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ABBREVIATIONS

A.N	Anguttara-nikāyapāli
A.N.A	Anguttara-nikāya Atthakathā
Abhi.s	Abhidhammatthasangaha
Abhi. IA	Atthasālini (Commentary to Dhammasangani)
Abhi. IE	Atthasālini English translation
Abhi. II	Vibhanga pāli of Abhidhamma pitaka
Abhi.D.L	Abhidhamma in Daily Life
Abhi.I	Dhammasangani pāli
Abhi.IIA	Sammohavinodani (commentary to Vibhanga)
Abhi.su.	Abhidhānappadipikāsuci
Abhi.v.n.	Abhidhammatthavibhāvini
Abhidhā.	Abhidhānappadipikāpāli
Abhidhā.ti.	Abhidhānappadipikātika
AIDL	Abhidhamma in Daily Life by Nina Van Gorkam
A.M	American Mosaic
B.A	The Essence of Buddha Abhidhamma
B.D.	Buddhist Dictionary
B.O.A	The Book of Analysis
Bde	Salient Articles on Buddha Desanā
CAD	Caturārakkha Dipani
CCD	Chamber's 21 st Century Dictionary
C.E.P	Common English Proverb
C.m.Abhi.	A Comprehensive Manual of Abhidhamma
C.p	Compendium of philosophy
CSCD	Sixth Council Edition Tipitaka CD. VRI
DBT	A Dictionary of Buddhist Terms
D.M.A	Duka Mātikā Arakok
D.O.D	Dispeller of Delusion
Dhp	Dhammapada
Dh.p.A	Dhammapadatthakathā
DhpCT	Dhammapada Commentary Translation
DHPI	Dhammapada by U Pannādipa
Exp.	The Expositor
ETBL	Essential themes of Buddhist Lectures
F.F.M.	The Four Foundations of Mindfulness
Iti	Itivuttaka
JāII	Jātaka II
Kac	Kaccāyanapāli

Khu.III	Udānapāli
Khu VIII	Theragāthā
M.Abh	A Manual of Abhidhamma
M.B	The Manuals of Buddhism
MN. I	Mulapannāsa pāli
MN. II	Majjhimpānāsa pāli
MN. III	Uparipānāsa pāli
M.L.D.B	The Middle Length Discourses of the Buddha
MOBA	Manual of Basic Abhidhamma
MORA	Ministry of Religious Affairs
Mpa	Questions of Mdlinda
N.T.E.M	The New Treatises of Element Meditation
OALD	Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary
P.D	Paramatthadipani
P.P	The path of Purification
POF	On the Path of Freedom
SN, I	Samyutta Nikāya Sangāthāvagga pāli
SN, II	Samyutta Nikāya Salāyatanasamyutta pāli
SIII	Samyutta Nikāya Mahavaggasamyutta pāli
S.bhā.ti	Sangaha bhāsā tikā
S.V.A	Silakkhandhavaggaṭṭhakathā
Vin. IIA	Vinayapitaka, Pārājikandattakathā II
Vis	Visuddhimagga
Vmg	Vimuttimagga
W.B.T.	What the Buddha Taught
Y.A	Yamaka Arakok
Ypk	Yamaka Pankone

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