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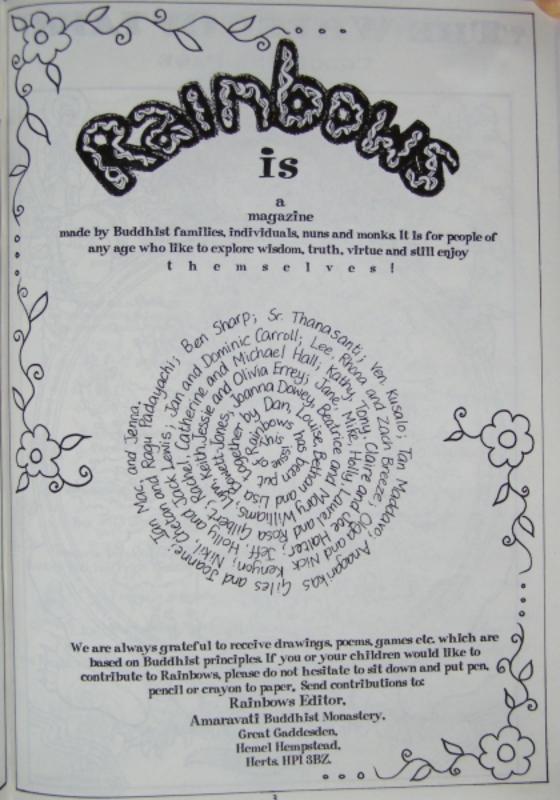
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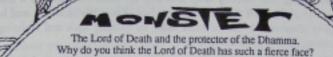


THE WHEEL OF LIFE

COLOURING PAGE



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



Is it to make us scared of death or is it possible he is a fierce friend to scare away the fear we have of death and encourage us to understand that death is part of nature's cycle?

PIG 18 ROOSTER # SNAKE

Things that make the Wheel of Life go round. The Rooster represents wanting to get things;
the Snake is hating and pushing away: the Pig is about being mixed up and not be a solution.

the Snake is hating and pushing away; the Pig is about being mixed up and not knowing how to behave.

These three creatures chase and bite each other's tails. All these kinds of feelings are connected together.

Conditions are things which make something happen.

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Blind Person

IGNORANCE

Ignorance is not knowing you can choose.

Potter

HABITS

Habits are what happens before you think.

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Monkey Holding Fruit Person Rowing Boat Empty House CONSCIOUSNESS BODY & MIND SENSE BASES

These three are what are needed when you are born as a feeling human being.

Man and Women Making Love

CONTACT

How the world meets your senses.

Boy with Arrow in Eye

FEELING

3 kinds of feeling - pleasant, unpleasant, & neutral - which can happen with contact.

Someone Drinking Alcohol Monkey Picking Fruit From Tree CRAVING GRASPING

Wanting something and you can't let go.



Pregnant Woman

BECOMING

When you want something so badly you can't imagine living without it.

Baby Being Born

BIRTH

When you get something and feel complete for a time.

Old Person Walking With A Stick

OLD AGE SICKNESS AND DEATH Suffering: Nothing is really ever satisfying. Even if you get what you want, it changes and you feel disappointed.

The Buddha



The Buddha is outside the wheel because death doesn't disturb him. Neither does the cycle of wanting and the sadness of not having.



Going Forth

The week before Anagarikas Laura and Sheila became Nuns, Nick Kenyon interviewed Laura about how she felt about becoming Sister Kovida,

'Going Forth' means to leave behind the ways of the world.

Nick: What work did you do when you first came to the monastery!

Laura: I worked in the kitchen, first helping with washing up, then managing. At first I felt insecure, stressful, as the kitchen is one of the most pressurised places here. I was too idealistic, and had to learn to be more sensitive to changing situations. I learned more later, by looking back and realising how perhaps I could have been cooler, more flexible, less uptight.

Nick: So what made you decide to become a nun?

Laura: When I used to visit this monastery, it felt so peaceful, a sanctuary. I found it profoundly satisfying, a way of getting beyond the habits which limit us.

Nick: What use are monks and nuns!

Laura: Before I joined I used to do socially useful work in a community centre etc. But I felt I could not do it well as my heart was not open enough; I had too much sense of self. This monastery offers people wisdom, an example of how people from very different backgrounds can live together, in peace.

Nick: What sort of meditation do you prefer?

Laura: As I get too intense and worried, I incline to breathing meditation, to calming my mind. I try to put things down, contemplate tranquillity and stop judging myself. In the morning I concentrate on an object, to try to brighten my mind.

