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are there any authentic buddhist texts if so what are they these are questions of tremendous spiritual and historical interest about which there is a range of opinions that often appear to be irreconcilable traditionalists insist that the texts were spoken by the buddha in the most literal of senses while sceptics assert that we cannot know anything about the buddha for certain and further that the notion of authenticity is irrelevant or pernicious most academic scholars of early buddhism cautiously affirm that it is possible that the early buddhist texts as contained in the sutta and vinaya pitaka contain some authentic sayings of the buddha a sympathetic assessment of relevant evidence by the authors of this book shows that this is a drastic understatement and that it is very likely that the bulk of the sayings in the texts that are attributed to the buddha were actually spoken by him rarely has the question of authenticity of the buddhist texts been systematically investigated 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or lawful genesis 20 buddhist meditation 21 buddhist mental therapy 22 buddhist lay ethics 23 the place of animals in buddhism 24 action 25 kamma and causality 26 kamma and freedom 27 collective karma 28 beauty and the buddhist 29 omniscience and the buddha 31 samsara 32 the way of dispassion 33 nibbana republished as part of k n jayatilleke facets of buddhist thought collected essays buddhist publication society kandy 2008 isbn 9789552403354 this easy to understand translation of one of the earliest surviving buddhist texts offers a pathway to awakening that is simple straightforward and free of religious doctrine one of the earliest of all buddhist texts the atthakavagga or book of eights is a remarkable document not only because it comes from the earliest strain of the literature before the buddha as the title suggests came to be thought of as a buddhist but also because its approach to awakening is so simple and free of adherence to any kind of ideology instead the atthakavagga points to a direct and simple approach for attaining peace without requiring the adherence to doctrine the value of the teachings it contains is not in the profundity of their philosophy or in their authority as scripture rather the value is found in the results they bring to those who live by them instead of doctrines to be believed the book of eights describes means or practices for realizing peace gil fronsdal s rigorous translation with commentary reveals the text to be of interest not only to buddhists but also to the ever growing demographic of spiritual but not religious who seek a spiritual life outside the structures of religion this book is a collection of important papers on buddhism including notices of the languages literature and religion of nepal and tibet buddhism with its numerous schools and teachings can feel daunting how can one practise buddhism in a systematic way profoundly experienced in buddhist practice intimately familiar with its main schools and founder of the triratna buddhist community an international movement sangharakshita is the ideal guide in this highly readable reliable and far reaching guide he sorts out fact from myth and theory from practice to reveal the principal ideals and teachings of buddhism excerpt from a catena of buddhist scriptures from the chinese of the translations found in this book several have already appeared in the journal of the royal asiatic society having revised these and added others to complete what i conceive to be the cycle of the buddhist development i now publish the entire series as a contribution towards a more general acquaintance with buddhist literature in china the buddhist canon in that country as it was arranged between the years 67 and 1285 a d includes 1410 distinct works comprising 5586 books but these form only a fractional part of the entire buddhist literature which is spread throughout the empire and yet of all this we have been content hitherto to remain profoundly ignorant it is difficult to understand how we can claim under these circumstances to have any precise idea as to the religious condition of the chinese people or even to appreciate the phraseology met with in their ordinary books our first duty surely should be to turn our attention to the study of some portion at least of these extensive scriptures about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works reprint of the original first published in 1871 the publishing house anatisposi publishes historical books as reprints due to their age these books may have missing pages or inferior quality our aim is to preserve these books and make them available to the public so that they do not get lost the earliest records we have today of what the buddha said were written down several centuries after his death and the body of teachings attributed to him continued to evolve in india for centuries afterward across a shifting cultural and political landscape as one tradition within a diverse religious milieu that included even the greek kingdoms of northwestern india buddhism had many opportunities to both influence and be influenced by competing schools of thought even within buddhism a proliferation of interpretive traditions produced a dynamic intellectual climate johannes bronkhorst here tracks the development of buddhist teachings both within the larger indian context and among buddhism s many schools shedding light on the sources and trajectory of such ideas as dharma theory emptiness the bodhisattva ideal buddha nature formal logic and idealism in these pages we discover the roots of the doctrinal debates that have animated the buddhist tradition up until the present day reprint of the original first published in 1871 the publishing house anatisposi publishes historical books as reprints due to their age these books may have missing pages or inferior quality our aim is to preserve these books and make them available to the public so that they do not get lost this vigorously researched publication for advanced graduate students and fellow scholars of the chinese pure land tradition jingtu famen in the

