

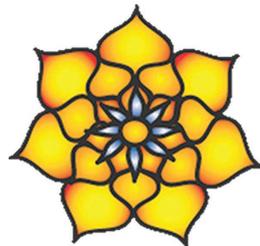
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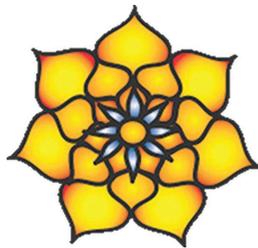
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that I envisioned.

While working on this book, I learned that power can be very seductive and addictive; and for this reason, kings or people with power would not voluntarily relinquish what they had and they would use any means necessary to maintain their control for absolute power. I have also observed that sometimes it was easier for the king to rule his country than his family. This was certainly true for Cambodia when the kings begat many children from their multiple wives and concubines, creating many possible successors in competition for his throne. These shared bloodlines, across multiple generations, resulted in complicated and tumultuous family relationships wherein the family members would conspire against one another for power or the right to rule.



Catvāry Ārya Satyāni (Sanskrit)

Cattāri Ariyo Saccāni (Pali)

Chatuk Arei Sachak/ចតុអរិយសច្ចៈ (Khmer)

The Four Noble Truths (English)

Dukkha (ទុក្ខៈ: Suffering): All lives are subject to Dukkha

Cause of Dukkha (សមុទយៈ: Samudaya): Desire (តណ្ហា) is the root causes of Dukkha

Cessation of Dukkha (និរតិៈ: Nirhodha): Eliminate desire

Steps to eliminate desire (មគ្គៈ: Magga):

Apply the Noble Eightfold Path [Ārya Astanga Marga (Sanskrit)/Ariyo Aṭṭhaṅgiko Maggo (Pāli)]

- *Right Understanding*
- *Right Thought*
- *Right Speech*
- *Right Conduct/Action*
- *Right Livelihood*
- *Right Effort*
- *Right Attentiveness/Mindfulness*
- *Right Concentration/Meditation*

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