



Mogok Sayadaw Gyi U Vimala (1900-1962)

A boy called Maung Hla Baw was born in Oo-yin-daw village in Myit-nge township of Mandalay Division in 1900 AD. At the age of nine, he became 'Shin Vimala', a novice at the local village monastery which he left later to study Abhidhamma in Amarapura which was then known as the Southern town 'Taung-myo' with reference to Mandalay. At the age of 20, he was ordained as a monk. Five years later, he became the presiding and teaching Sayadaw at the Central Pitaka Kyaung, within the Mingala Monastery. He was the most celebrated teacher in Pathana and Yamaka and earned respects in monastic circles. He gave night classes of Abhidhamma to student Monks. At that time in upper Myanmar, there were fierce fighting between the Allied Forces and Japan in the Second World War. In 1942, while under the Japanese occupation, Sayadaw Gyi had to move to Mogok Town in the foothills of a range of mountains about 3,850 feet above sea level. Sayadaw Gyi took shelter in a village called Baw-ba-tant, with numerous naturally formed caves. Many people believe that Sayadaw Gyi had attained Full Enlightenment while meditating in these caves.

Mogok Vipassana: Sayadaw Gyi taught that most

people had tendency to harbour some form of delusion about *self*. Sayadaw Gyi often pointed out that Samsara cycle of birth and death resulted from the wrong personal beliefs by individuals. He emphasized again and again that such *miccha ditthi* must be completely eradicated first. Any form of meditation while the meditator was clinging to delusions, would be just a weak form of *Vipassana* and therefore, would not result in Nibbana. All such false beliefs stemmed from not knowing one's own *Paticcasamuppada*, or the Doctrine of Dependent Origination. He pioneered the new approach in teaching this doctrine using a specially designed diagram of the Cycle of Life in the form of quartered (divided) concentric circles, around a central core. This approach had been a tremendous success in the understanding of the Samsara. Mogok Sayadaw Gyi delivered sermons, about 1000 in number, each talk lasting one hour on average. These talks recorded on tapes over a period of 12 years are nowadays listened to daily by several thousand devotees in Myanmar.

The great Benefactor, our Mogok Sayadaw Gyi, passed away on 17th October, 1962. Sayadaw Gyi made his final statement in a firm voice:

"Well! All of you, Upazins and Dagas, Dagamas, too; everyone who possesses Khandha, observe the nature of Vedana that must be experienced..."

Nata Prinna - Learning Dhamma

Tirana Prinna - Practice of Vipassana

Pahana Prinna - Attaining Wisdom

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PROGRAMME

Date: 12-07-09 (Sunday)

Time: 10.30 am to 2.30 pm

Venue: London Mogok Vipassana Centre

11.00: Offering Almsfood to the Monks (4 monks)

11.30: Lunch for lay devotees

13.00: Taking Five Precepts and Paritta Recitation
by the Sangha

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Dhamma Talk by Agga Maha Kamatthana

Cariya Sayadawgi Gyi U Kit Sar Ya Na

Dhamma Talk by Venerable Bhikkhu Pesala
Dhamma Talk & 'Sharing of Merit'

by Sayadaw U Janaka (Tisara Vihara)

14.30 - 15.30: Annual Buddhist Aid Trust Meeting
(All are invited)

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£30 per set £15 if low income & un-employed

RESIDENT SANGHAS AT THE CENTRE

Venerable Sayadaw U Kit Sar Ya Na

Venerable U Kavi Sara

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