wider context of chinese buddhism extends the horizon opened up by recent leading scholars to reconstruct a more insightful understanding of the jingtu famen and the notion of zong focusing on previously unstudied writings of sheng an shixian 1686 1734 the findings support the argument that the jingtu famen is an advanced form of mahāyānist meditation rooted in the mādhyamika and yogācāra traditions the original english translation of master shixian s writings provided also paves the way for other researchers to conduct new and extended studies this curated collection of primary texts and secondary scholarship offers an engaging and comprehensive view of buddhism and its founder the wisdom of buddha drawn from the sacred books of buddhism this collection reveals the core insights and beliefs of the world s fourth largest religion it covers the birth and death of the buddha as well as the major tenets of buddhism including karma and the middle doctrine hinduism and buddhism a highly original discussion of the origins and tenets of the great eastern religions by a sri lankan theorist who introduced ancient indian art to the west buddhist texts through the ages a comprehensive collection of buddhist texts and scriptures translated from the original pali sanskrit chinese tibetan and japanese this edition also includes a glossary of english and foreign terms this landmark collection is the definitive introduction to the buddha s teachings in his own words the american scholar monk bhikkhu bodhi whose voluminous translations have won widespread acclaim here presents selected discourses of the buddha from the pali canon the earliest record of what the buddha taught divided into ten thematic chapters in the buddha s words reveals the full scope of the buddha s discourses from family life and marriage to renunciation and the path of insight a concise informative introduction precedes each chapter guiding the reader toward a deeper understanding of the texts that follow in the buddha s words allows even readers unacquainted with buddhism to grasp the significance of the buddha s contributions to our world heritage taken as a whole these texts bear eloquent testimony to the breadth and intelligence of the buddha s teachings and point the way to an ancient yet ever vital path students and seekers alike will find this systematic presentation indispensable book jacket head eyes flesh and blood is the first comprehensive study of a central narrative theme in premodern south asian buddhist literature the buddha s bodily self sacrifice during his previous lives as a bodhisattva conducting close readings of stories from sanskrit pali chinese and tibetan literature written between the third century bce and the late medieval period reiko ohnuma argues that this theme has had a major impact on the development of buddhist philosophy and culture whether he takes the form of king prince ascetic elephant hare serpent or god the bodhisattva repeatedly gives his body or parts of his flesh to others he leaps into fires drowns himself in the ocean rips out his tusks gouges out his eyes and lets mosquitoes drink from his blood always out of selflessness and compassion and to achieve the highest state of buddhahood ohnuma places these stories into a discrete subgenre of south asian buddhist literature and approaches them like case studies analyzing their plots characterizations and rhetoric she then relates the theme of the buddha s bodily self sacrifice to major conceptual discourses in the history of buddhism and south asian religions such as the categories of the gift the body both ordinary and extraordinary kingship sacrifice ritual offering and death head eyes flesh and blood reveals a very sophisticated and influential perception of the body in south asian buddhist literature and highlights the way in which these stories have provided an important cultural resource for buddhists combined with her rich and careful translations of classic texts ohnuma introduces a whole new understanding of a vital concept in buddhists studies here is the core of the buddha s teaching in his own words as it was memorized word for word by his disciples and written down two hundred years after his death these selections from the buddhist scriptures deal with the search for truth the way of contemplation life and death living in community and many other topics serving as an excellent introduction to the buddha s teaching whether addressed to monks and nuns householders outcastes or thieves the buddha s teachings are characterized by one main concern conveying the reality of our bondage to suffering and the supremely good news that liberation is possible it is a concern as relevant for people today as it was for the people of north india a millennium and a half ago putting down all barriers let your mind be full of love let it pervade all the quarters of the world so that the whole wide world above below and around is pervaded with love let it be sublime and beyond measure so that it abounds everywhere the way toward liberation is to train yourself to live in the present without waiting to become anything give up becoming this or that live without cravings and experience this present moment with full attention then you will neither cringe at death nor seek for repeated birth meditate on that which is beyond words and symbols forsake the demands of the self by such forsaking you will live serenely a terrific introduction to the buddha s teachings paul blairon california literary review this indispensable volume is a lucid and faithful account of the buddha s teachings for years says the journal of the buddhist society

