



Forest Sangha
Calendar
2009/2552

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LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS

These days are devoted to quiet reflection at the monastery. Visitors may come and take the Precepts for the day and join in all or part of the extended evening meditation.

The dates for the lunar calendar are determined by traditional methods of calculation, and are not always the same as the precise astronomical occurrences.

THE FULL-MOON DAYS OF 2009 2552/53

Magha Puja March 00 ('Sangha Day')

Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1250 arahants, to whom the Buddha gave the exhortation on the basis of the discipline (Ovada Patimokkha)

Vesakha Puja (Wesak) May 00 ('Buddha Day')

Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Asalha Puja July 00 ('Dhamma Day')

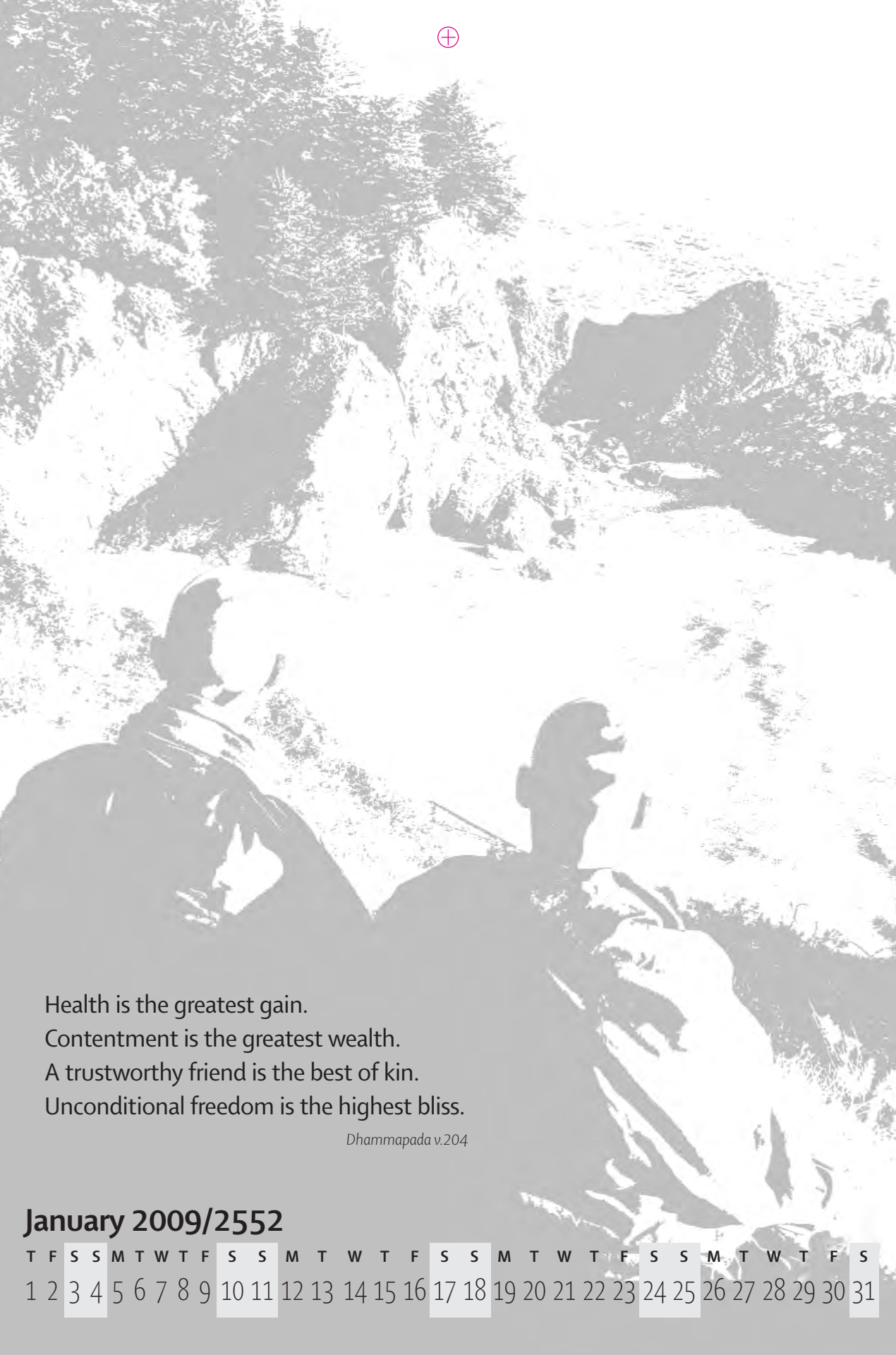
Commemorates the Buddha's first discourse, given to the five samanas in the Deer Park at Sarnath, near Varanasi. The traditional Rainy-Season Retreat (Vassa) begins on the next day.

Pavarana Day October 00

This marks the end of the three-month Vassa-retreat. In the following month, lay people may offer the Kathina-robe as part of a general alms-giving ceremony.

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Health is the greatest gain.
Contentment is the greatest wealth.
A trustworthy friend is the best of kin.
Unconditional freedom is the highest bliss.

Dhammapada v.204

January 2009/2552

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One who abides in Dhamma,
who delights in Dhamma,
who contemplates Dhamma,
who memorises Dhamma
does not lose the Way.

Dhammapada v.364

February 2009/2552

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Freeing themselves from longing,
unhindered by habitual grasping,
those who align themselves with the Way
delight in non-attachment
and, while still in the world,
are radiant.

