ABSTRACT

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This research is a study of *alobha* based on Abhidhamma teaching in Theravada Buddhism, to investigate Mehm Tin Mon's Interpretation of *Alobha*, and to have a critical view and application of Mehm Tin Mon's teaching in modern age.

Alobha is a mental state and its relevant practices are good conduct to reduce and remove greed. In Theravada Buddhism those practices are generosity, morality called abstinence from sensual objects and non-covetousness, and two forms of meditation, tranquility meditation and insight meditation. Being one of the Abhidhamma scholars and a Professor of Chemistry in Myanmar, Mehm Tin Mon interpreted *alobha* with modern ideas. The characteristics of *alobha* are non-attachment, greedlessness and generosity, non-attachment to sense-objects. Regarding his interpretation of *alobha* this study confirms once more that his strengths are powerful teachings and recommends that his weaknesses should be amended for new readers**.** His interpretation of the application stages of Buddhist social development are respectfully criticized from the perception and perspective of Buddhists scholars**'** writing**.** This research clarifies and enhances understanding of his interpretation of *alobha*.