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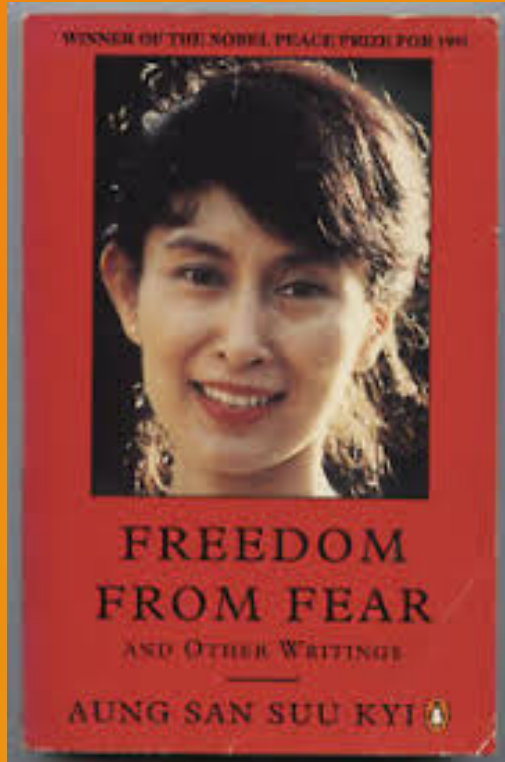
Die drei grundlegenden *Merkmale alles Daseins* im Buddhismus – und ihre logischen Folgen:

- ***anicca*** : alle Formen der Existenz sind unbeständig – also wechseln sich Formen von Gewalt und Gewaltlosigkeit immer ab;
- ***dukkha*** : alles Leben ist Leiden – also auch Gewalt UND Gewaltlosigkeit;
- ***anatta*** : es gibt kein Selbst – also auch keine individuelle menschliche Instanz, die Gewaltlosigkeit einklagen könnte.

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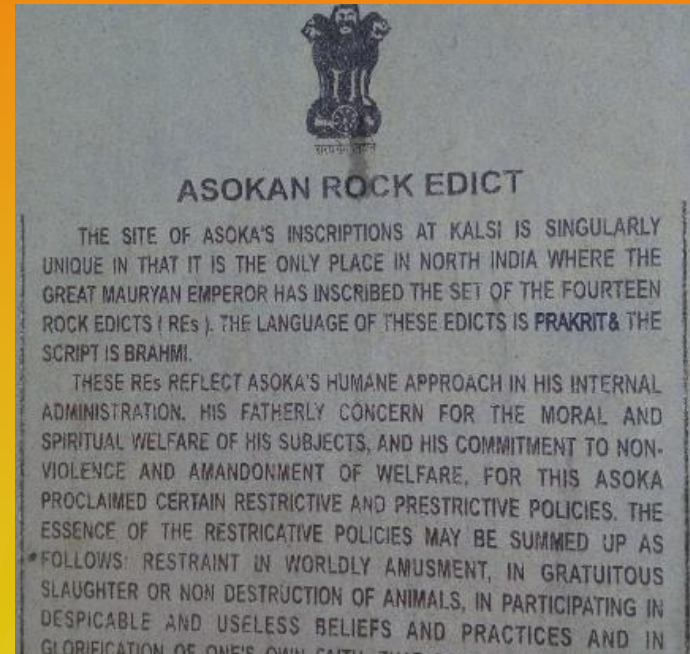
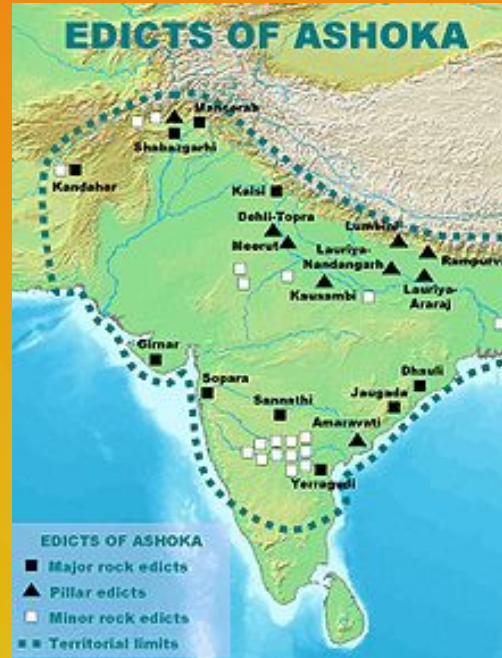