Nick: What are the best moments?

Laura: I like being with my friends here. I like listening to Dhamma, feeling it makes sense.

Nick: And the worst moment?

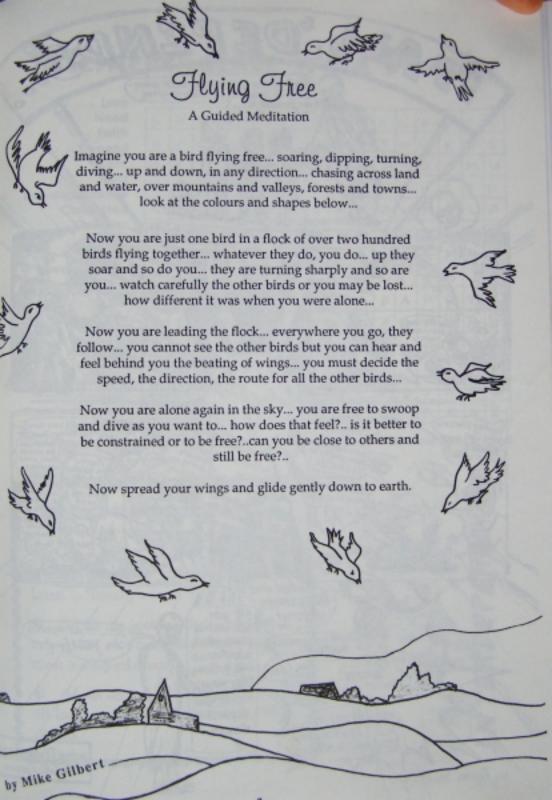
Laura: Having an argument - it is a painful experience.

Nick: How do you feel about being ordained? Pleased? Nervous?

Laura: I feel a mixture of things. Above all it feels right for me, helpful for my life.



interviewed by nick kenyon





Interdependence Word Puzzle

Love Need Faith Depend Care Trust Interdependence Connected Oneness Happy World Together Another Me You Us Always Special Important Support Protect Look After

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Link Good Help Safe Friend Forever Ask Give Gift Live Share Kind

Interdependence & Words

- ◆ How many words can you make from the letters in "Interdependence"?
- Words are interdependent you can only explain what one word means by talking about it using other words.
- Words make people interdependent we all have to agree what words mean to talk together.







THE WILD GEESE

By Bethan 6 years



Once upon time there live a duckling. He grew up to be a circus goose then he grew old and died. But when he died he heard a voice that said, "Would you like to live again?"

"Yes please," said the goose.

"You may choose a universe."

I want to come back to Earth again, said the goose.

"You may choose any animal that you wish to be."

I wish to be a goose again."

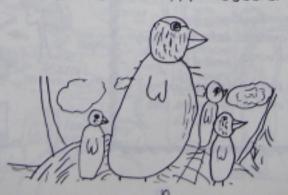
Would you like to be a boy or girl?

"A girl, this time."

"Which country would you like to live in?"



In Englands o I can lay eggs for my master. He can feed me and keep me safe from foxes. I can then have chicks that grow up to be happy little geese."







NGHA QUESTION TI by Rags, Holly, Olivia, Claire Venerable Sobbhano has been in robes for ten

years, he is work monk at

Amaravati and a

coordinators of many of

the monasteries events



Ajahn Viradhammo is

Abbot of Amaravati, he was ordained as a Samanera in Thailand in 1972.

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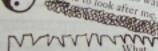
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and Laurel

Blow did it feel when gyou left the monastery Mon Tudong and had to depend on other people for everything?

Sometimes I felt very nsecure, worned that wayn't going to be ooked after but it asually worked out that I was, so it brought a lot of faith and happiness because there was always some good person who was ale to look after me.

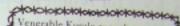


does it feel like to be depended ' supon by so many people in the monastery?

"Being the Abbot many people < come to me with questions, it's a relationship where I try to guide, help and to encourage people but not to have them attach to me. So long as thereis no attachments there are no T'm not completely dependent on lay People but I have to rely on them for burdens on anyone." unpletely V

Why did you become a monk?

I became a monk to try and live a good life and I thought hat by becoming a monk I drould find a way to reach enlightenment."



