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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ven. Nyanatiloka Thera was born in Germany in 1878 and was trained as a classical violinist in conservatories in Frankfort and Paris. After reading his first books on Buddhism, he immediately set his heart on becoming a Buddhist monk, and in 1903 he travelled to East, where he took ordination in Burma. He thus became the first Continental European to join the Theravada Buddhist order. Ven Nyanatiloka spent most of his monk's life in Sri Lanka, where in 1911 he established a monastery for Western Buddhist monks called Island Hermitage. He was prolific translator of Pali Buddhist texts into German and English. His other works published by the BPS include Buddhist Dictionary, The Word of the Buddha, Guide through the Abhidhamma Pitaka, and Fundamentals of Buddhism. He passed away in Colombo in 1957, after living for over fifty years as a distinguished member of the Theravada Buddhist order.

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