the newcomer to buddhism has lacked a simple and reliable introduction to the complexities of the subject dr rahula s what the buddha taught fills the need as only could be done by one having a firm grasp of the vast material to be sifted it is a model of what a book should be that is addressed first of all to the educated and intelligent reader authoritative and clear logical and sober this study is as comprehensive as it is masterly this edition contains a selection of illustrative texts from the suttas and the dhammapada specially translated by the author sixteen illustrations and a bibliography glossary and index rahula s succinct clear overview of buddhist concepts has never been surpassed it is the standard library journal this is the most comprehensive study of pien wen transformation texts i e tales of metamorphosis in any language since the manuscripts were discovered at the beginning of the 20th century in a remote cave complex in northwest china they are the earliest written vernacular narratives in china and are thus extremely important in the history of chinese language and literature numerous scholarly controversies have surrounded the study of the texts in the last three quarters of a century this volume seeks to resolve some of them the extent origins and formal characteristics of the texts the meaning of pien wen the identity of the authors who composed these popular narratives and the scribes who copied them the relationship of the texts to oral performance and the reasons for the apparently sudden demise of the genre around the beginning of the sung dynasty this is a multi disciplinary study that integrates findings from religious literary linguistic sociological and historical materials carried out with intellectual rigor it includes an extensive bibliography of relevant sources in many languages the path of practice as taught in ancient india by gotama buddha was open to both women and men the texts of early indian buddhism show that women were lay followers of the buddha and were also granted the right to ordain and become nuns certain women were known as influential teachers of men and women alike and considered experts in certain aspects of gotama s dhamma for this to occur in an ancient religion practiced within traditional societies is really quite extraordinary this is apparent especially in light of the continued problems experienced by practitioners of many religions today involved in challenging instilled norms and practices and conferring the status of any high office upon women in this collection alice collett brings together a sampling of the plethora of buddhist texts from early indian buddhism in which women figure centrally it is true that there are negative conceptualizations of and attitudes towards women expressed in early buddhist texts but for so many texts concerning women to have been composed collated and preserved is worthy of note the simple fact that the buddhist textual record names so many nuns and laywomen and preserves biographies of them attests to a relatively positive situation for women at that time with the possible exception of the reverence accorded egyptian queens there is no textual record of named women from an ancient civilization that comes close to that of early indian buddhism this volume offers comparative study of texts in five different languages gandhari pali sanskrit chinese and sinhala each chapter is a study and translation with some chapters focusing more on translation and some more on comparisons between parallel and similar texts whilst others are more discursive and thematic the buddha was the source venerable svasti and the young buffalo boys were rivers that flowed from the source wherever the rivers flowed the buddha would be there in old path white clouds the world s revered master of mindfulness thich nhat hanh retells the story of the buddha in his own inimitably beautiful style he draws upon pali sanskrit and chinese sources to trace the buddha s life slowly and gently through the course of eighty years seen partly through the eyes of the buddha himself and partly through those of svasti the buffalo boy old path white clouds brings the buddha closer to us as we journey with him on his path to enlightenment and nirvana buddha mindfulness buddhānusr̥ti in sanskrit and nianfo 念佛 in chinese is one of the most widely practiced buddhist dharma doors for the cultivation of meditative concentration and the securing rebirth in buddha s pure land this book provides simple guidelines on how a practitioner can progress from the phenomena based methods such as oral and mental recitation of buddha s name to signless mindfulness of buddha and finally to principle based buddha mindfulness that is buddha mindfulness in ultimate reality the author emphasizes that the practice of buddha mindfulness has to be adjusted and fine tuned as the practitioner s power of mental concentration deepens so that he or she can eventually rely on this power of concentration to directly realize the ultimate reality to awaken to the true mind buddhist stories is part of the storyteller series of illustrated books featuring stories from the world s major religions accompanied by fact boxes providing background and supplementary information on each religion under consideration selection of buddhist scripture from the 2 500 year old three baskets to the chan and zen poetry these seven scriptural writings are considered to be the most important and oldest of the buddhist religion originally written in the pali language they date to the fourth and third centuries bc this early date is what makes them so importantthey form the very core of buddhist

teachings sought after and studied by monks and scholars for centuries there could never be a complete understanding of the true meaning of buddhism without them