Venerable Kusalo runs the children's Dhamma class ar Amaravati and publishes the monastery newsletter, he ordained

onastery me a a novice in New Zee years ago. Ololekolololok the detail of the state What do you think inteldependence

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a monk who do you depend upon most spart from the lay

The Sangha because they help me in the spiritual life, we give mutual support. Firstly my teachers Ajahn Sumhedo and Ajahn Vitadhammo then all the other monks and nuns. I depend on the lay people for physical support and the Sangha for support in the spiritual life. *Actoriotototototototototo

That does it feel like being completely dependent on lay people?

ometimes it feels overating that you can't to what you want to do, me ie also feels like a great privilege to have other people helping

SISTER CARDIOLOGIC Has becoming a monk 2 made you feel satisfied?

"Well I've been in robes. for five years now and I still like doing it. I can look back and see how I was feeling then and I can Very I'm generally happies. I don't feel quite so Junxious about being alive and more comfortable being me -so yes?"

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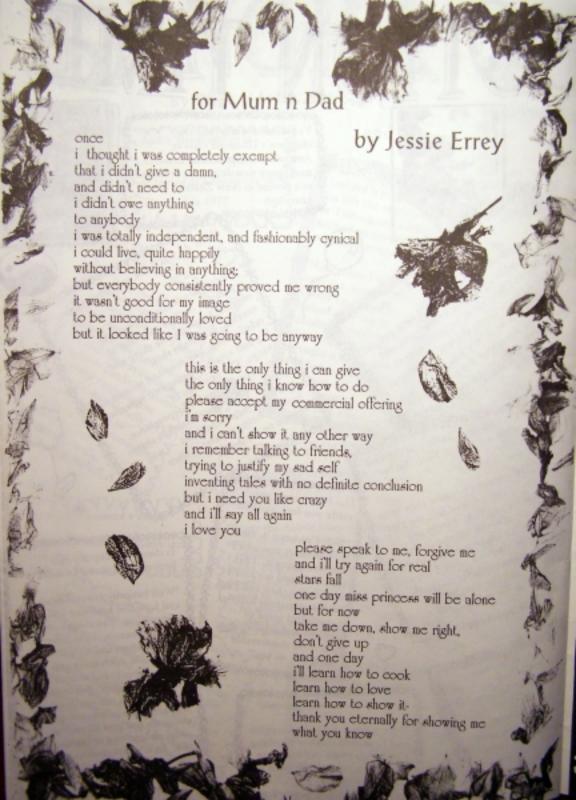
"I tried many different lifestyles and I couldn't think of anything else better to do. All the other things I've done didn't seem to make me happy."

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Is there interdependence between Scum and Lional!?

"Well basically Scum is windom and Lional is kindness and compassion. You always need a halance because if you have soo much wisdom and no kindness or compassion everything gets very cold and sterile and there's noheart relationship. But if you have kindness and compassion without any wisdom, you love. everyone and give all your money away, people take advantage of you. So it's important to have that halance - they look after each

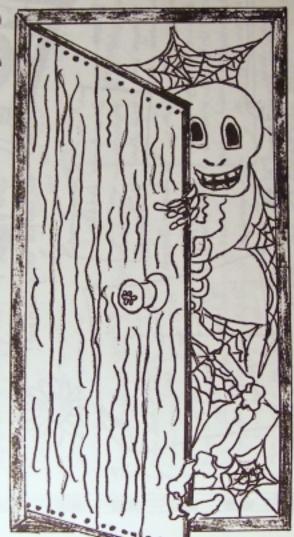


SKELETONS IN CLIPBOARDS

Once I was with my friend doing the splits and suddenly my trousers ripped all the way up the middle. I was so embarrassed I went to sit in the corner and everyone looked at me like I was shoid.

To get to my photography class, I get on a bus which stops outside a private boys' school. One week I was sitting on the bus feeling really good about myself; I'd ivst had a big chocolate muffin, life was sweet. At the school brys began filling the bus. I couldn't resist a little flirting, and so I turned anomal to the boys, making eyes and licking lifes. They began storing at me and whispering amongst themselves. I thought, "wow, I'm a Goddess." After 10 minutes of this I glanced into the mirror to check my beauty and found I had chocolate smeared all round my mouth - no wonder they'd been storing!

once I was in a phone box and I'd just bought an expensive phone card. I wasn't sure how to use it so I put it into the box labelled "phone cards here" I waited for something to happen down the necisiver, but nothing did, and then I saw the phone card slot!



For Ha rest of your life

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Sucial death

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METER

Shame!

