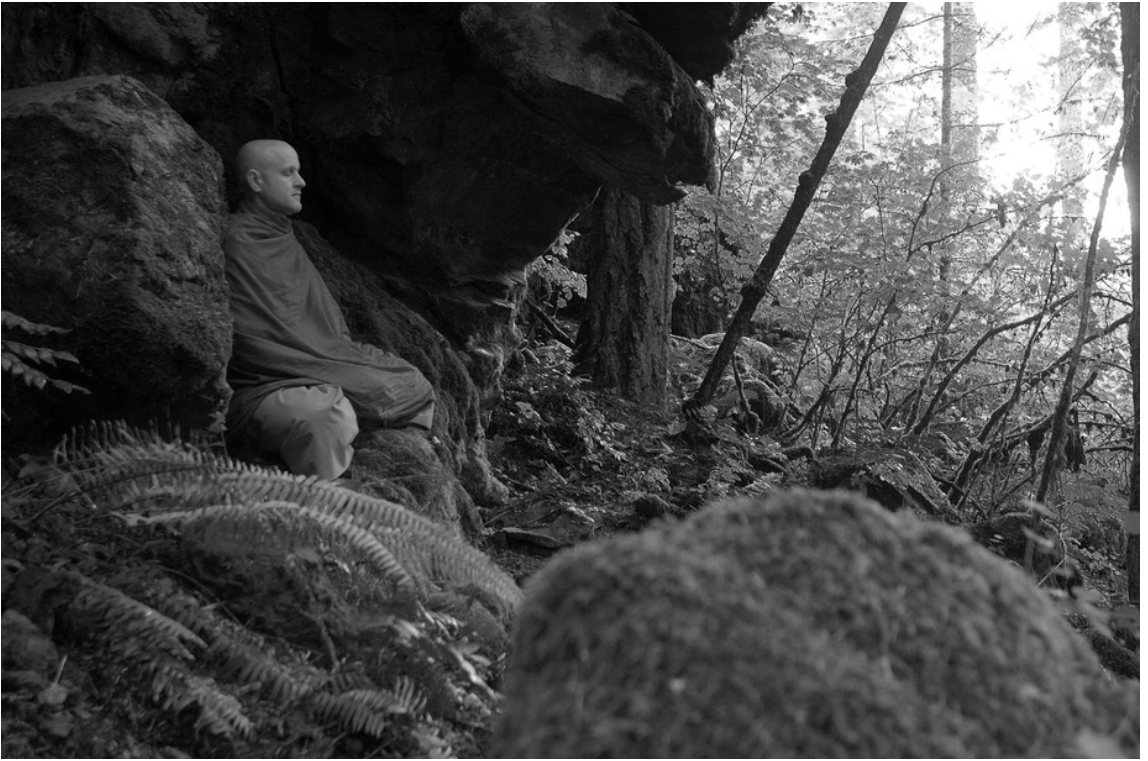


When the mind is in line with Dhamma you are no longer the doer of the practice. It is self-sustaining, fuelled by its own energy. There is still pleasure and pain, but it is 'just that much.' You have finished your work.

