

## What this website is about

This website is dedicated to the memory of the Great Meditation Master Luang Phor Mongkol-Thepmuni, the late venerable Chao Khun (Abbot) of Wat Paknam, Basicharoen, Bangkok and his Teachings of the Vijjā Dhammakāya and its Method of Meditation. Luang Phor (Venerable Father) re-discovered this unique Method of Meditation in the 11th year of his monkhood after it was lost in the mist of time since the MahāParinibbāna of Lord Buddha Gotama.

Soon after becoming a monk, he realised that there were very few accomplished meditation and Dhamma teachers. He felt that without knowing what the Buddhas behold, his life as a monk would be wasted. On a full moon night of September 1918, he staked his life in one superhuman effort to attempt to plumb the depths of the Sublime Dhamma. He was triumphant and discovered the Vijjā Dhammakāya used by Buddhas to attain to Enlightenment and Nibbāna.

Thereafter, for more than 43 years, he tirelessly expounded the Dhamma in its original condition and pristine purity preserving the unity of the Dhamma without differentiating whether it was of the Mahāyana or Theravāda traditions.

The Vijjā Dhammakāya is Luang Phor's eternal priceless legacy to all but for non-Thais, that legacy could be claimed only from 1960 in English when the first translations of his Teachings appeared. Mr. T. Magness, (Venerable Suratano Bhikkhu) who became a lay disciple of Luang Phor in 1958, undertook the earliest translations in English.

His first work concerned the Eighteen Kayas (or Bodies) and the book title was called The Dhammakāya and its Metaphysical Implications; its first printing appeared in 1960. The book was later expanded and renamed *Sammā Samādhi I*, 1961 and, later further expanded and called *Vistas - Buddhist Insights into Immortality*. Another work, *The Life and Teaching of the Venerable Chao Khun Mongkol-Thepmuni*, was also published in 1960. Later works were *Sammā Ditṭhi* (1962); *Samatha-Vipassanā – An Exposition of Attainments* (subsequently renamed *Sammā Samādhi II*, 1963) and *Altitude & The Buddhist Experience* (early 1970s). The *Long View – An Excursion into Buddhist Perspective* and others were published in later years. (See Book List)

The author ordained as a bhikkhu in Wat Doi Suthep, Chiangmai, 12 years after meeting Luang Phor himself. A year or so after his ordination he was based in Wat Paknam and remained there for some years. The venerable author is known simply to his disciples as Phra Terry. With his permission we are making available all his works, online and printed versions, on this website for the benefit of all earnest seekers.

As of the launch date of this website on 1st January 2007, the following three titles are available for downloading, viz:-

1. *The Life and Teaching of the Venerable Chao Khun Mongkol-Thepmuni and the Dhammakāya*
2. *Vistas (previously titled Sammā Samādhi I)*
3. *Sammā Samādhi II*

In the ensuing months, more titles will become available online. Certain printed titles such as *Sammā Ditṭhi* and *Altitude* which are out of print now and will be reprinted.

We hope you will derive immeasurable benefits from these books as we have the pleasure of making them available to you.

Yours in the Dhamma

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## Who we are

The Triple-Gem.net website is set up by a handful of disciples of Luang Phor Mongkol-Thepmuni, who had experienced the frustrations and difficulties of finding works of Luang Phor's Teachings in English, until we found the Venerable Suratano Bhikkhu's (Phra Terry's) works. Phra Terry himself experienced the same difficulties, which prompted him to work on translating Luang Phor's Teachings from the 1950s onwards. We are also disciples of Phra Terry and we support the publication of his works online and in printed form.

As a non-profit organisation and, as amateurs, we undertake the designing, maintenance, operation and all associated functions of this website. The books that are available online are scanned copies of extant titles. In an effort to make them more appealing to readers, we have added sub-titles, pictures and brief editorial updates to the online versions; and, do intend in later editions, to include indices, glossaries, references, etc as well, for researchers into the Dhamma.

As for printed versions of Phra Terry's works, we are endeavouring to maintain reasonable quantities of all of them for distribution worldwide, through sponsorships.

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