

Āyasmā Aggacitta

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Āyasmā Aggacitta is a Malaysian Buddhist monk ordained at Mahasi Meditation Centre, Rangoon, Burma, in 1979. He has trained under various teachers, notably Sayadaws U Paṇḍita (Paṇḍitārāma), U Tissara (Yankin), U Ācinna (Pa Auk) and U Tejaniya (Shwe Oo Min).

Besides practising meditation, he studied advanced Pāli and translation in Thai and Burmese under Sayadaw U Dhammananda at Wat Tamaoh, Lampang, Thailand, from 1983 to 1984. He continued to study the Pāli Tipiṭaka in Myanmar and researched on its interpretation and practice until his return to Malaysia at the end of 1994. In 2000, he founded Sāsanārakkha Buddhist Sanctuary (SBS), a Buddhist monks training centre at the edge of forested hills near Taiping, Perak, Malaysia. In recent years, he has spent considerable time investigating popular interpretations and practices of Buddhism in the light of the Pāli scriptures, real life experiences and contemporary research findings. Using a critical yet constructive approach, he hopes to share his findings with Dhamma practitioners and bring them closer to a practical reality they can more easily connect with. In 2012 he accepted the invitation of the Theravada Buddhist Council of Malaysia (TBCM) to be on its Monastic Advisory Panel.