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Dimensions of Buddhist Thought 2011-01-01 this easy to understand translation of one of the earliest surviving buddhist texts offers a pathway to awakening that is simple straightforward and free of religious doctrine one of the earliest of all buddhist texts the atthakavagga or book of eights is a remarkable document not only because it comes from the earliest strain of the literature before the buddha as the title suggests came to be thought of as a buddhist but also because its approach to awakening is so simple and free of adherence to any kind of ideology instead the atthakavagga points to a direct and simple approach for attaining peace without requiring the adherence to doctrine the value of the teachings it contains is not in the profundity of their philosophy or in their authority as scripture rather the value is found in the results they bring to those who live by them instead of doctrines to be believed the book of eights describes means or practices for realizing peace gil fronsdal s rigorous translation with commentary reveals the text to be of interest not only to buddhists but also to the ever growing demographic of spiritual but not religious who seek a spiritual life outside the structures of religion

**The Message of the Buddha** 2000 this book is a collection of important papers on buddhism including notices of the languages literature and religion of nepal and tibet

The Buddha before Buddhism 2016-11-29 buddhism with its numerous schools and teachings can feel daunting how can one practise buddhism in a systematic way profoundly experienced in buddhist practice intimately familiar with its main schools and founder of the triratna buddhist community an international movement sangharakshita is the ideal guide in this highly readable reliable and far reaching guide he sorts out fact from myth and theory from practice to reveal the principal ideals and teachings of buddhism

**Illustrations of the Literature and Religion of the Buddhists** 1841 excerpt from a catena of buddhist scriptures from the chinese of the translations found in this book several have already appeared in the journal of the royal asiatic society having revised these and added others to complete what i conceive to be the cycle of the buddhist development i now publish the entire series as a contribution towards a more general acquaintance with buddhist literature in china the buddhist canon in that country as it was arranged between the years 67 and 1285 a d includes 1410 distinct works comprising 5586 books but these form only a fractional part of the entire buddhist literature which is spread throughout the empire and yet of all this we have been content hitherto to remain profoundly ignorant it is difficult to understand how we can claim under these circumstances to have any precise idea as to the religious condition of the chinese people or even to appreciate the phraseology met with in their ordinary books our first duty surely should be to turn our attention to the study of some portion at least of these extensive scriptures about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

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*Guide to the Buddhist Path* 2013-03-28

**A Catena of Buddhist Scriptures From the Chinese** 2015-06-02 the earliest records we have today of what the buddha said were written down several centuries after his death and the body of teachings attributed to him continued to evolve in india for centuries afterward across a

shifting cultural and political landscape as one tradition within a diverse religious milieu that included even the greek kingdoms of northwestern india buddhism had many opportunities to both influence and be influenced by competing schools of thought even within buddhism a proliferation of interpretive traditions produced a dynamic intellectual climate johannes bronkhorst here tracks the development of buddhist teachings both within the larger indian context and among buddhism s many schools shedding light on the sources and trajectory of such ideas as dharma theory emptiness the bodhisattva ideal buddha nature formal logic and idealism in these pages we discover the roots of the doctrinal debates that have animated the buddhist tradition up until the present day

