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Dear Friends and Colleagues

We are trying to contact people who knew Lance Cousins to inform you of a new library being set up in his honour, at the Manchester Centre for Buddhist Meditation, under the auspices of the Samatha Trust.

Lance was key to the formation of the library at the Manchester Centre (then the Samatha Centre) in 1977. As part of this, he helped set up a unique library which not only included hand-picked texts from different Buddhist traditions but also a wide range of texts from many other spiritual traditions. The collection has many older, and now out of print publications, as well as a range of booklets collected from various sources.

Following his death in March 2015, Lance's family generously donated all the religious texts from his personal library at Dynham Place, Oxford, to the Samatha Trust to be housed at the Manchester Centre. One of Lance's many achievements was the combination of very considerable skill in meditation practice and teaching alongside Buddhist scholarship of the highest quality. He had a particular interest in abhidhamma and a formidable understanding of it. Lance also had an eclectic interest in other spiritual traditions and was skilled in choosing particular texts that might enhance his pupils' practice or understanding. As a result, his personal library has a uniquely rich and varied content including texts in Sinhala and Burmese and some rare publications.

Adding Lance's personal collection to the existing Manchester library, will nearly double its size. The new library will be housed in what is a currently a shrine room at the Centre. To enable this space to be used, some structural work needs to be done in the upstairs of the building. The new library needs to be fully fitted with shelving, furniture, and IT connectivity. Both the old and new collections will be electronically catalogued and there are plans to make the catalogues available on-line with links to other Buddhist libraries.

We hope to be able to make the new library available to interested scholars, monastics and others. The newly extended Manchester Centre will provide suitable accommodation if required. A generous donation to pay for shelving in the library has already been received, but more funds are needed to enable the project to move forward.

If you would like to make a donation to the Lance Cousins Library, in honour of Lance, please complete the attached donations form and return to the **Samatha Trust Treasurer** at the above address. Any amount, small or large, will be very much appreciated and put to very good use.

Yours sincerely

Keith Munnings

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