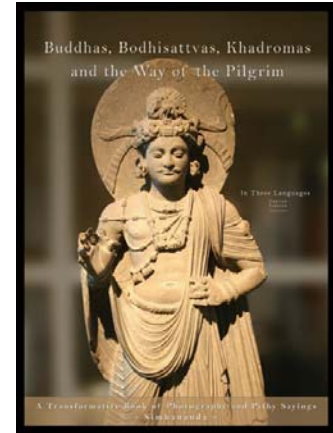


## REVIEWS

### **Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, Khadromas and the Way of the Pilgrim**

A Transformative Book of Photography and Pithy Sayings

By Simhananda



**Gold Award Winner at the 2008 Nautilus Book Awards: Art/Specialty/Gift category**  
**Award Winning Finalist at The National Best Books 2008 Awards: Eastern Religions category**

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"The photography of Simhananda -- a mysterious, reclusive avid world traveler -- captures the spiritual essence of the Buddha like perhaps no book ever has."

-Publishing News, June 2009

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"Through his superb images and his renowned penmanship, Simhananda leads us on an unedited discovery of the universe of the Buddha."

- Dharma Book of the Month in the  
Asian Classic Institute of Los Angeles Newsletter, February 2009

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"The images, especially the full-page ones, are astounding. Extremely colorful and sharp, most of these just exude history and reverence.

If you enjoy sculpture or photography, and want to see some really beautiful photos of ancient art that you very possibly haven't seen before, then give this one a look. The photos really are outstanding. "

- Weekly Buddhism, January 2009

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#### A Photographer's Mission of Calm

"A compelling new book on photography by a reclusive Buddhist, an author and photographer known as just Simhananda, explores images of Buddha around the world and throughout time. The author traveled the globe and searched for The Buddha, whose image and likeness is found throughout the world in thousands of statues and paintings.

... with messages of love, peace and enlightenment, the photographs of the Buddha and accompanying sayings by Dadi Darshan Dharma invite curiosity and engender soulful introspection."

-Alysha Sideman, ImagingInfo, March 2008

"Writer/photographer Simhananda accompanies his pictures with text ...that is his own interpretation of the dharma, which is sometimes charming, as in "Open each meeting, untie the knot" and sometimes cloying, as in "Clinging to bliss creates the yak of sweet yuck." As a Buddhist, my reaction to the last quote is, "Huh?"

... the gorgeous photos are really the reason to consider this book. You can think of your own reasons to be on the Way as you view them. "

-Janis Hashe, *The Pulse*, January 2008

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"The photographic images of Buddhist iconography found in this book, as well as the pithy sayings ... help elevate the mind toward the ...consolation, comforting, and healing..."

- Yoga YaYa, January 2008

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"The hardcover book allows armchair travelers, Buddhists and spiritual enthusiasts to view art depicting Buddha from the comfort of their homes. Each page includes one or more photos and short sayings, in English, French and Italian, intended to be inspirational, spiritually uplifting and sometimes humorous. "

-Luxury Travel Review, January 2008

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"Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, Khadromas and the Way of the Pilgrim is a 'universal' book; a work of art designed for people of all levels of spiritual understanding, all religions, and all who enjoy beautiful photographs. The presentation and text provides a veritable 'East meets West' platform; non-threatening and unintimidating. "

-Madelyn Miller, *TravelLady Magazine*, January 2008

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"A beautiful coffee table book."

"A stunning book!"

"An invitation to discover."

- Travel Talk Radio, December 2007

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"Seekers of eternal truths, or those adept at sorting through the ambiguities of the sayings by Dadi Darshan Dharma, will find this exquisitely illustrated book a delight to both mind and eye. And even those who find some of the sayings to be head-scratchers will enjoy Simhananda's captivating photography.

There's plenty to learn here, I suspect, and much comfort to be found for those who seek it in what many might find to be universal truths."

-Christie Storm, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, December 2007

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"The photographer Simhananda ... brings an introspective approach to the coffee table book with lovely, haunting images of the Buddha and other Buddhas, Bodhisattvas and Khadromas (dakinis). Canadian resident Dadi Darshan Dharma's writings are pungent, sometimes funny, sometimes puzzling and often expansive.

It's a fascinating approach that Buddhists and other meditators will appreciate. It offers visual stimulation and engagement aimed at awakening. "

-Edmonton Journal, November 2007

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"Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, Khadromas and the Way of the Pilgrim is a fitting ...book for the spiritual person on the holiday gift list. The collection of photos by a mysterious world traveler who goes by Simhananda, accompanied by sayings penned by Dadi Darshan Dharma, depict various images of the Buddha from around the world alongside inspirational spiritual quotes in three languages—English, Italian and French.

...there are some stunning depictions of the Buddha contained in this book's pages. "

- Amanda Farrell, Monday Magazine, November 2007

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"Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, Khadromas and the Way of the Pilgrim is a beautiful book. From the moment I picked it up I was spellbound by the amazing photography of Buddha...

In the Way of the Pilgrim these photos capture the creativity and spiritual understanding that everyone will enjoy. In this wonderful book he steps aside to allow the photos to speak for themselves and draw the readers in to discovery the underlying messages of love, peace and enlightenment. "

- Melody Schubert, USA Travel Magazine, October 2007

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"For those journeying to south, central, east, or southeast Asia, this interesting and extremely unique coffee table piece provides a prelude taste of Buddhist philosophy. ...an interesting work to peruse. "

-Adventure Journey Magazine, October 2007

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–The Buddhist Channel, August 2007

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"It is a tool which opens the door to a journey of awareness, love and peace. In a world mired in turbulence, war, and fear, the book is an oasis which has arrived at the ideal time."

–American Buddhist Net, August 2007

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Review in *Nieuws Over Boeddhisme* (magazine from The Netherlands)

Review in *Buddhistische Tagespresse* (magazine from Germany)