

# VISUDDHIMAGGA / PATH OF PURIFICATION

## LEVEL 1 [16 hrs] QUIZ WITH ANSWERS

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1. What language is **Visuddhimagga**?

PALI

2. What is the common English translation of **Visuddhimagga**?

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3. Who is the author of **Visuddhimagga**?

BUDDHAGHOSHA

4. When was **Visuddhimagga** written?

APPROX. 425 C.E. [5<sup>th</sup> CENTURY C.E.]

5. Which tradition of Buddhism is **Visuddhimagga** most associated with?

THERAVADA BUDDHISM [The Way of the Elders]

6. What are the 4 Noble Truths taught by Buddha?

1. THE TRUTH OF SUFFERING
2. THE TRUTH OF THE CAUSE OF SUFFERING
3. THE TRUTH OF THE CESSATION OF SUFFERING
4. THE TRUTH OF THE PATH TO THE CESSATION OF SUFFERING

7. Which Noble Truth[s] is **Visuddhimagga** explaining?

ALL OF THEM, BUT MOSTLY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> TRUTH OF THE PATH.

8. What are the “3 Higher Trainings” explained in the 4<sup>th</sup> Noble Truth?

1. THE HIGHER TRAINING IN MORALITY
2. THE HIGHER TRAINING IN CONCENTRATION
3. THE HIGHER TRAINING IN WISDOM

9. Name the 7 Stages of Purification described in **Visuddhimagga**.

1. THE PURIFICATION OF VIRTUE

2. THE PURIFICATION OF MIND

3. THE PURIFICATION OF VIEW

4. THE PURIFICATION BY  
OVERCOMING DOUBT

5. THE PURIFICATION BY  
KNOWLEDGE AND VISION  
OF WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT THE PATH

6. THE PURIFICATION BY  
KNOWLEDGE AND VISION OF THE WAY

7. THE PURIFICATION BY  
KNOWLEDGE AND VISION

10. Describe the relationship between the 3 Higher Trainings and the 7 Stages of Purification.

3 TRAININGS

7 STAGES OF PURIFICATION

1. MORALITY ----- 1. OF VIRTUE

2. CONCENTRATION- 2. OF MIND

3. WISDOM----- 3. OF VIEW

& 4. BY OVERCOMING DOUBT

& 5. BY KNOWLEDGE & VISION  
OF WHAT IS AND WHAT  
IS NOT THE WAY

& 6. BY KNOWLEDGE & VISION  
OF THE WAY

& 7. BY KNOWLEDGE & VISION

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