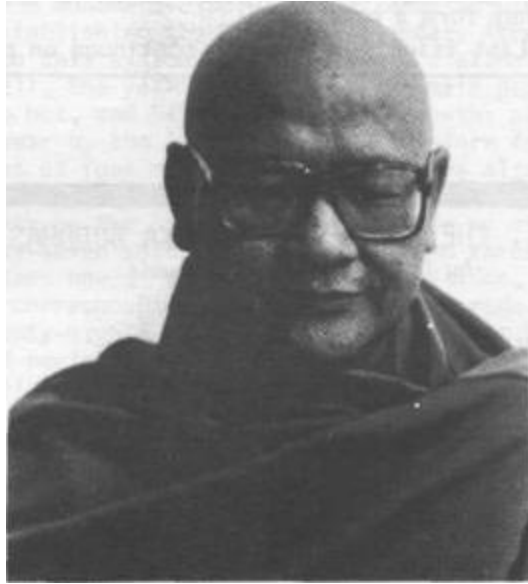


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VENERABLE U. SOBHANA, MAHA THERA

As the second Certifying Master of the 1982 Precept Transmission held at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, the Venerable U. Sobhana joined Sanghans from six other nations to carry out the Ordination Proceedings common to both the Theravada and Mahayana traditions.

The importance of the Vinaya as the foundation for Orthodox study and practice cannot be overemphasized.

The *SARVASTIVADIN SHASTRA* says:

The Vinaya has four aspects which are not possessed by other texts of the canon:

1. It is the level ground of Buddha-dharmas from which the myriad goods all spring and grow.
2. It is relied upon by all of the Buddha's disciples who abide by these precepts and by all living beings who are brought to realization by these precepts.
3. It is the initial gate of entry into Nirvana.
4. It is like a necklace of pearls that adorns the Buddhadharma.

Ordained in 1945, the Venerable U. Sobhana, a native of Burma, subsequently taught in his homeland for two years and then spent eight years in Shri Lanka and twenty-two years in Thailand, teaching the Dharma. In 1981 he came to the United States and currently resides at Dhammananda Vihara in Daly City, California.

In a brief speech to the four-fold assembly, Venerable U. Sobhana noted that once a solid foundation in the precepts is formed that meditation is an important part of a monk's daily life. He also emphasized that Buddhist disciples should practice an attitude of brotherly support and mutual aid.