3 Grundlagen einer buddhistischen politischen Kultur



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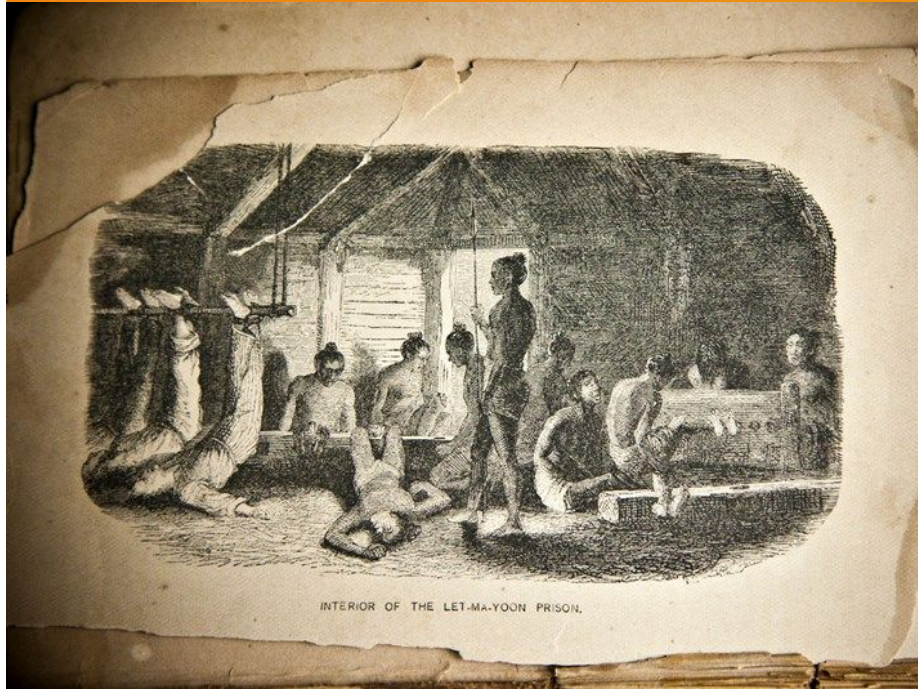
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These rock edicts reflect Ashoka's human approach in his internal administration, his fatherly concern for the moral and spiritual welfare of his subjects and his commitment to non-violence and abandonment of welfare. For this Ashoka proclaimed certain restrictive policies: [...] Restraint in worldly amusement, in gratuitous or non-destruction of animals, in participating in despicable and useless beliefs and practices ...

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4 Der grausame Buddhismus

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THE MASSACRES BY THE KING

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

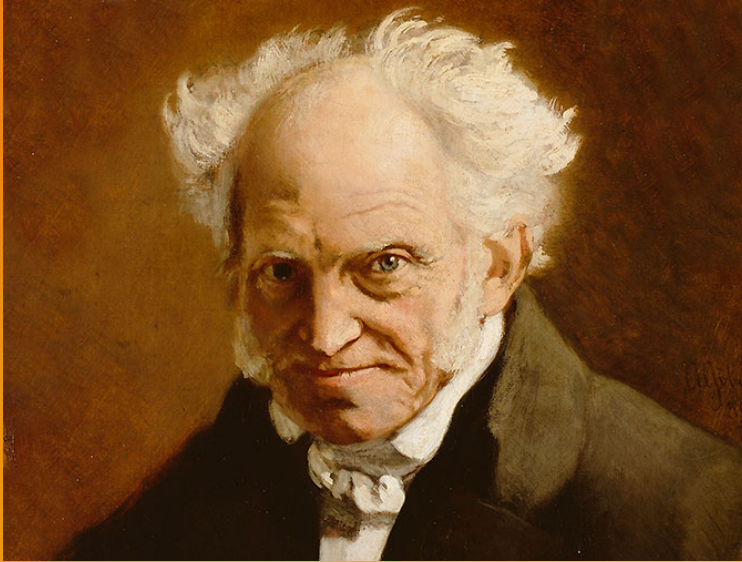
RANGOON, MARCH 16.

The state of anarchy into which Upper Burmah has drifted has at length assumed such a serious complexion that Government has finally decided to interfere and settle the long-pending question of our relations with Golden Foot, the King of Kings, and Lord of the Umbrella-bearing Chiefs. The late King Mindone, who died in September last, was succeeded by one of the youngest of his many sons, the Prince of Theebau, a youth of about twenty-one. Theebau had spent the greater part of his life in a monastery, and as he had been for two years a pupil in the Rev. J. E. Marks's Royal Mandalay S.P.G. School it was expected that an enlightened rule would take the place of the sullen obstructiveness of the old Mindone. That astute potentate had, however, never definitely fixed on his successor. He was afraid, if he named an Ain-Shay-Min, or Heir Apparent, that the holder of that office would forthwith, after the manner of his predecessors, proceed to scheme for the immediate acquisition of the throne. Accordingly, it was not until the last few days of his final illness that he decided on his successor, and then he named the Nyoung Yan Prince, a great favourite in the palace, and much liked by all English visitors to Mandalay. The daughter of the chief queen, however, was engaged to be married to Theebau, and the "Queen of the South" forthwith resolved that her future son-in-law should succeed. She

„It is the price that autocrats have to pay for their power, this eminent necessity that all rivals must be put aside. [...] East and west has not deferred, safe that in the East the families are larger, the slaughter therefore heavier. [...] And so when we consider the execution of the kings's brothers we must not allow us to be carried away by sentiment, but look the matter fairly in the face. [...] Let us therefore admit that this massacre was a necessity, a terrible one no doubt but necessary.“ (H. Fiedling 1899 *Thibaw's Queen*. London, New York, Harpers & Brothers: 52-53.)

