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One should never forget that our work is founded on Dhamma and that the success on the quality of Dhamma the teacher has developed but not on money from different sources by stretching out your both hands. This I never did and I have been so successful. Perhaps you know that the care-taker work of our Centre is done by a small group of my devoted disciples from the Accountant-General's Office. The strictest injunction is for any one of them not to show signs (not to speak of an appeal) for money required to keep the Centre going. There is no admission or subscription fee or fixed donation payable by my disciples. If any one of the disciples feels that, as a return for the gift the Dhamma, he or she should donate something in kind or cash, there is no objection. We accept aid only from disciples who have purified themselves with Vipassana meditation under me and not from any other person. The idea is not to allow my Centre to become polluted by aids from persons who have not yet undergone a process of purification of mind with Vipassana meditation under my guidance. Who knows what is their source of income? We take no chances because we want the Centre to be developed on the foundation of Purity...

... In His days our Buddha was never concerned with money or aids. Buddha carried out His work on "AS IS WHERE IS" basis, not caring for what had happened in the past nor what was going to happen in the next moment. I have been trying to follow His principle as much as possible and wish those who are to deputise me to follow my example so that they will not get themselves caught in the net and meshes of the Mara, the Evil one.

If one can help the people to enjoy the fruits of meditation and if they know that the results obtained are for their well-being, tangible, here and now, and concrete, you cannot prevent them from doing their right to give better facilities for the promotion of the Dhamma.

So it is important that, in the first instance, you should develop yourself to be in a position fit and strong enough to teach Dhamma to whoever is interested. If the rigid control over issue of Pass-ports are relaxed and I get the green light for journeys abroad, I will surely try my best to come over to the West.

With all good wishes and kindest regards.

Ba Khin