

Chapter 3: Notes & References

Ajahn Sucitto's and my pilgrimage around the Indian Buddhist holy places which ended in the Kathmandu valley is detailed in *Rude Awakenings*, Wisdom Publications, Boston 2006 and *Great Patient One*, Amaravati Publications, Hemel Hempstead UK 2010. Both are available for free download at <https://forestsangha.org>

For more information on Viswa Shanti Vihar, where we stayed in Kathmandu see:

www.geocities.jp/viswa_shanti_vihar

The father of Tsoknyi Rinpoche, Ajahn Amaro's friend, was Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche, a much revered *dzogchen* master who established the monastery we visited in the Kathmandu valley, Tergar Sel Ling. His four sons who are all *tulkus* have two different mothers. The woman we met is the mother of Tsoknyi and Mingyur Rinpoche. Ajahn Sumedho on his second pilgrimage met one of the other brothers, Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche at the monastery he runs with the fourth brother in Boudnath (see Chap. 8 notes) which was also founded by the father. I had to remove this detail from the first draft as readers unfamiliar with Tibetan Buddhism got utterly confused by all the *rinpoches*.

Mingyur Rinpoche eventually returned. See this interview from July 2016:

www.lionsroar.com/in-exclusive-first-interview-mingyur-rinpoche-reveals-what-happened-during-his-four-years-as-a-wandering-yogi/

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