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### IN MEMORIAM

When I wrote my last "Message of Friendliness" for the Vaisakha Number of the Maha Bodhi Journal, I looked at the portrait of the Venerable Anagarika Dharmapala on the wall before me, and speaking of friendliness as of the basic principle of life, I as if addressed the Venerable Dharmapala, knowing that from him I could expect response and sympathy in the question of unification of hearts. Verily the glorious life of this Messenger of Truth passed under the sign of Friendliness, Enthusiasm and Unification!

Though several meetings were intended, we never had the opportunity to come together physically, but yet I often met the Venerable Dharmapala in thought. On various continents I have heard and read his esteemed name and everywhere one and the same feeling surrounded it. It was the feeling of noble reverence. Everywhere the best people vouched by him in thought during hours of elevating, inspiring and deep work.

In our present perturbed times, such a constant veneration is very rare. People always try to involve great names in some outside unnecessary circumstances, but if they do not dare to use a name in this superficial way, it is always the best sign of their true admiration.

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Few is the number of pioneers, who have witnessed so many remarkable events as the Venerable Dharmapala. And therefore it is especially painful, if one of these rare Spirits departs to a better world, but away from ours. Of course such untiringly labouring and continuously creative Souls will never cease their noble endeavours in any world. People with such a clear devoted consciousness never remain inactive. From one fruitful life they turn to another achievement, remembering that the Arhat's rest consists of new beautiful thoughts. And of course such thoughts will be first of all directed to the Peace of all beings, to self-perfection and to all pre-ordained noble deeds which bring with them the good for everyone. Was not such non-egotism the dominating side of the character of the Venerable Dharmapala! And does not the constant striving towards constructiveness and creation distinguish him in the field of earthly labours!

When we remember all that he has done, everything in which he participated and everything with which his name is connected, does it not all form the most glorious wreath of honour, consisting of innumerable flowers, which all fluoresce in their innermost Beauty! When we have the possibility at the departure of a great personality to apply the conception of Beauty, it means that our heart is indeed deeply moved. It means that the achievement which was before us has kindled our hearts. And in these sacred fires

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of the heart we can unite in best thoughts and know that also the departed, who is entering a new field of labour, nods his head in a benevolent smile.

Hail to the Venerable Messenger of Goodwill!  
Hail to the Leader of unselfish Creativeness!  
Hail to the Guardian of the Great Teaching!

*N. Roerich*

*Terrible indeed is the poverty of the people. Living in insanitary dwellings, with animals as companions, insufficiently clad, drinking water that is not strained, breathing in an atmosphere of superstition, the teeming millions drag on their miserable existence.*

*Dhammapala.*

*Nirvana is the consummation of man's existence, no more will he be a victim to passion, hatred and ignorance. In joyousness, peace, love, wisdom, serenity, loving all alike, without anger and pride, he lives in this world.*

*Dhammapala.*

*Dont imagine that "Providence" will take care of you ; for the "Almighty" does not calculate time by your watches. A thousand years is one hour for him, and it is foolish for you to wait with folded hands.*

*Dhammapala.*

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