

The Royal Decorations and Might of Lord Chakkavatti

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The Royal Thai Star Decorations







II. Order of the Royal House of Chakri











VIII. Order of The Direkgunabhorn Source: www.soc.go.th

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The Royal Thai Star & Medal Decorations of The Most Admirable Order of Direkgunabhorn



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The Royal Thai Star & Medal Decorations in the Order of Direkgunabhorn



1st Class

5th & 6th Class



2nd Class



3rd & 4th Class



7th Class

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Referring to our earlier articles about the two major categories of cultivation namely (1) the Dhamma Lineage and (2) the Chakkavatti Lineage, we already learned about the pursuit of perfections, training, and brief details about the Lord Chakkavatti in www.meditation101.org. For this article, we will give a special insight about the Royal Decorations which empower the Might of Lord Chakkavatti in the transcendental level or the celestial domain.

If one would question how the Royal Decorations, which are made of metal crafted to be beautiful and prestigious, will be able to empower the meditation power or transcendental realm of Vijja or Superknowledge practitioners, one may doubt whether it is an attachment to 'the 8 Worldly' which are loss & gain, grace & disgrace, fame & defame, and happiness & suffering.

To clarify this, we have to understand first that when people of a land gather to establish a sovereign nation, no matter by any means, there will be 'the Nurturer(s)' or 'Country's Guardian Angel(s)' who looks-after the country. As we already explained in earlier articles, the country's Nurturer(s) has mainly seven functions as follows:

(1) The Precious Discus: Power management and governing

(2) The Precious Crystal Ball: Knowledge and technology advancement

(3) The Lord of Force: Human resources management and development

(4) The Lord of Treasury: Economy, business, wealth, and well-being

(5) The Noble Lady or Gentleman: Beauty, Pleasure, Society, Art & Culture

(6) The Lord of Elephant: Hospitality and service section

(7) The Lord of Steed: Transportation

With the power of the Country's Nurturer(s) or Guardian Angel(s), they influence the prosperity, existence, or regression, as much as 40% of the external human world, more or less, whereas the rest of approximately 60% is contributed by other factors such as the ruling monarch, aristocrats, governors, priests, and ascetics of such country.

The Nurturer(s) would do his duty by 'empowering' in the celestial realm to destine his country. This includes the governing system of a country, especially the country which still maintains the monarchy. Hence, the monarchy reflects the strength of the Nurturer(s) who is capable of securing the monarchy who is normally more powerful and long-lasting than the term-toterm leaders of other governing systems like republics or communism.

With the power of the Nurturer(s) or Guardian Angel(s), the country's monarchy can be prosperous or stagnant, and these can be shown through the popularity, respect, and roles of monarchs in the society of a country. This power also involves the royal decorations which are created and significantly regarded, more or less, by the monarchy of each kingdom.

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Thus, the celestial power from the Nurturer(s) or Guardian Angel(s) still nourishes and empowers the whole entity of monarchy in a kingdom as well as everything which is related to the monarchy including the Royal Decorations which are made 'sacred' and 'prestigious'. Without the sacredness empowered by the Nurturer(s), the Royal Decorations will become 'unimportant' or 'disregarded'.

As such, the Vijja practitioners, especially the Lord Chakkavatti and Lords of the Precious who are granted the Royal Decorations from the monarch in each kingdom, will also be empowered additionally in the celestial realm as well as in meditation, whereas the empowerment is made possible by the Nurturer's celestial power within the extent of the country's sovereign domain. In addition, when the Royal Decorations are granted to the Lord Chakkavatti or Lords of the Precious, their transcendental body will be 'decorated' to signify their rank or specialty as well, especially the Royal Decorations that resemble 'the radiating star.'

For the Kingdom of Thailand, there are 36 major orders of Royal Decorations. The Lord Chakkavatti or Lords of the Precious who are granted the Royal Decorations which correspond to their category would be more outstanding in their Vijja (superknowledge) or meditation per their category. However, it does not mean that the Lord Chakkavatti and the Lords of the Precious cannot receive the Royal Decorations other than their own category. The Royal Decorations of the Kingdom of Thailand which correspond to the category of Lord Chakkavatti and Lords of the Precious can be roughly identified as follows:

- 1. Lord Chakkavatti = Order of the Thai Crown
- 2. Lord of Gem = Order of the Nine Gems
- 3. Lord of Force = Order of Rama
- 4. Lord of Treasury = Order of Direkkhunabhorn
- Noble Lady/Gentleman = Order of Chula Chom Klao
- 6. Lord of Elephant = Order of the White Elephant
- Lord of Steed = Order of Rama 4th Class (the Knight)

The Kingdom of Thailand's 36 Major Orders of Royal Decorations are Listed and Ranked Respectively as follows:

