

17 March 2016

Head of Buddha

By Unknown Artist



The Head of Buddha is sculpture by an Unknown Artist, which is part of the National Gallery of Zimbabwe Permanent Collection. Buddha signifies awakening, freedom from illusion and suffering; above all, wisdom and compassion. To be awakened means to see Reality as is, not as we perceive it. The grand reality is the attainment of wisdom, which begets peace, which begets happiness.

This week we are celebrating the International day of Happiness which intends to show that the world needs a new economic paradigm that recognizes the parity between the three pillars of sustainable development. Social, economic and environmental well-being are indivisible. Together they define gross global happiness. It is an adopted resolution calling for happiness to be given greater priority.

The portrayal of Buddha is for the encouragement of happiness as a fundamental human goal and a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to wisdom, actions and salvation that promotes the happiness and well-being of all peoples.