

The information we have shown here is sufficient enough to prove the strong connection of the Abhayagiri *vāsīn* with Chinese Mahāyāna and Indian Vajrayāna masters.

Conclusion

Based on scanty information cited here, I have made an attempt to see the connection of the Abhayagiri monks with other Buddhist schools and their great contribution to spreading Buddhism in the world. Liberal and open minded, the Abhayagiri monks had tried to spread their knowledge far and wide in every other Buddhist school of thought while contributing their knowledge for the development of Theravāda Buddhism in Sri Lanka. Though the Abhayagiri school disappeared by its name the great impact of the practices of this celebrated school can be seen in Sri Lankan Buddhism, literature and its culture. In this paper we have referred to a very limited number of Chinese and Tibetan sources. There would be other sources within the corpus of Chinese and Tibetan Buddhist literature. Therefore, this area is open to scholars who are interested in the subject.

Abbreviations

CBETA	Chinese Electronic <i>Tripitaka</i> Series
Cv	<i>Cūlavamsa</i>
HJAS	Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies
Mv	<i>Mahāvamsa</i>
Nks	<i>Nikāya-saṃgrahaya</i>
Svp	<i>Sahassavatthupparāṇa</i>