

1.23 A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE WAY OF EMANCIPATION BETWEEN THERAWADA AND ZEN BUDDHISM

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ABSTRACT

The way of Emancipation is announced in Pali Buddhism as the Noble Eight Fold Path, which leads to the extinction of the all kinds of defilement flames. According to Pali Buddhism the destination of existence otherwise Samsara journey is Nibbana. The essential Meaning of Nibbana is extinguished. All the beings including humans, animals, even celestials depend on of their own abilities, which produced their existence. The existence is introduced in Pali Buddhism as a circle or dependent Origination.

The definition with regard to the concept of emancipation can be comparatively examined by the support of Zen Buddhism. As such Saddharma Pundarika Sutra (The Lotus Sutra), Arya Lankavatara Sutra and Prajnaparamita Sutra ect. The research can be done under the following plan.

1. The way of emancipation in early Buddhism.
2. How far it has been changed in the latter developed Buddhism.
3. Some definitions, which can be seen in northern Buddhism, especially in Japanese Zen Buddhism.
4. Similar and unsmillar way of each other of doctrine of two schools of Buddhism.