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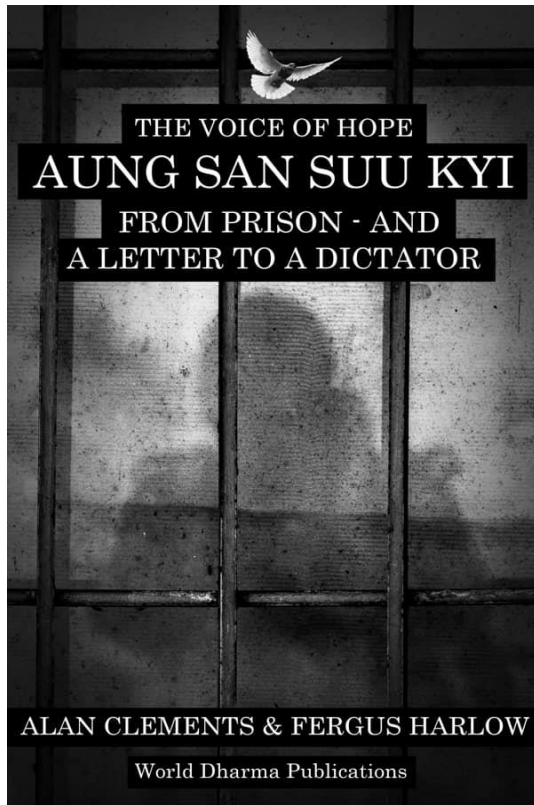
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From acclaimed author, activist and former Buddhist monk, Alan Clements, and co-author Fergus Harlow, comes a compelling summary of a decade of deep investigative research into Burma

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"...this is the most ...accurate commentary on how the world got it wrong, not unlike Tibet, and what we can do to support Aung San Suu Kyi and the people of Burma, to avert disaster." -Geshe Lhakdor, former interpreter for His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama



New York, NY: Burma's nonviolent "revolution of the spirit" remains one of the most inspiring and significant movements ever. A conclusion to 43 years of investigative research and unique personal involvement by Alan Clements, this book presents not only a compelling case for the release of Burma's Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners but an explanation for the corporate-media-facilitated, politically expedient and patriarchal disgrace of a wise feminine-inspired Buddhist-influenced leader -- a political spiritual luminary likened to Nelson Mandela, Gandhi and Martin Luther King -- and her peoples' nationwide movement.

Examining the role of the international press in the ongoing crisis and the intricacies of a Dharma-based revolution as taught to Aung San Suu Kyi and National League for Democracy leaders by the late Venerable Sayadaw U Pandita, *The Voice of Hope: Aung San Suu Kyi from Prison and a Letter to a Dictator* is not only a tribute to the people of Burma's unwavering quest for democracy and freedom but an articulate first-of-its-kind indictment of the international communities apathy, illustrating the inherent danger of turning away from the country's legitimate civil-

ian elected government.

Included in this epic and concisely presented work is an in-depth and exhaustive compilation of Aung San Suu Kyi's position on the Rohingya crisis in her own words, a summary of the author's findings on the first anniversary of the 2021 military coup and a detailed conversation between Alan Clements and Fergus Harlow that covers the nature of their work and of freedom itself as it relates to the ongoing struggle for democracy in Burma.

The book concludes with an unprecedented, compassionately motivated letter highlighting the power of redemption to Ming Aung Hlaing -- presently the world's foremost criminal terrorist -- from Alan Clements (a former Buddhist monk in Burma), and an open letter to Aung San Suu Kyi from renowned Rinpoche Dzongsar Jamyang Khyenste.

“Watching the self-righteous western actions against you in recent months, I’ve become convinced it’s finally time to tell the truth about the colonial structures and worldview they imposed on us and that persist to this day. Above all, it is time to restore the dignity of our own great eastern wisdom traditions and legacies.”

Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche

ABOUT THE AUTHORS



ALAN CLEMENTS was among the first Westerners to ordain as a Buddhist monk in Burma, where he lived in a monastery practicing mindfulness meditation for nearly four years. Expelled from monastic life by the dictatorship, Clements returned to the West, becoming a spiritual maverick, journalist, and human rights activist engaged in Burma's nonviolent struggle for freedom while speaking up for political prisoners worldwide. His books include *Burma: The Next Killing Fields?*, and *Revolution of the Spirit*, both with forewords by the Dalai Lama and endorsed by 8 Noble Peace Laureates and former President Jimmy Carter. He's also written *The Voice of Hope*, *Instinct for Freedom*, *A Future To Believe In: 108 Reflections on the Art and Activism of Freedom* and *Burma's Voices of Freedom: Conversations with Alan Clements*. He has been performing his stand up, spoken word show *Spiritually Incorrect* since 2003. Full bio at AlanClements.com



FERGUS HARLOW began studying events in Burma in early 2013, and has been a close friend of Alan Clements since 2004. After three years immersed in Buddhism while living and working at a retreat centre in Scotland, he became a self-employed content writer until beginning work with World Dharma Publications as writer and long-time personal assistant to Alan Clements. He is the co-author of the four-volume set *Burma's Voices of Freedom: An Ongoing Struggle for Democracy* and has been studying and practicing the Dharma for two decades. He has been deeply involved in all aspects of Alan Clements' World Dharma vision for the last decade, engaging in crowdfunding, research, writing, editing and promotion.

ABOUT THE BOOK

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Key Endorsements

“I am happy to endorse this timely book, by Alan Clements and Fergus Harlow, a summary of their book set of meticulous research and years of seeing the problem in Burma. There are many people in the world who are truly concerned about the crisis in Burma and the difficulties faced by Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace Laureate and State Councillor. Silencing people through sheer force is not the solution to a problem. Any problem can be solved through dialogue in the genuine spirit of reconciliation. I congratulate Alan, and Fergus too, for completing this book despite Alan’s very fragile health. I believe this is the most truthful and accurate commentary on how the world got it wrong, not unlike Tibet, and what we can do to support Aung San Suu Kyi and the people of Burma, to avert disaster. Martin Luther King said, 'I do not feel sad when bad people do bad things, but feel sad when good people do not do anything.'”

Geshe Lhakdor, Distinguished scholar, Translator and Interpreter for His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama 1989 to 2005, Director of the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives in Dharamshala, and Head of the Science Education Project (a one hundred year initiative)

“This book is a beacon in the dark. By illuminating in vivid detail the catastrophe unfolding in Burma and the world’s indifference to it, Alan Clements and Fergus Harlow shine a harsh but compassionate light on the crisis of humanity at the beginning of the twenty-first century. For anyone who cares about the plight of Burma and the fate of our global village, this book will shock you, upset you, and challenge you to do whatever is in your power to imagine and realise another way of being together in this fragile, vulnerable and suffering world.”

Stephen Batchelor, author of *After Buddhism: Rethinking the Dharma for a Secular Age*.

“It is common in this fast-paced information era for complex problems and subtleties to be exaggerated or overlooked. The right to correct information should not just be guaranteed by every state's laws, but practiced by active and in-depth searching and research by users. This book zooms into the events leading up to the current crisis in Myanmar for the readers, examining not just on what happened in the past, witnessed by the authors themselves, but also focusing on how Aung San Suu Kyi consistently responded. It goes beyond sensational and superficial headlines, and delves deep into truth. We don’t have to agree or accept her words or this point of view, even with so much evidence, but we should not undermine the very real information and different interpretations sincerely offered. In my view this book presents facts which make perfect sense, and has endeavoured to explain the complexities, for those who can bear to look deeper. Thanks Alan and Fergus. The people of Burma thank you.”

Dr. Ma Thida, surgeon, writer and ex-political prisoner, Chair of Writers, Prison Committee,
PEN International