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*Four Essential Buddhist Texts* 2019-01-01 this vigorously researched publication for advanced graduate students and fellow scholars of the chinese pure land tradition jingtu famen in the wider context of chinese buddhism extends the horizon opened up by recent leading scholars to reconstruct a more insightful understanding of the jingtu famen and the notion of zong focusing on previously unstudied writings of sheng an shixian 1686 1734 the findings support the argument that the jingtu famen is an advanced form of mahāyānist meditation rooted in the mādhyamika and yogācāra traditions the original english translation of master shixian s writings provided also paves the way for other researchers to conduct new and extended studies *Buddhist Teaching in India* 2009-12-22 this curated collection of primary texts and secondary scholarship offers an engaging and comprehensive view of buddhism and its founder the wisdom of buddha drawn from the sacred books of buddhism this collection reveals the core insights and beliefs of the world s fourth largest religion it covers the birth and death of the buddha as well as the major tenets of buddhism including karma and the middle doctrine hinduism and buddhism a highly original discussion of the origins and tenets of the great eastern religions by a sri lankan theorist who introduced ancient indian art to the west buddhist texts through the ages a comprehensive collection of buddhist texts and scriptures translated from the original pali sanskrit chinese tibetan and japanese this edition also includes a glossary of english and foreign terms

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*A Chinese Paradigm of the Jingtu Famen* 2023-07-17 head eyes flesh and blood is the first comprehensive study of a central narrative theme in premodern south asian buddhist literature the buddha s bodily self sacrifice during his previous lives as a bodhisattva conducting close readings of stories from sanskrit pali chinese and tibetan literature written between the third century bce and the late medieval period reiko ohnuma argues that this theme has had a major impact on the development of buddhist philosophy and culture whether he takes the form of king prince ascetic elephant hare serpent or god the bodhisattva repeatedly gives his body or parts of his flesh to others he leaps into fires drowns himself in the ocean rips out his tusks gouges out his eyes and lets mosquitoes drink from his blood always out of selflessness and compassion and to achieve the highest state of buddhahood ohnuma places these stories into a discrete subgenre of south asian buddhist literature and approaches them like case studies analyzing their plots characterizations and rhetoric she then relates the theme of the buddha s bodily self sacrifice to major conceptual discourses in the history of buddhism and south asian religions such as the categories of the gift the body both ordinary and extraordinary kingship sacrifice ritual offering and death head eyes flesh and blood reveals a very sophisticated and influential perception of the body in south asian buddhist literature and highlights the way in which these stories have provided an important cultural resource for buddhists combined with her rich and careful translations of classic texts ohnuma introduces a whole new understanding of a vital concept in buddhists studies

**Texts from the Buddhist Canon Commonly Known as Dhammapada** 1977 here is the core of the buddha s teaching in his own words as it was memorized word for word by his disciples and written down two hundred years after his death these selections from the buddhist scriptures deal with the search for truth the way of contemplation life and death living in community and many other topics serving as an excellent introduction to the buddha s teaching whether addressed to monks and nuns householders outcastes or thieves the buddha s teachings are characterized by one main concern conveying the reality of our bondage to suffering and the supremely good news that liberation is possible it is a concern as relevant for people today as it was for the people of north india a millennium and a half ago putting down all barriers let your mind be full of love let it pervade all the quarters of the world so that the whole wide world above below and around is pervaded with love let it be sublime and beyond measure so that it abounds everywhere the way toward liberation is to train yourself to live in the present without waiting to become anything give up becoming this or that live without cravings and experience this present moment with full attention then you will neither cringe at death nor seek for repeated birth meditate on that which is beyond words and symbols forsake the demands of the self by such forsaking you will live serenely

**Buddhism** 2018-07-17 a terrific introduction to the buddha s teachings paul blair on california literary review this indispensable volume is a lucid and faithful account of the buddha s teachings for years says the journal of the buddhist society the newcomer to buddhism has lacked a simple and reliable introduction to the complexities of the subject dr rahula s what the buddha taught fills the need as only could be done by one having a firm grasp of the vast material to be sifted it is a model of what a book should be that is addressed first of all to the educated and intelligent reader authoritative and clear logical and sober this study is as comprehensive as it is masterly this edition contains a selection of illustrative texts from the suttas and the dhammapada specially translated by the author sixteen illustrations and a bibliography glossary and index rahula s succinct clear overview of buddhist concepts has never been surpassed it is the standard library journal

