**Controversial monks distorting history about the Origin of Sinhala and the origin of Buddhism.**

**Which NGO funds them?**

Here is link to a video (

<https://youtu.be/soCk10yAvmw>

) produced by Meewanapalane Siri Dhammalankara Thera from the “Parama Nibbana Dharmayathanaya and Meditation Centre of Watareka, Padukka, Sri Lanka”.

1. They claim that Gauthama Buddha was born in Sri Lanka (Helabima).

2. They claim that the original Buddha Vachana (words of the Buddha) given in pali texts were set ablaze in the 5th century CE following clashes between the Mahavihara and with the Mahayana monks of the Abhayagiri vihara, leading to the loss of the true teachings of the Buddha.

3. They claim that Buddhagosa Thera (from India) misrepresented the Dhamma and also give prominence to India as the birth place of the Buddha. \

4. They seem to have enough funds to go about giving talks and producing videos.

5. They claim that Meewanapalane Siri Dhammalankara Thera and followers, cented at the Watareka temple are today making available the “true Dhamma” expounded by the Buddha.

6. They claim that today they are teaching the “Ture Buddha Dhamma”.

**From where did they get this true Buddha Dhamma?**

**From where do the get funds to operate on such a scale?**

It is evident that they have little knowledge of the Pali language. Abhaya Thera and other representatives of this cult have visited Toronto Canada, New York and other American cities. Abhaya Thera was a “Kattadiya” prior to his becoming a monk, and engaged in ceremonies to drive out evil spirits (bhoothas, prethas) who are claimed to have taken possession of people making them sick.