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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA (SET 8 SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA)

'Much though he recites the sacred texts but acts not accordingly that heedless man is like a cowherd who counts the cows of others – he does not partake of the blessings of the holy life.' (Dhammapada 19)

'Little though he recites the sacred texts, but acts in accordance with the teaching, forsaking lust, hatred and ignorance, truly knowing with mind well freed, clinging to naught here and hereafter he shares the fruits of the holy life.' (Dhammapada 20)

PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CHENREZIG INSTITUTE

It was a very warm, sunny Winter's day when I sped along the Bruce Highway to the Caloundra and Landsborough exit. From there I made my tortuous way along a very steep winding dirt road hemmed in on both sides by dense forest. (It wasn't until my return trip that I found a more comfortable sealed road.) At the top of the mountain ridge sits the Chenrezig Institute, a collection of various buildings which include a Dampa, restaurant, gift shop and dormitories.

The lush bush setting makes it an ideal place to retreat, meditate and study Buddhism from a Tibetan perspective. The resident teacher is the very affable Geshe Phuntsok Tsultrim and also living there is a community of ordained monks and nuns. You can make an appointment with one of them through reception or mailing info@chenrezig.com.au.

While seated in an open grassy area, and while enjoying a cup of chai and some very delicious cake, I passed the afternoon in pleasant conversation with Geshe Tsultrim and some of the other monks and nuns. I was then introduced to some of the members of Chenrezig and it was interesting to note that many of them had come from very diverse countries such as Hungary, Turkey, Chile and Malaysia. I couldn't help but feel the universality of Buddhism.

Chenrezig has much to offer through their day and weekend programmes. For details and costs you can look up their July newsletter or go to their webpage www.chenrezig.com.au.

The Dampa, main hall of Chenrezig



Inside the Dampa



The restaurant and gift shop



Enjoying Chai and cake with Geshe Tsultrim on the lawn



BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE PARTS 1 & 2 FIFTH REPETITION

The course is continuing on schedule. Units 13 and 14 will be delivered on Saturday 12 August 2017. Dr. Barbara Sullivan will take these units. Dr. Sullivan was on the academic staff of the University of Queensland until recently.

HIGHER LEVELS OF THE BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE-PART 3

Part 3 of the Buddhist Chaplaincy course is about mental illnesses and remedies found in Buddhism. It commenced in February and classes finished in July 2017.

Details of other training and education courses conducted by QSA will be announced in this newsletter or on the website of QSA

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