

ALAN CLEMENTS is an author, performing artist, media activist, and founder of the *World Dharma* vision. As the first American to ordain as a Buddhist monk in Burma, he lived for nearly five years in a Rangoon monastery training in Buddhist psychology and mindfulness meditation. In 1984 he was forced to leave the country by Burma's dictatorship, with no reason given. To the ire of the regime, he has returned numerous times to witness and document the human rights violations in that country. Subsequently, he has been "black-listed" from reentering Burma by the military authorities.

Clements is the co-founder of the *Burma Project USA/International*, a non-profit human rights and media advocacy organization dedicated to raising awareness of Burma's nonviolent struggle for freedom. He is also the co-founder of *The World Dharma Institute* (WDI), which offers an innovative video program exploring World Dharma — the art and activism of freedom. Inspired by Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's Nobel Peace Laureate, the course finds its roots in Burma's nonviolent spiritual revolution and is based on Alan's latest book, *A Future to Believe In — 108 Reflections On The Art and Activism of Freedom*.

Clements is the author of *Burma: The Next Killing Fields?* (1991, with a foreword by the Dalai Lama). He is also the co-author with Leslie Kean and a contributing photographer to *Burma's Revolution of the Spirit* (1994, Aperture, NY) — a photographic tribute to Burma's struggle for democracy, with essays by eight Nobel Peace Laureates. In addition, Alan was the advisor and script revisor for *Beyond Rangoon* (1995

Castle Rock Entertainment), a feature film depicting Burma's struggle for democracy, directed by John Boorman.

In 1996, Clements coauthored *The Voice of Hope*, the internationally acclaimed book of conversations with Aung San Suu Kyi, which moved Pulitzer-Prize winning author Alice Walker to write, "Every leader on the planet should read this book at least once."

Alan's additional book, *Instinct for Freedom — Finding Liberation through Living*, was nominated for the best spiritual teaching/memoir by the National Spiritual Booksellers Association in 2003.

Clements is also a political/spiritual satirist, and performs *Spiritually Incorrect: In Defense of Being Human*, to audiences around the world, as benefits to raise awareness of Aung San Suu Kyi and her country's "revolution of the spirit."

Clements has been interviewed for NBC's Nightline, Global National, ABC Australia, CBC Canada, CBS Evening News, Talk to America, the New York Times, the Guardian, Newsweek and Time magazines, Conscious Living, Yoga Journal and numerous other media. In addition, he has presented to such organizations as Mikhail Gorbachev's State of The World Forum, The Soros Foundation, The United Nations Association of San Francisco, and delivered a keynote address at the John Ford Theater for Amnesty International's 30th year anniversary. Alan's web site is: **www.AlanClements.com**.