1. Order of the Rajamitrabhorn (Thailand)

2. Order of the Royal House of Chakri (Thailand)

3. Order of the Nine Gems

4. Order of Chula Chom Klao - Special Class (Thailand)

5. Ratana Varabhorn Order of Merit

6. Order of Chula Chom Klao - 1st Class (Thailand)

7. Order of Rama 1st Class

8. Order of the White Elephant - Special Class (Thailand)

9. Order of the Crown of Thailand - Special Class (Thailand)

 Order of the White Elephant - 1st Class (Thailand) 11. Order of the Crown of Thailand - 1st Class (Thailand)

12. Order of the Direkgunabhorn 1st class (Thailand)

13. Order of Chula Chom Klao - 2nd Class upper (Thailand)

14. Order of Rama 2nd Class

15. Order of the White Elephant - 2nd Class (Thailand)

16. Order of the Crown of Thailand - 2nd Class (Thailand)

17. Order of the Direkgunabhorn 2nd class (Thailand)

 Order of Chula Chom Klao - 2nd Class lower (Thailand)

19. Order of Rama 3rd Class

20. Vallabhabhorn Order

21. Order of Chula Chom Klao - 3rd Class upper (Thailand)

22. Order of Rama 4th Class

23. Order of the White Elephant - 3rd Class (Thailand)

24. Order of the Crown of Thailand - 3rd Class (Thailand)

25. Order of the Direkgunabhorn 3rd class (Thailand)

26. Order of Ramkeerati (Thailand)

27. Order of Chula Chom Klao - 3rd Class lower (Thailand)

28. Order of the White Elephant - 4th Class (Thailand)

29. Order of the Crown of Thailand - 4th Class (Thailand)

30. Order of the Direkgunabhorn 4th class (Thailand)

31. Order of Chula Chom Klao - 4th Class (Thailand)

32. Order of Chula Chom Klao - 4th Class (Thailand)

33. Order of the White Elephant - 5th Class (Thailand)

34. Order of the Crown of Thailand - 5th Class (Thailand)

35. Order of the Direkgunabhorn 5th class (Thailand)

36. Vajira Mala Order

Source of List: https://th.wikipedia.org/

In Thailand, patrons can apply for Royal Decorations by making donation to the State Hospital. If you wish to make donation and receive Royal Thai Decorations, please contact:

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Level	Donation Amount	Royal Decoration
		Qualification
1	100,000 Thai Baht or	Silver Medal of
	more	the Direkgunabhorn
	(approx. US\$ 3,200 or	Order
	€ 2,800)	
2	200,000 Thai Baht or	Gold Medal of
	more	the Direkgunabhorn
	(approx. US\$ 6,500 or	Order
	€ 5,650)	
3	500,000 Thai Baht or	Order of the
	more	Direkgunabhorn 5 th Class
	(approx. US\$ 16,000	(the 35 th ranking of the Royal Court)
	or € 14,200)	
4	1,500,000 Thai Baht or	Order of the
	more	Direkgunabhorn
	(approx. US\$ 47000 or	4 th Class
	€ 41,850)	(the 30 th ranking of the
		Royal Court)
5	6,000,000 Thai Baht or	Order of the
	more	Direkgunabhorn
5	€ 41,850) 6,000,000 Thai Baht or	(the 30 th ranking of the Royal Court) Order of the

	(approx. US\$ 188,000 or € 166,850)	3 [™] Class (the 25 th ranking of the Royal Court)
6	14,000,000 Thai Baht or more (approx. US\$ 438,000 or € 389,000)	Order of the Direkgunabhorn 2 nd Class (the 17 th ranking of the Royal Court)
7	30,000,000 Thai Baht or more (approx. US\$ 938,000 or € 833,500)	Order of the Direkgunabhorn 1 st Class (the 12 th ranking of the Royal Court)

* Rates in US\$ and € vary depending on the currency exchange valuations.

The Royal Thai Star & Medal Decorations of the Most Auspicious Order of Direkgunabhorn

The Royal Thai star & medal decorations in the most admirable order of Direkgunabhorn was first established in the reign of H.M. King Bhumibol (Rama IX) of the Thai Kingdom on 22 July 1991 with an aim to bestow upon the meritorious ones whose deeds benefit the nation, religion, and people. The title of decoration 'Direkgunabhorn' carries the meaning of 'Special Merit Decoration.' The decorations are divided into seven levels grantable to Thais whereas the 3rd and 4th class of this order are normally grantable to non-Thais or foreign citizens, but higher ranks can be applicable in some cases. Figure of the insignia, the star is 5.5 cm. in diameter. The front is crafted with golden Garuda (King of birds / the official state emblem of Thailand) in the middle and enclosed with the red enamel surrounded by the silver & golden rays respectively. The star is topped with the Royal Thai Tall Crown affixed to the green/red ribbon. The first class of this decoration order is worn with a green/red ribboned shoulder-strap.

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