Dhammapada v.89

March 2009/2552

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Happiness arises from
honouring awakened beings.

Dhammapada v.332

April 2009/2552

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Be careful in what you say,
restrained in what you think,
and impeccable in how you act.
Purifying these three ways of behaviour.
will take you along the Way of the sages.

Dhammapada v.281

May 2009/2552

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The protected and guarded mind
leads to ease of being.
Though subtle, elusive and hard to see,
one who is alert
should watch over this mind.

Dhammapada v.36



June 2009/2552

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Do not dwell on the faults
and shortcomings of others,
instead, seek clarity
about your own.

Dhammapada v.50

July 2009/2552

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As a bee gathering nectar
does not harm or disturb
the colour and fragrance of the flower,
so do the wise move through the world.

Dhammapada v.49



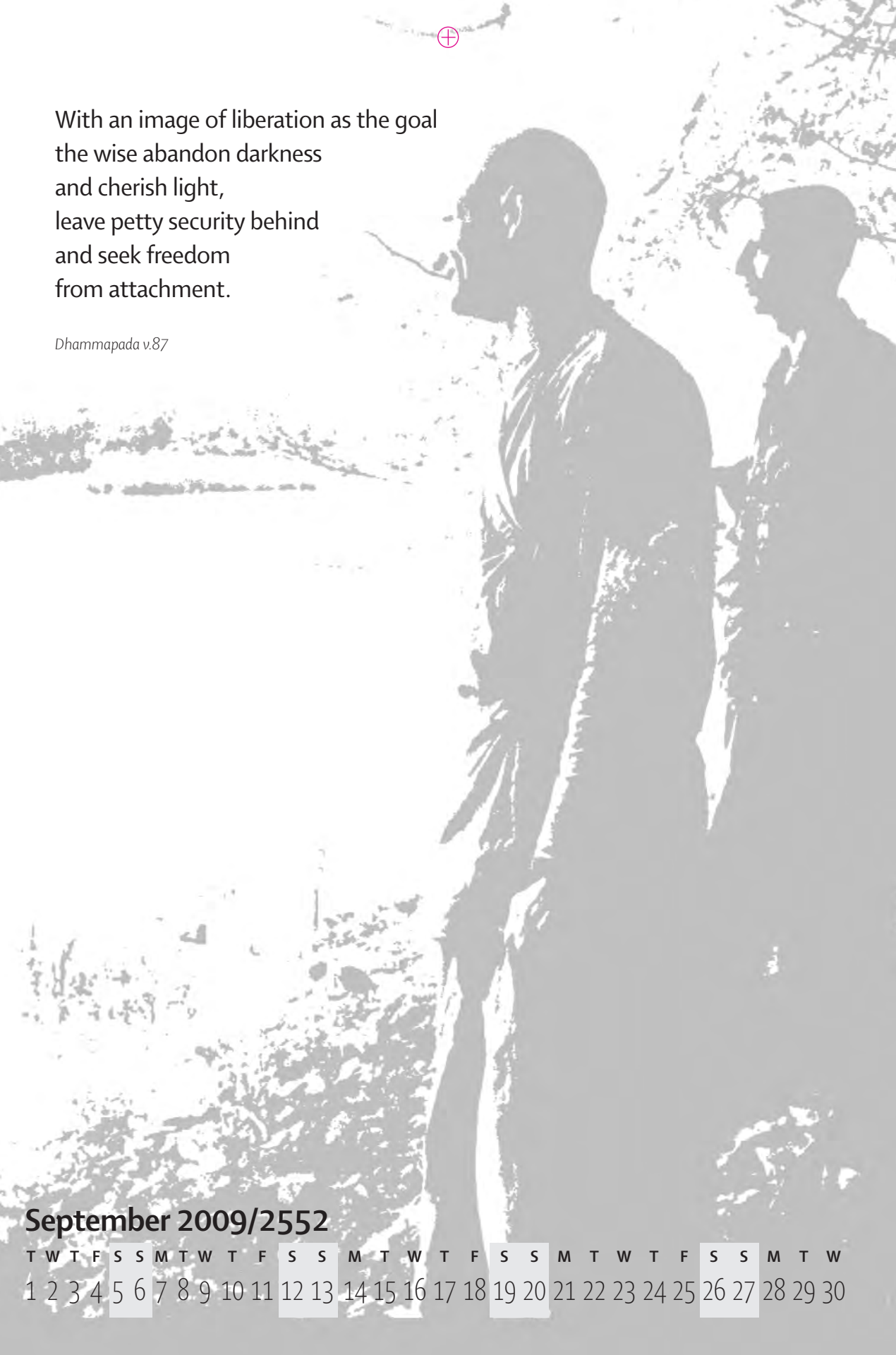
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With an image of liberation as the goal
 the wise abandon darkness
 and cherish light,
 leave petty security behind
 and seek freedom
 from attachment.

Dhammapada v.87



September 2009/2552

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Clear away the forests of craving
 but do not attack and destroy the trees.
 Clear the entire forest of craving
 and you will see the Way to freedom.

Dhammapada v.283

October 2009/2552

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Cultivate the company
of those who support your aspiration
for energetic practice of the teachings.

The beauty of pure conduct
conditions whole-hearted well-being
giving rise to complete freedom from remorse.

Dhammapada v.376



November 2009/2552

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We are our own protection;
we are indeed our own secure abiding;
how could it be otherwise?
So with due care
we attend to ourselves.

Dhammapada v.380

December 2009/2552

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