

## A Glossary

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| Abhidjna    | higher knowledge, special wisdom   |
| Achrya      | Teacher  |
| Amrit       | ambrosia, immortality  |
| Angana      | Courtyard  |
| Asoka       | Jonesia Asoka A tree of moderate size with magnificent red flowers.          |
| Attavada    | Theory of Soul   |
| Bhikkhus    | Buddhist Monks   |
| Bhut        | Spirits  |
| Bimbisara   | The King who ruled over Magadha  |
| Bibhara     | Mountains around the capital Rajagruha                                       |
| Bodhi Tree  | The tree under which the Buddha attained Enlightenment. Ficus Religiosa      |
| Brahm       | Brahma, the creator god of ofHindu pantheon                                  |
| Bulbul      | The cuckoo bird  |
| Cakravartin | Universal monarch  |
| Champaka    | Michelia Campaka; a tree bearing yellow fragrant flowers                     |
| Channa      | The minister charioteer who helped the Prince Siddhartha in his renunciation |
| Chaitra     | First month of the year i.e. March-April                                     |
| Chuddar     | Shawl  |
| Dasa Sil    | the ten precepts   |
| Devas       | Gods   |
| Devaraj     | King of gods   |
| Devis       | Goddess of queens  |

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| Dhyana      | Meditative absorption  | Kusa     | kind of grass considered holy by Hindus and used at several ceremonies (Poa cyaosuroides)   |
| Dukha-Satya | the Truth of the (existence of) Sorrow                                 | Lakh     | One hundred thousand and the words that follow denote different units of measuring time and space   |
| Gadi        | A charriot   | Lingam   | phallic symbol of Godhead   |
| Gatha       | Stanzas  | Luxmi    | Hindu goddess of prosperity   |
| Gayatri     | usually called Savitri, a very sacred Vedic verse in the Gayatri metre | Magians  | Members of the priestly caste of ancient Persia   |
| Gow         | a league, a quarter of a yojana  | Magra    | kind of jasmine   |
| Guru        | Teacher  | Mantra   | A hymn  |
| Idhi        | supernormal psychic powers obtained by mental culture                  | Mara     | The Evil one  |
| Indra       | Vedic god of war   | Mlech    | barbarian   |
| Jambu tree  | Rose apple tree  | Mudra    | Watchwords. Gesticulations  |
| Jhanas      | four special mental states reached by meditation                       | Munja    | A kind of grass   |
| Jheel       | A kind of reed   | Myna     | An Asian bird often tamed and taught to imitate human speech.   |
| Jnana Kand  | Vedic texts dealing with philosophy                                    | Nag      | Cobra or serpent  |
| Kalpa       | Aeon   | Nagas    | a class of supernatural beings  |
| Kamaduk     | wish-yielding divine cow in Hindu mythology                            | Nagara   | City  |
| Kantaka     | Horse on which Prince Siddhartha renounced house hold life.            | Nagri    | Nagri is Devanagari by which Vedic and Classical Sanskrit as well as Hindu is written. The rest denotes the scripts of different North Indian dialects. |
| Karunda     | A kind of plant growing as shubs                                       | Namarupa | mind and body   |
| Karma       | Deed which yields retribution  | Neem     | margosa- Sanskrit nimba   |
| Karma Kand  | Vedic texts dealing with Sacrifice and other practices                 | Nelumbo  | Blue Lotus  |
| Koil        | Nightingale  | Nidanas  | Links-Origin  |
| Koss        | Measure of distance  | Nirvana  | The Supreme Bliss   |
| Kumbhandas  | a class of supernatural beings   |          |   |
| Ksatriya    | Warrior caste  |          |   |

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| Om Amitaya   | O Immeasurable !  |
| Om Mari      |   |
| Padme, Om    | Hail ! Goddess seated on the gem lotus, Hail !  |
| Paramanus    | atoms   |
| Purdah       | A veil  |
| Rajagriha    | The capital of the Kingdom of Magadha   |
| Rajaputra    | A son of a King   |
| Rishi        | Sage  |
| Sakra        | The King of gods, otherwise known as Indra  |
| Sakya        | A sub clan of the warrior caste   |
| Sakwal       | universe, world system  |
| Sankhara     | potentialities generated by kamma leading to existence  |
| Seriyut      | Pali Sariputta  |
| Shasters     | Shastras or different branches of learning  |
| Shiva        | The third of the Hindu trinity. The God of dissolution  |
| Silabbat     | Paramata clinging to rites and ceremonies   |
| Sitar        | Indian Musical instrument   |
| Skandha      | aggregate   |
| Smruti       | Texts composed after Vedas  |
| Soma         | name of plant Avestan haoma, the juice of which was the most important ingredient in Vedic sacrificial offerings and formed the beverage of the gods. |
| Soorma Stick | Eye colouring stick   |
| Sruti        | Vedic texts   |
| Sudra        | Considered as the lowest of caste hierarchy   |
| Sumeru       | a fabulous mountain round which the planets are said to revolve   |

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| Swarga        | Heaven  |
| Swastika      | A symbol found in many ancient civilisations. Most the scholars consider its a solar symbol, that is, as representing the curtailed form of the wheel of the solar Vishnu, consisting of four spokes crossing each other at right angles with short fragments of the periphery of the circle at the end of each spoke turning round in one direction to denote the course of the sun. But, according to archeologist A. Cunningham it has nothing to do with sun-worship: its shape represents a monogram or interlacing of the letters of the auspicious words 'su' and 'asti' (svasti) in the Asoka characters. |
| Tala Tree     | A Palm Tree   |
| Tilaka spot   | A mark on forehead made with coloured earth, sandal wood or with unguents either as an ornament or as a sectional distinction   |
| Tola          | A weight of Gold or Silver  |
| Trayastrinsas | Heaven of the thirty three gods   |
| Tulsi         | A small shrub venerated by Vaishnavites. A holy basil   |
| Upadana       | grasping  |
| Upeksha       | equanimity, one of the four Brahmaviharas   |
| Vidman        | consciousness   |
| Vina          | A lute  |
| Vishnu        | The second of the Hindu trinity. The God of protection  |
| Visikitcha    | doubt Sanskrit - vicikitsa  |

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| Visvamitra | One of the teachers of the Prince Siddhartha |
| Wasantha   | Spring                                       |
| Yajna      | Sacrifice                                    |
| Yakshas    | Demons                                       |
| Yogis      | Mystics                                      |
| Yojana     | A league                                     |