Once I went to a swanky cafe for a treat when I was about to tuck in, I realised I had some gum in my mouth, so I tucked it behind my em. After the meal I hied to get it out but it get shock in my hair. We asked for suissors but they only had a breadhnife the entire cafe watched while I sawed at the gum in my hair.

when I was in the 6th form, my friends and I all turned up in shorts one hot day. Our female teacher decided this wasn't an and sent us boys home - but she let a mini-skirted girl stay! Next day we had the same teacher so before the lesson the went to the drawa cupboard and raided it for minishirts. We turned up to the class in them, but the teacher had a mental and sent us home.

I came to stay at Amaravahionce and I was halfway through my shoner when I ran out to the loo, conditions in my hair and all dripping net. I came out to find that the beach had fallen and blocked the door. I had to find a ladder and climb from the other cubicle in my renel!

BY LAUREL CLAIRE HOLLY OLIVIA AND RAGS



Dear Auntie Dukkha, Help me! I can't get onlightered. Gimne a che, - A kargaroo willyn?

AUNTIE DUNCHA WRITES:

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AUNTIE DOKEMA WAITES:

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VEALE DAKKHY MULLER:

homes. Once you realise this and benin to let it be; It will be easier to understand them - and yourself#

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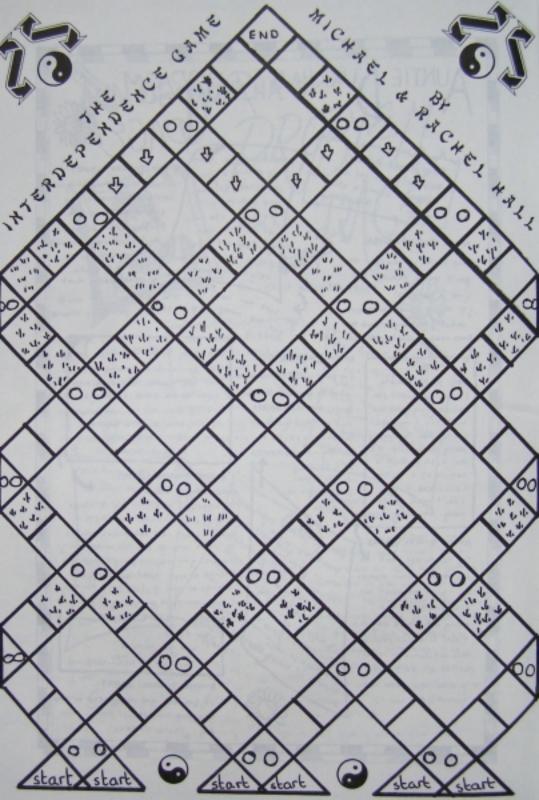
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AUNTIE DUKKHA WRITES:

i'd say that you really need to ship grasping and let Co. Have a nice day Austre Dunkha





Rules for The Interdependence Game

- © This game is for three or more players. The aim is for all the counters to reach the top of the board.
- To begin, find three counters each: you have to be able to tell them apart. Each player places their three counters on one of the starting points.
- Each player throws a dice and the player with the highest number goes first.
- Players move their counters forwards (up the board) the number of squares shown on the dice. A player may choose which of their three counters to move on their turn, but may only move one of their three counters in any one turn.
- At a Junction, a player may decide which of the two routes to take going forwards; going backwards is not allowed.
- If your counter lands on a square marked led which is already occupied by another player's counter, then you or they can, on following turns, move all the counters on together. Two or three counters can join and move together in this way, but they must belong to different players.
- ♥ Players can move their counters together as long as they wish. However, at any point, one player may decide to leave the other(s), and can move on alone.
- If your counter lands on a Bog Square, marked alone or with another counter, it cannot move and must wait to be rescued. (While you are waiting for one counter to be rescued, it is OK to move your other counters on your turn.)
- ♥ You are rescued from a bog when another counter (or counters) land on the same square. Then, on the rescuers next throw, all counters can move forward together out of the Bog. You can not be rescued by one of your own counters or by a group of counters which includes one of your own.
- Three counters travelling together can land on a Bog square without getting stuck.
- If you land on a square marked you can move your counter back to rescue any player stuck in a Bog square behind you. You do this by placing your counter on top of the trapped counter, then moving on together on your next move. If two or three counters land on a square together, then either one or more can go back.
- Vou can not land on one of your own counters. You can not land on another player's counter unless it is on a (connect) or (bog) square.
- To finish, you need to throw an exact number, otherwise you move on past the peak.
- If all the players reach the top with all their counters, then everyone has won. If any counters (even just one) fail to reach the top because they remain in a bog, then everyone has lost.