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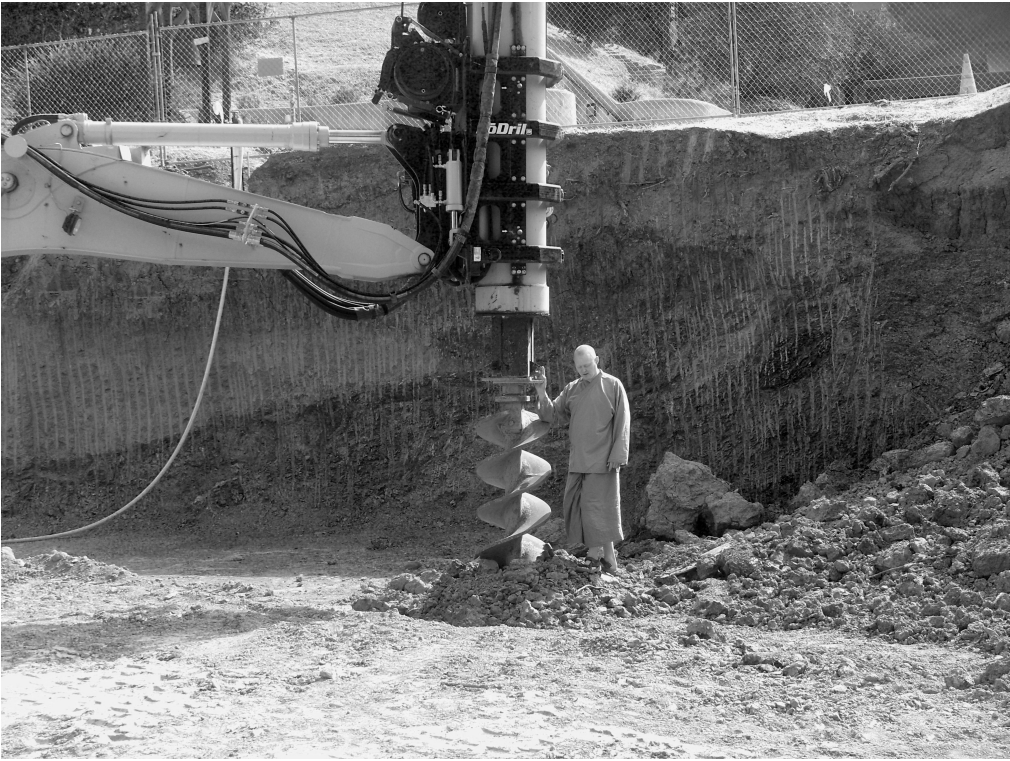


Peace arises from truly knowing the nature of all things.
 In its natural state our mind is unmoving. If you investigate closely, you can see.

April

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So long as the Buddha had not penetrated and fully understood
 the truth of birth and death, he continued to probe deeper.
 Even serenity was something to be let go of.

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Reflect on the importance of carrying out the various duties in the monastery;
 these are what hold us together as a group,
 enabling us to live with mutual respect, in harmony and with concord.

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* Ajahn Chah's Birthday



We train to be able to practise whether alone or together with others.
 We internalize the practice so we can live anywhere.

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* Āsālhā Pūjā, † Vassa begins



All communities, whatever form they take, secular or monastic,
 require mutual respect. Without it negligence and degeneration sets in.
 They can not succeed.

August

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Our way of training and maturing the mind involves going against the grain.
 We have to be willing to counter the habitual tendencies of the mind,
 ready to endure and put forth effort.