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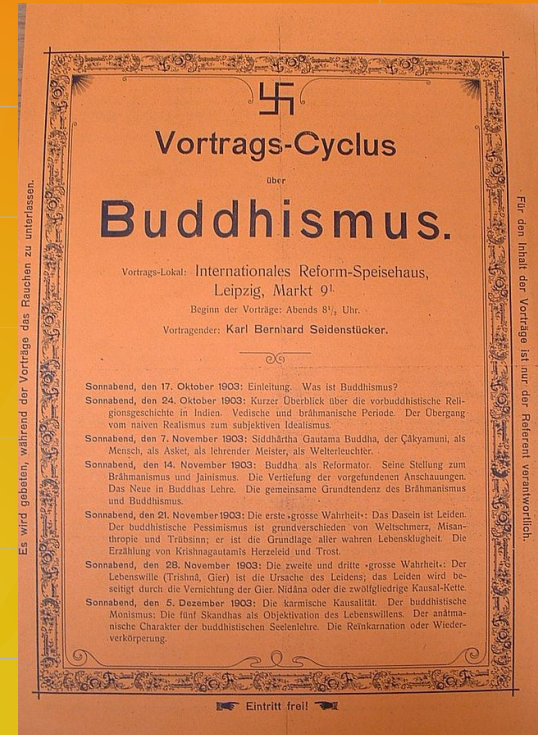
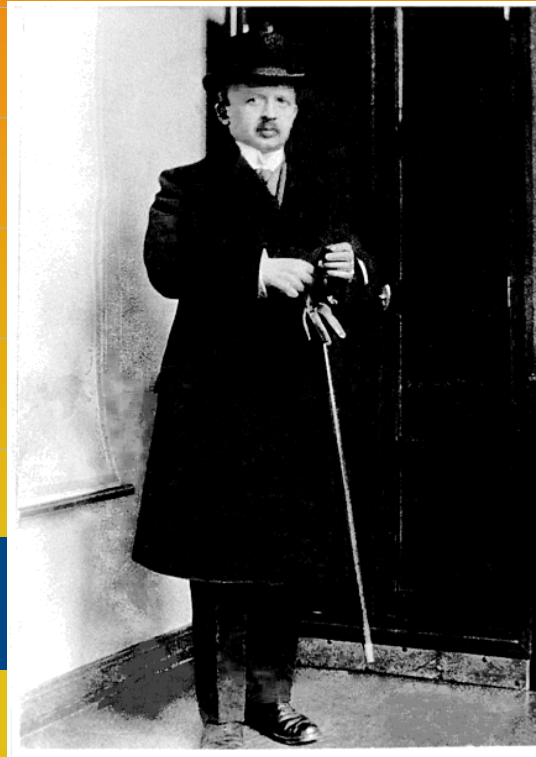
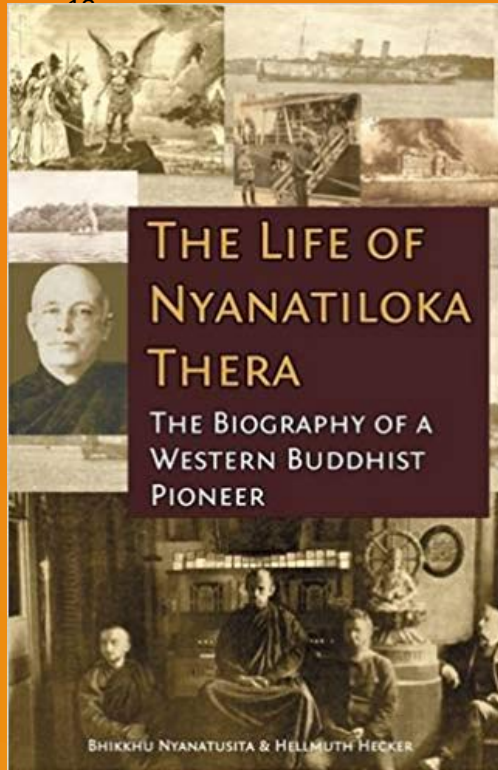
5 Die
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In meinem 17. Jahre, ohne alle gelehrte Schulbildung, wurde ich vom Jammer des Lebens so ergriffen, wie Buddha in seiner Jugend, als er Krankheit, Alter, Schmerz und Tod erblickte



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Es wird gebeten, während der Vorträge das Rauchen zu unterlassen.

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