

**A STUDY OF KING BADON'S ROYAL ORDERS**

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## ABSTRACT

This dissertation deals with administration and religion of King Badon from royal orders. King Badon was the son of King Alaungmintaya, the founder of Konbaung dynasty. Badon Min became King only when he was thirty seven years old and his reign lasted for thirty seven years. King Badon issued many royal orders relating to administration and religion. King Badon followed the administrative pattern of his predecessors. The King though despotic by nature, King Badon ruled the country in conformity with Min Kyint Taya Hse Pa-the ten precepts incumbent on a king, Thingaha Taya Lay Pa-Four rules of good social relations, and Aparihaniya Taya Khunhnit Pa-seven causes leading to prosperity of a country. He directed his administration towards the peaceful development of the country. In judiciary judges were made to refrain from Three Bribes. Punishments were fixed for those judges who took bribes. Revenue collecting system during King Badon's reign was the same as the ancient system-collecting one-tenth of income of a house-hold. Sittans were collected leading to systematic collection of revenues. King Badon's thirty-seven years rule showed that he was very competent in administration. The royal orders of King Badon also describe about the religious reforms initiated by King Badon. He had promoted the Sasanā and implemented the purification and propagation of Sasanā. He attempted to make reforms in accordance with Pitakat. King Badon had encouraged and supported the followers of other faiths. Freedom of worship was practised during the reign of King Badon.

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