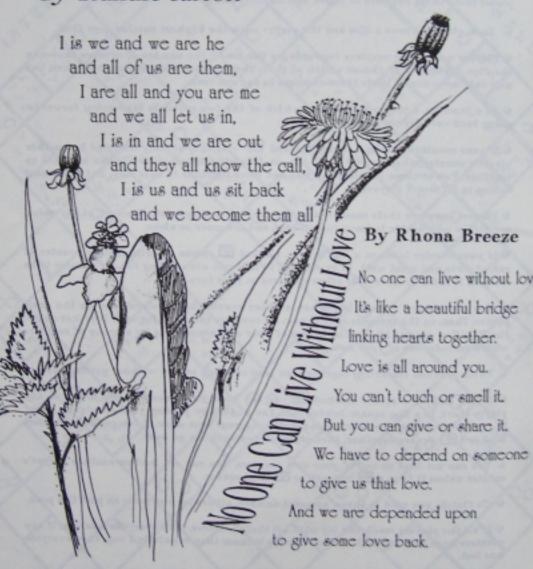




Two poems and a blower

by dominic carroll

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GLOBAL MEDITATION

Imagine the whole world

as if it were a small globe, a sphere just a few feet across suspended in mid-air. See the blue of the water, the green, the brown, the yellow of the sand, the white ice caps and the clouds. Walk around it, and look at it closely. Marvel at the thin layer of water on its surface, and the thin layer of atmosphere. See how the water rises from the seas into the clouds, falls as rain on the land, and flows back to the sea. See how the water helps plants grow, and how many species of tiny creatures depend on the plants, the water and the air. See how the air is continually freshened by the green areas. Marvel at how well it all fits together, how well the creatures and plants, the land, sea and atmosphere support each other to make a perfect system. If only the world were a few feet across, we would all work hard to protect it and preserve it, because it would be a marvel for us all to enjoy, and we would know that if we destroyed it we would never be able to replace it. If only the world

by Jeff Lewis



were a few feet across.





Today Sister Candasiri came to visit the Dhamma School and we asked the children what they thought of this new school they joined either in September of last year or just this January. Henry and Aria are 5, Emily, Laura and Robin are 4 Toby is 6 and Laurie 7.





What is it like being in the Dhamma School, Henry?"

"I like the school because there's writing and playing and working and all sorts of things." "Of all the things you do what do you look forward to most of all Aria?"

"I like playing with the polydrons and the multilink."

"Toby. Tell me what it's like at the school." "It's very, very small."

"How does that make it different?" "It's good"

"What cort of things do you do differently from your other school?"

"We had a big playground instead of going to the park, and the work was more difficult there. I can do this."

"Do you like being at the Dhamma School Laurie?"

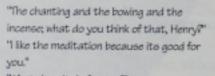
"Yee. At my other school there wasn't enough things to do. We do much more, There was no computer at my other school." "Is there anything about this school that you think is unusual?"

"We can choose what we want to do." "Robin. What is it like at the Dhamma School?"

"Stupid," says Robin with a twinkle in his eye and a big grin.

'We take the register in French sometimes, don't we Laura?"

"Yes we do. And I sang happy birthday to my cousin in Welsh and a bit in English. Here I do more things, much, much more things. I play with the other children here and adulte too."



"What does it do for you?" "It makes you into a paint. You aren't

"Do you like meditation Aria?"

"I love meditation." "You can't love meditation."

"Emily thinks you can't love meditation

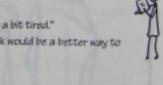
because you can't marry it?" "Why don't you like puja Emily? Do you find it

hard to sit still?"

"Yee. Because I'm a bit tired."

'What do you think would be a better way to start the day?" "Swimming!"

















In The Beginning

It was 1986. Amaravati had only existed for a year or so. We visited as separate families when we could, and fitted in with the monastic community.

At one point, one of the Bhikkhus suggested that some of the families could come to the monastery and use a corner of the field to camp. I don't remember the different families ever arranging to be there at the same time, so was exciting to arrive, and meet with old friends and new ones who had also come for the weekend. One mum had come by several trains with two small children, an enormous tent and a pack.

We kept our separate spaces, put up our separate tents and got out our separate cooking pots and food. Soon the children began to play together. Someone said, "This saucepan's enormous; it would hold enough for us all." Someone else said, "Shall we add our food to it?" Another one added, "I've got this cake we could share."

The separateness melted away as we became a group sharing a meal, a big Buddha family instead of separate families.

Then someone else said,
"Shall we do this next year and ask other families to
come?"



DENT ON BACH