

1993 DECLARATION ON NON-SECTARIAN BUDDHISM

In 1993, a Conference of Western Buddhist Teachers held in Dharamsala, India the teachers present agreed on the following non-sectarian outlook:

“In the West, where so many different Buddhist traditions exist side by side, one needs to be constantly on one's guard against the danger of sectarianism.

Such a divisive attitude is often the result of failing to understand or appreciate anything outside one's own tradition.

Teachers from all schools would therefore benefit greatly from studying and gaining some practical experience of the teachings of other traditions.”