

Thesis Title : A critical study of *Samyojana* (Fetters) with special reference to the interpretation of Phrarājabrahmañāṇa (Weera Thāvaro)

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ABSTRACT

This thesis presents the interpretation of fetters (*Samyojana*) by Phrarājabrahmañāṇa, Wat Chantharam (Thasung), Uthaitani Province, because the doctrine of fetters (*Samyojana*) is important for the aspiration of becoming of Noble One (*Ariya*). Surprisingly, this doctrine is ignored and is often limited to the monks who wish to be Arahant, such interpretation is limiting one. There are three main points in this thesis relating to the interpretation method of the fetters (*Samyojana*) by Phrarājabrahmañāṇa which can be appreciated through Hans Frei's theory of literal reading; 1) the analysis of the meanings of fetters between Tripiṭaka and Phrarājabrahmañāṇa and 2) the suitability of the doctrine of fetters (*Samyojana*) for the contemporary Thai society as it faces the challenges of materialism and consumerism.