

The GAWDAWPALIN Temple and the DHAMMARAJIKA Pagoda

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Abstract

The objective of this paper is to equip students with theoretical knowledge, field experience and the art of compiling academic papers. Theravada Buddhism has been flourishing in Bagan since over a thousand years ago. Bagan Period can be divided into three parts: Early Bagan Period (11th century AD), Middle Bagan Period (12th century AD) and Late Bagan Period (13th century AD). The Buddhism had thrived continuously during these periods. Out of pagodas and temples scattering over Bagan, the Gawdawpalin Temple and the Dhammarajika Pagoda, the two storeyed religious edifices, belong to Middle Bagan Period (12th century A.D). There were built in the elegant style with many receding terraces. The Dhammarajika Pagoda has stupas and temples in the innovative form.

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