

Book Five of the Suttanipata is entitled Parayanavagga, which can be translated as the "Way to the Far Shore". There are 16 suttas in this collection. All of them are questions posed to the Buddha and his answers. The nature of all of the questions is, in general, "How can I awaken?" or "How can I escape dukkha?" What's so remarkable about this collection is the Buddha's explicit instructions on what must be done to find liberation.

Some scholars regard both the Atthakavagga (Snp 4) and the Parayanavagga (Snp 5) as being considerably earlier in composition than the bulk of the Pali Canon. As such they may reveal an earlier form of Buddhism — they may give us an idea of what the Buddha's teachings were like before the establishment of Buddhism as an institution.

In this book, there is a chapter for each sutta. Each chapter begins with an English translation of the sutta. Then comes my commentary on the sutta, including looking in detail at various verses, sentences, phrases, sometimes even words. These commentaries are just my understanding of these suttas based on my practice, books I've read, conversations I've had, and my study of the suttas in the five Nikayas. But hopefully there will be some information you find useful as you make your way to the far shore.

Price: \$Dana



On The Way To The Far Shore

Leigh Brasington

# On The Way To The Far Shore

## *Pārāyanavagga*

Q&A with The Buddha on the Way to Awakening



Leigh Brasington