

Editorial

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This volume presents fifteen invited papers in tribute to the late L. S. Cousins (1942–2015). These will also appear in 2019 as a book, *Buddhist Path, Buddhist Teachings: Studies in Memory of L. S. Cousins* published by Equinox, and edited by Naomi Appleton and Peter Harvey.

All the papers' authors have been influenced by Lance's teachings and publications in a variety of ways, and we share a profound sense of gratitude for the opportunities we had to converse with Lance and benefit from his wisdom and generosity. The papers are presented under six headings, each relating to a key aspect of Lance's work.

The three papers in the 'Meditation and the Buddhist Path' section (Harvey, Clough, Amaro) address a key theme of Lance's personal and academic interest, namely the practice of meditation, particularly *jhāna* meditation, and its role in paths to awakening. The two papers on 'Comparative Mysticism' (Harris, Gethin) complement these by placing Buddhist meditation in a wider, comparative context. Three papers under the heading 'Interpreting Buddhist Teachings' (Gombrich, Premasiri, Anālayo) address other key teachings in early Buddhism, reflecting some of the broader interests of Lance, in making sense of early Buddhist teachings. Papers on *Abhidhamma* follow (Kuan, Skilling, Kieffer-Pülz), paying tribute to Lance's important contributions in this field by offering explorations of *Abhidhamma* terms, inscriptions and commentarial texts. Another key area in which Lance advanced our understanding is in the development of the various early schools of Buddhism, hence the inclusion of two contributions in a section 'Schools and Scriptures' (Allon, Wynne). While Lance's work was primarily focused on meditation, history, and systematic thought, in the later years of his life he was persuaded to read *jātakas* with Shaw and Appleton at his house, hence their closing contributions in the 'Literature' section.

As well as being an appropriate tribute to a respected teacher and colleague, we hope that this volume will advance Buddhist Studies scholarship by drawing together important contributions that all speak to core questions in the field, such as the nature of the path, the role of meditation, the formation of early Buddhist schools, scriptures and teachings, and the characteristics and contributions of Pāli texts.

The book version of this collection will also include an updated version of 'Lance Cousins: An Obituary, Appreciation and Bibliography', by Peter Harvey, which appeared in *BSR* 32(1) in 2015 (available as a free download at: <https://journals.equinoxpub.com/index.php/BSR/article/view/28964/pdf>). The updates will include this information on Lance Cousins:

He bequeathed his extensive library to the Samatha Trust's Manchester Centre for Buddhist Meditation (<https://www.samatha.org/samatha-trust-library>), as a reference library for scholars. Details of its holdings are being entered in an online catalogue that will be available at: <https://samathalibrary.libib.com/>

His publications which appeared after *BSR* 32(1) was published are:

2015. 'The Case of the Abhidhamma Commentary'. *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* 36–37(1–2) (2013–2014[2015]): 389–422. On this literature in general but particularly the *Aṭṭhasālinī*, whose sources he traces back to the late second century and earlier.
 2016. 'Sanskrit Abhidharma Literature of the Mahāvihāravāsins'. In *Text, History and Philosophy: Abhidharma across Buddhist Scholastic Traditions*, edited by Bart Dessein and Weijen Teng, 169–222. Leiden: Brill. On the influence of Sri Lankan Abhidharma ideas in mainland India, especially through the works of Jotipāla (sixth–seventh century). This is possibly an amended version of his 2013 [Buddhist era 2556]. 'Abhidhamma Studies II: Sanskrit Abhidharma Literature of the Mahāvihāravāsins', *Thai International Journal for Buddhist Studies* 4: 1–61.
 2017. 'On the Earliest Buddhist Schools'. In *Holy Wealth: Accounting for This World and the Next in Religious Belief and Practice: Festschrift for John R. Hinnells*, edited by Almut Hintze and Alan Williams, 21–48. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.
 2018. *The Book of Pairs and its Commentary: A translation of the Yamaka and Yamakappakaraṇaṭṭhakathā*, Vol I, translated by C.M.M. Shaw and L.S. Cousins. It includes Lance's translation of the relevant portion of the ancient commentary, the *Pañcappakaraṇa-aṭṭhakathā* and is intended as the first of a planned three-volume translation of the whole *Yamaka* and its commentary.
 2018. 'Cetiya and Thūpa: the Textual Sources'. Chapter 2 in *Relics and Relic Worship in the Early Buddhism: India, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Burma*, edited by Janice Stargardt and Michael Willis. London: British Museum Publications
- Forthcoming. 'The *sacca-saṅkhepa* and its commentaries'. Planned to be published in the *Journal of the Pali Text Society*.

Earlier publications now available online:

1981. 'The Paṭṭhāna and the Development of the Theravādin Abhidhamma', *Journal of the Pali Text Society* 9: 22–46. http://www.palitext.com/JPTS_scans/JPTS_1981_IX.pdf
1991. 'The "Five Points" and the Origins of the Buddhist Schools' *The Buddhist Forum Volume II*, edited by Tadeusz Skorupski, 27–60. London: School of Oriental and African Studies. <http://www.shin-ibs.edu/documents/bForum/v2/03Cousins.pdf>
1996. 'The Origins of Insight Meditation'. In *The Buddhist Forum, Volume 4*, edited by Tadeusz Skorupski, 35–58. London: School of Oriental and African Studies. <http://www.shin-ibs.edu/documents/bForum/v4/03Cousins.pdf>
1998. 'Buddha' and 'Nirvāṇa'. In *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Chief Editor Edward Craig. <https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/biographical/buddha-6th-5th-century-bc/v-1> and <https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/thematic/nirvana/v-1/sections/origins-and-etymology-of-the-word-nirvana>