

Editorial

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In this fourth year of publication, we kick off the line up of CJBS 4 with another article by Bhikkhu Analāyo who continues his comparative thrust with an article on “The Verses on an Auspicious Night, Explained by *Mahakaccāna* – A Study and Translation of the Chinese Version”. The paper examines agreement and variation between parallel versions of the same text in the Pali Nikaya and the Agama, using the example of the *Mahākaccānabhaddekaratta-sutta* in its Chinese rendering. It also includes an evaluation of the verses on the theme of how to properly spend an “auspicious night” as given by the Buddha .

This is followed by a piece on Tibetan Buddhism, by William Magee, writing from Taiwan. His essay, on Dzong-ka-ba writing about “Chandrakīrti’s assertion of ‘Non-dependence on Another’ as the Object to be Negated in the View of Emptiness”, examines both Chandrakīrti’s assertion and Dzong-ka-ba’s claim. Discussed are six definitions of ‘dependence’ allowed in the Geluk system. Added is a translation of one of Nga-wang-bel-den’s ‘Annotations’ which examines the issues.

The third piece in the *Pariyatti* is by Rohit Dalvi, of Brock University, on “Ontological Minimalism: Dharmakīrti’s Buddhist Critique of Relations”. Towards examining the Buddhist arguments against “the reality of relations”, he first elucidates the importance of relations for the old nyaya school and the paradigmatic relations they espouse. This is followed by a discussion of the Buddhist stance on relations, before turning to Dharmakīrti’s arguments.

If the *Patipatti* Section in this issue is a far cry from the *Pariyatti* in terms of breadth, the solo piece takes us into the psychology of the *Satipaṭṭhāna Bhāvanā*. Specifically developed by the Buddha as the one-way ticket to Nibbāna, Sugunasiri looks at it from a novel angle, exploring it in its complex relationship among the cognitive, the praxic and the affective domains.

The *paṭivedha* section benefits from two pieces, one by Angela Sumegi who writes on “Seeing Into the Nature of Mind: The Confluence of Zen and Dzogchen.” In her brief essay, she seeks to highlight aspects of the resonance between the Rinzai School of Japanese Zen and the Nyingma School of Tibetan (Vajrayana) in the practice of meditation towards release from suffering through the practice of meditation.

The second is an exploration by Martin Adam on “*Mahāyāna* Buddhist Attitudes Towards Animals”. His purpose is not to so much to put forward an argument in favour of a particular position, but simply “to present a broad portrait of the context within which any such argument should be framed”. Towards it, he also provides a translation of a small section of the first *Bhāvanākrama* by Kamalaśīla.

Articles drawn upon Pali, Sanskrit, Chinese and Tibetan traditions, we are happy to note that CJBS 4 once again lives up to its intent and tradition of being pan-Buddhist.

Finally we have two book reviews. Dave Valliere reviews *Business and the Buddha: Doing well by doing good* by Lloyd Field, a business consultant and practicing Buddhist.

The second is a review of David R. Loy's *Money, Sex, War, Karma: Notes for a Buddhist Revolution* by Wayne Codling.

We also introduce with this issue a new feature, ***News & Views Roundup***, by way of keeping ourselves informed of the Buddhist Academic scene in Canada.

We thank the contributors for their continuing confidence in the *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies*, and presenting the reader to a wide area of Buddhist Scholarship. Thanks are also due to the book reviewers for their diligent critiques.

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While we cherish the many positive responses received regarding the quality of the past issues of CJBS, and the encouragement to continue, we want to invite our colleagues to help us in more tangible and critical (*double entendre* note intended) ways by sending us your valuable contributions. In particular, you can help us by sending your papers on the topic for our fifth issue, ***Buddhism from a Multidisciplinary /Interdisciplinary Perspective*** (please note the edition two *Interdisciplinary*, as in the Call for papers earlier). How do you see the Buddha's Teachings in particular from the vantage of your own discipline – Anthropology, Business, Ethics, Philosophy, Psychology, Religious Studies, Science, Sociology, Technology and so on? We also invite you, with thanks, to make your contribution to the *News & Views Roundup*.

And I thank Johnny Osorio of J T Printing for his patience and good cheer in putting together the journal, particularly with all its language font challenges.

May you be well! *Sukhī hotu!*

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