



Biography & Obituary of Reusi Sompit Nāṇasobhī

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## A Short Biography of Reusi Sompit Nānasobhī

ปู้ฤๅษีสมพิศ ญาณโสภี

Bpoo Reusi Sompit was born in the Lopburi province of Thailand. From a young age he expressed an interest in both Buddhism and esoteric sciences. As is tradition, he was ordained as a novice monk when he was still a child. Though he was not a novice for long he did get a chance to meet two lay people, a man and a woman, who took him as their student. These two lay people were holding the eight precepts and abstaining from eating any meat. People who practice in this manner are known as *nak bpatibat*. They have knowledge of different sciences and practice meditation. From these two teachers he learned various methods of *saiysabt* and *putthamon*.

After disrobing as a novice he became a *dek wat*, or a "temple child." He lived at the temple and helped the monks with various tasks and ceremonies. Later at age 20, Bpoo Reusi Sompit was ordained as a monk.

During this time he met with and became the student of many different and famous *Geji Ajahn*, or meditation masters. He learned many sciences such as astrology, fortune telling, incantations, etc. He also went on *thudong*, searching for teachers and places to practice his meditation, traveling throughout most of Thailand and also to Burma, Laos and Cambodia.

While still on *thudong*, on a mountain in the Phetchabun province of Thailand, Bpoo Reusi Sompit met a reusi named Reusi Puth. After staying and studying with Reusi Puth for some time, Bpoo Reusi Sompit decided to give up the life of a monk and ordain as a reusi at the age of 35. For him, this path suited his practice better. As a reusi he was able to practice in the solitude of caves and mountains for many days, even weeks, without having to see another person.

After many years of practice, he served the community by helping those in need, fulfilling the role of a reusi. Bpoo Reusi Sompit did this by utilizing the knowledge he obtained through his years of study and practice both as a monk and a

reusi. The services he offered to people included *sak yan*, blessings and methods for remedying malefic influences, meditation practice, fortune telling, and Dhamma talks. He also helped with various ceremonies held both domestically and abroad.

On the 8th day of the waning moon of the 8th month in the year of the Ox at 9:00 am Thailand time, Bpoo Reusi Sompit Nāṇasobhī passed away. His life was one devoted to Dhamma and the benefit of all beings. This compilation is written in memory of this venerable practitioner.

## Principals to Follow for Disciples of Reusi Sompit Nānasobhī

1. One should respect and have faith in the spiritual tradition or religion that one adheres to. Buddhists should venerate with utmost esteem and devotion, the qualities of the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the Saṅgha.
2. One must revere and respect one's father and mother, who gave us birth, and those who have been kind towards us.
3. One should respect and have confidence in the qualities of one's *Kruba Ajahn*.
4. One should always pay homage to the Three Jewels in the morning, evening and before bed.
5. Those with the same *Kruba Ajahn* should love each other as siblings, unite harmoniously as a community and should help each other appropriately, according to one's capacity and according to one's abilities.
6. One should consistently make merit. Give donations, protect one's virtue and cultivate meditation with incantations regularly. In addition, diligently extend mettā to all human beings and non-human beings in one's area. Extend mettā to the whole world, the whole universe, without limit.
7. One should help relatives, friends, community and society as is appropriate, when there is opportunity, and according to one's capacity, as one can.
8. One should cherish their nation, religion, and rulers; those leaders who sustain morale.
9. Do not betray, transgress or be disloyal towards those who have benefited us or towards those things of value which have been useful.
10. Do not quarrel and fight. There should be reverence and respect for one another, in accordance with seniority.
11. One should be a person of truth, be reliable, and be loyal. These are the foundations for the arising of "spiritual" power and sanctity.

### Points One Should Practice

1. Do not spit onto things that are unclean, for example spitting into a toilet, etc.
2. Do not eat food under the same roof where there is a corpse. One can, however, eat outside of the place where the corpse is being held.
3. Do not insult one's father and mother, use harsh speech, or curse those who have been kind towards us.
4. Do not walk under a clothesline. If you must, wear a hat or cloth to cover the head.  
*Gatha for going under a clothesline: "kaṇha neha pasisa perk" 3 times.*
5. For those practicing invulnerability incantations, abstain from pumpkin, gourd, bottle gourd, starfruit, etc.