**In the Buddha's Words** 2005-07-28 this is the most comprehensive study of pien wen transformation texts i e tales of metamorphosis in any language since the manuscripts were discovered at the beginning of the 20th century in a remote cave complex in northwest china they are the earliest written vernacular narratives in china and are thus extremely important in the history of chinese language and literature numerous scholarly controversies have surrounded the study of the texts in the last three quarters of a century this volume seeks to resolve some of them the extent origins and formal characteristics of the texts the meaning of pien wen the identity of the authors who composed these popular narratives and the scribes who copied them the relationship of the texts to oral performance and the reasons for the apparently sudden demise of the genre around the beginning of the sung dynasty this is a multi disciplinary study that integrates findings from religious literary linguistic sociological and historical materials carried out with intellectual rigor it includes an extensive bibliography of relevant sources in many languages

**Head, Eyes, Flesh, Blood** 2006-12-26 the path of practice as taught in ancient india by gotama buddha was open to both women and men the texts of early indian buddhism show that women were lay followers of the buddha and were also granted the right to ordain and become nuns certain women were known as influential teachers of men and women alike and considered experts in certain aspects of gotama s dhamma for this to occur in an ancient religion practiced within traditional societies is really quite extraordinary this is apparent especially in light of the continued problems experienced by practitioners of many religions today involved in challenging instilled norms and practices and conferring the status of any high office upon women in this collection alice collett brings together a sampling of the plethora of buddhist texts from early indian buddhism in which women figure centrally it is true that there are negative conceptualizations of and attitudes towards women expressed in early buddhist texts but for so many texts concerning women to have been composed collated and preserved is worthy of note the simple fact that the buddhist textual record names so many nuns and laywomen and preserves biographies of them attests to a relatively positive situation for women at that time with the possible exception of the reverence accorded egyptian queens there is no textual record of named women from an ancient civilization that comes close to that of early indian buddhism this volume offers comparative study of texts in five different languages gandhari pali sanskrit chinese and sinhala each chapter is a study and translation with some chapters focusing more on translation and some more on comparisons between parallel and similar texts whilst others are more discursive and thematic

**The Buddha Speaks** 2000 the buddha was the source venerable svasti and the young buffalo boys were rivers that flowed from the source wherever the rivers flowed the buddha would be there

in old path white clouds the world s revered master of mindfulness thich nhat hanh retells the story of the buddha in his own inimitably beautiful style he draws upon pali sanskrit and chinese sources to trace the buddha s life slowly and gently through the course of eighty years seen partly through the eyes of the buddha himself and partly through those of svasti the buffalo boy old path white clouds brings the buddha closer to us as we journey with him on his path to enlightenment and nirvana

**What the Buddha Taught** 2007-12-01 buddha mindfulness buddhānsmṛti in sanskrit and nianfo 念佛 in chinese is one of the most widely practiced buddhist dharma doors for the cultivation of meditative concentration and the securing rebirth in buddha s pure land this book provides simple guidelines on how a practitioner can progress from the phenomena based methods such as oral and mental recitation of buddha s name to signless mindfulness of buddha and finally to principle based buddha mindfulness that is buddha mindfulness in ultimate reality the author emphasizes that the practice of buddha mindfulness has to be adjusted and fine tuned as the practitioner s power of mental concentration deepens so that he or she can eventually rely on this power of concentration to directly realize the ultimate reality to awaken to the true mind

**Common Buddhist Text** 2015 buddhist stories is part of the storyteller series of illustrated books featuring stories from the world s major religions accompanied by fact boxes providing background and supplementary information on each religion under consideration

**Tang Transformation Texts** 2020-10-26 selection of buddhist scripture from the 2 500 year old three baskets to the chan and zen poetry

**Women in Early Indian Buddhism** 2013-09-20 these seven scriptural writings are considered to be the most important and oldest of the buddhist religion originally written in the pali language they date to the fourth and third centuries bc this early date is what makes them so important they form the very core of buddhist teachings sought after and studied by monks and scholars for centuries there could never be a complete understanding of the true meaning of buddhism without them

**Old Path White Clouds** 2012-11-30

*Selected Excerpts from the Buddhist Writings of Venerable Xiao Pingshi* 2016-04-30

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