

# Ajahn Santikaro

Liberation Park

## “Water is Still, the Banks Flow”

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### Abstract

*In the last years of his life, Ajahn Buddhadasa tended to give talks that were simple in structure and focused on the deep core of Buddha-Dhamma. This was especially true in the last year of his life, when he had less physical strength and the talks were shorter. This presentation will summarize key themes from Tan Ajahn's very late teachings, which are as yet unpublished in English.*

### About the speaker

**Ajahn Santikaro** went to Thailand with the Peace Corps in 1980, was ordained as a Theravada monk in 1985, trained at Suan Mokkh under Ajahn Buddhadasa, and became his primary English translator. Santikaro led meditation retreats at Suan Mokkh for many years, and was unofficial abbot of nearby Dawn Kiam. He returned to the USA's Midwest in 2001 and retired from formal monastic life in 2004. He continues to teach in the Buddhist tradition with an emphasis on the early Pali sources and the insights of Ajahn Buddhadasa. He is the founder of Liberation Park, a modern American expression of Buddhist practice, study, and social responsibility in rural Wisconsin; there he continues to study, practice, translate the work of his teacher, teach, and imagine the future of Buddha-Dhamma in the West.

Santikaro's major translations include: *Mindfulness with Breathing – A Manual for Serious Beginners*, *Heartwood of the Bodhi Tree*, *Keys to Natural Truth*, *Buddhadāsa Bhikkhu's Ethical Poems from Ethical Calendars 1998-2003*, and *Under the Bodhi Tree – Buddha's Original Vision of Dependent Co-Arising*.