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Introduction: -

U Myint Thin wrote this as his own indirect experiences of his personal encounter with an Arahant (People rumored that [Shwe Oo Min Sayadaw](#) has attained the Arahantship.) (*Yahanda*) (A Noble person who has attained Nibbana in this very life).

Theravada Buddhism is in a way swayed towards attaining the Arahantship, meaning that one strives to attain an isolated and very private awakening. One does it to escape from the worldly sufferings of the samsara. So in Myanmar we very seldom, as a public, come to know the existence of one who has attained the arahantship. Moreover, when some one knows about one attained the arahantship, their disciples or close devotees will keep it secret to themselves news and the relics. Miraculously, these relics (Dat Taw) in some cases multiply in to multiples of the same size, if revered by devotees. Many who have the relics will seldom come out and say, they possess the relics, because relics could enrich the possessor in worldly wealth.

We should thank U Myint Thin for sharing the photo of Shwe Oo Myin Sayadaw. I like to share this all with my Dhamma friends the followings:

Whether it's a material form – relics or an Image of the person, if you see the real Arahant, you should experience the followings, because the material or the image has an energy of an arahant (in Burmese we call it Dat Theikdi), just like a potent Dat Lone (Theikdi Myaunk Te Dat Lone) – the feeling of life like:

- a. *You will experience a goose bum when you see it*
- b. *If you are one practicing meditation – you will experience miracle*
- c. *If you are praying and revering his image – your little- fingers could be vibrating, little.*
- d. *Those with affinity to him will experience the whole body heats up like a shrill of heat going through the spine from head to toe.*

That is how you could ascertain the authenticity of the claim of – Arahantship. To those who pay reverence and honor to Shwe Oo Min Sayadaw will see no misery (sin ye dukha) in life. Yes, he is a true arahant. To those who experience the above should copy the image and frame it and worship him. To some it could be **wish fulfilling** – “*Su Taung Taing pye sone te*”

U Myint Thin has gains and accrues tremendous merits by sharing the photo. There is a saying in Myanmar that –“*making an offering to an arahant has immediate gains and merits in return – either in worldly wealth and happiness.*” That is why people keep the news to themselves, not knowing that one could gain tremendous merits by sharing.

This was what U Myint Thin wrote: -

Dear Sayagi and Dhamma friends,
I do not have personal experience with known Arahants, but I have heard a few stories:

- 1) *Shwe Oo Min Sayadaw (Attached photo taken in 2002, a few months before passing away in Nov 2002).*

“It was rumoured that Sayadaw had attained Arahantship. But on passing away, according to his wishes the body was cremated (I believe) and the ashes thrown into river. No relics were left behind. However, just a few (2-3) days before passing away, on that week Monday evening about 5:30 pm, many people had a chance to revere a figure in the sky saying it was Arahant. My nephew caught a last glimpse of black smoke though it did not bear any form at that time. Then, I heard that Sayadaw passed away a few days later.”

2) U Visitta Tharabhivamsa

This one I heard from one of his close disciples, Dr. Tha Hla.

“ Sayadaw, being a Ti-Pitaka Sayadaw as well as the one who answered the questions from Mahasi Sayadaw during the 6th Sangha Congregation in Rangoon, was well revered by many. Especially those who were close to Him assumed that Sayadaw had attained Arahantship. So when they cremated, Dr. Tha Hla wished that the relics would be available. According to him, it was difficult to set light on the pyre at first. Later, upon successfully setting on fire, there were a few loud explosive noises and some particles (assumed relics) were flung around which were collected by the disciples.”

Though I heard this directly from him, I do not remember where they have kept the relics, as they did not announce this to the public.

With metta, Myint Thin.

Sadhu! Sadhu! Sadhu!