







interested in Buddhism but not in meditation rarely stay.”







states that one should not believe the Buddha's words, but instead one should seek the truth for oneself.<sup>19</sup> Queen writes that this teaching "above all others, has become a kind of manifesto for American Buddhism."<sup>20</sup> According to Richard Hayes' research, the Kalama Sutta is the most often-quoted Buddhist text









experience.”<sup>37</sup>

is aware and frustrated that funeral rites are wrapped up in animism and Brahminism.

train the new monks.<sup>49</sup>

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adaptation or modification.”<sup>53</sup> Peter Robinson admits that he had to change his behavior whenever he entered a country with different social norms, but as long as he isn’t made to



The situation in his British monastery was very different than that of rural Northeast Thailand, but Sumedho, like Chah, made the teachings accessible to Westerners. Indeed,

Randall gained experience teaching Buddhism in England he came to believe that the



only approximately seven months in Thailand in order to recruit more Western monks. In England he found three disciples and brought them back to Thailand to be ordained. But

interested Australians.<sup>72</sup>

Many of the monks considered here had the initial idea and encouragement from

doing service or running retreat centers as laymen. Some monks remain in the robes and









<sup>63</sup> Prebish, Charles. *Luminous Passage*. p. 70.

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