

Which first began we know not where nor how-
To Thee sweet Lord my humble brow I bend
In lowly worship thrice, and at Thy feet
In Faith and Trust seek I Thy sure Refuge.

BUDDHA DAY MESSAGE

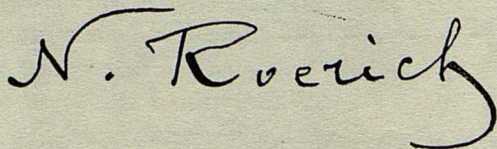
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In the Sutras is given a beautiful Commandment: "The Teaching is like a flame of the torch which lights up numerous fires; these may be used to prepare food or dispel darkness. But the flame of the torch remains unchangingly aglow". (Sutra 42.)

And during the sermon there is proclaimed: "Let the Light be firm as adamant; victorious as the banner of the Teacher; powerful as an eagle, and let it endure eternally."

Verily this is a beautiful Commandment of firmness, readiness, devotion and noble actions.

Naggar,



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**MESSAGE FROM NICHOLAS ROERICH, HONORARY PRESIDENT
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On this great day, so many remarkable and beautiful texts are coming to one's memory. With reverence we can imagine how many people pay their respects this day to the great conception of Lord Buddha.

And after thousands of volumes dedicated to this uplifting cause once more we see how simple is the truth, so simple that it may be inscribed upon the palm of a hand. Love, labor, self-perfection, and incessant noble action are the evoking call of the Great Lion.

The Pali Suttras contain many splendid definitions of Lord Buddha, who indicates the blessed Golden Path. He is the Leader of the caravan, the Founder, the Teacher, the Incomparable Trainer of men. He is the Lord of the Wheel of Benevolent Law. He is the Lion of the law. He is a wondrous doctor; the venerable Gotama is a ploughman; his field is immortality.

"He is the Light of the world. He is the Liberator."

(So speaks the Bodhicharyavatara and Sutta Nipata).

When an unworthy member deserted the teachings, he wisely said, "Now is the grain divided from the chaff" and incessantly he ploughed the field of the human spirit.

In the name of glorious creative labor we send our reverence to this Great Day.