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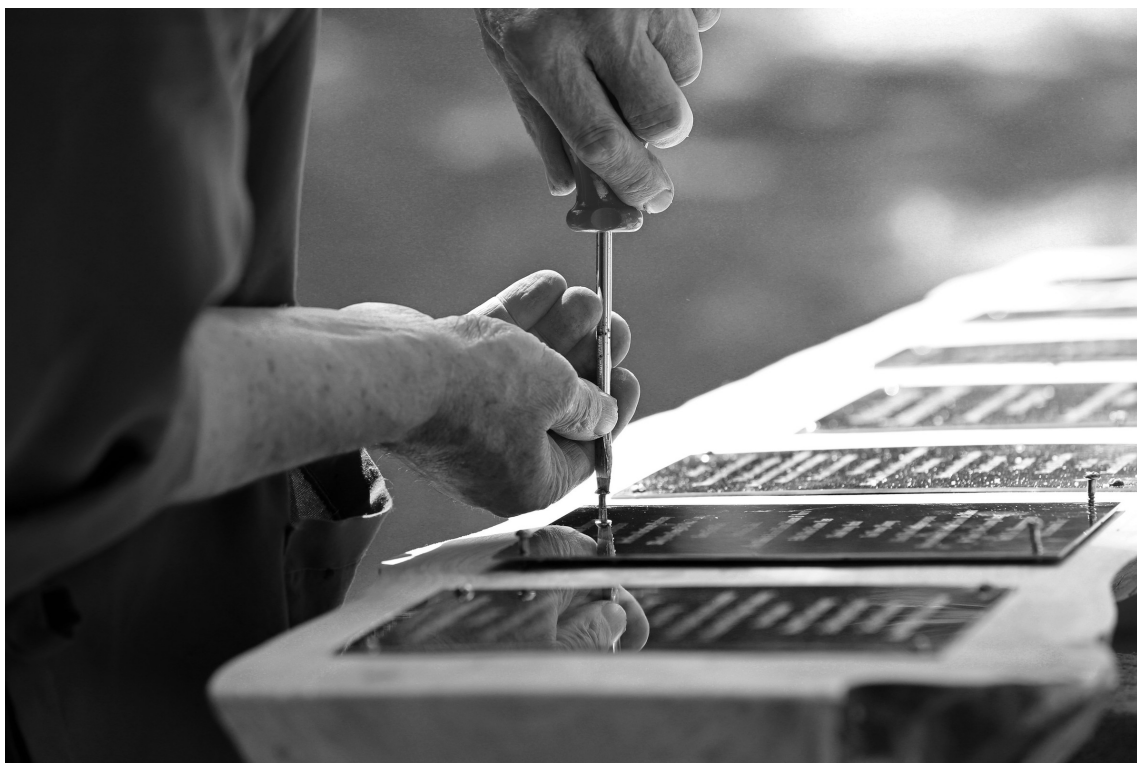
I want those who train with me to see the truth, not just read the scriptures.
 I want them to see if their hearts have been completely liberated
 from conceptual thinking.

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* Pavāraṇā



Sitting with your eyes closed is not necessarily meditation.
Real meditation can be practised with eyes open: with the mind firmly focused,
with all-encompassing mindfulness, restraint, and caution.

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When realization comes to full measure, we still have the same feelings about existence in this world, but will not be burdened by them. We will have attained supreme vision and authentic knowledge of the Dhamma.

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¹Ajahn Chah Memorial Day, ²Māgha Pūjā, ³Vesākha Pūjā,
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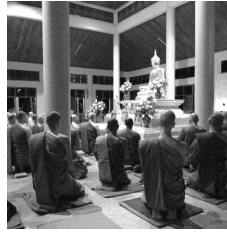
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Luang Por Liem,
abbot Wat Nong Pah Pong,
NE Thailand



February

Pūjā, Wat Pah Nanachat,
NE Thailand



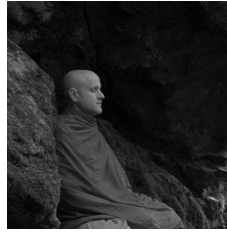
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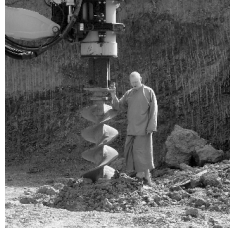
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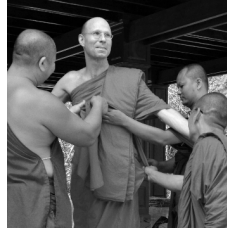
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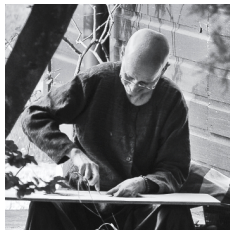
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Helping Ajahn Kevali prepare
for his Tan Phra Kruh
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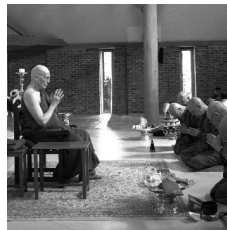
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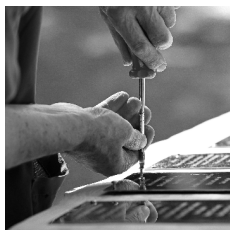
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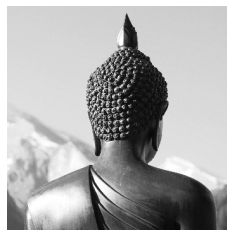
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