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This volume contains the following articles:

Dr. Kang Wang is employed at Guangxiao Temple in Guangzhou, China, where he conducts research and translation in the field of Buddhist studies. His article examines the theories of perception between *Sarvāstivāda* and *Sautrāntika* as answers to the following questions such as;

1. What is the fundamental reason for the disagreement between the *Sarvāstivāda* and the *Sautrāntika* on the perception of the external object?
2. How did the *Sarvāstivāda*'s theory that consciousness must have an object, and the *Sautrāntika*'s theory that consciousness arises without a perceptual object evolve?
3. Since the *Sarvāstivāda* did not recognize self-cognition, what should be considered as being productive of the explicit awareness of consciousness?
4. The *Sautrāntika* believed that when consciousness arises, the object has already been extinguished into the past, so how does present consciousness cognize the object in the past?

Rev. Sandamadulle Sumanasara, Lecturer and Head of the Department of Chinese in ICBN Campus. He elucidates the Word of *Tao*(道) through the teachings of Buddhism, details the key points such as *Tao* (道, Existential Tao, Regularity *Tao* (Law of the Nature), The Tao of the Life standards, "Dhamma" and "Tao" and *Magga*.

Ms. Pallabi Bagchi lecturer at the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. She investigates facts related to Goddess Tara, Thangkas, and the Use of Colour Symbolism. The article mainly elucidates *Thangka* paintings and colour symbolism, *Thangka* paintings and Buddhist meditative practices, Goddess

Tara in *Thangka* paintings, and colours of Tara (Green Tara, White Tara, other Colours of Tara).

Ven. Bhikkhu Mihita, PhD. is an Adjunct Professor, at Trinity Divinity, University of Toronto, and a Professor, at Nalanda College of Buddhist Studies, Toronto of which he is the Founder. The article written is about Mahāpajāpatī ordained at very first entreaty, *upasmpadā* with eight principles of respect under the sub topic Mahāpajāpatī encounters with the Buddha: a chronology, Buddha visiting the palace at father's request, Buddha visiting the dying king, Buddha staying behind for rains retreat, following water dispute, accepting *Garudhamma*, and *Mahāpajāpatī gotamī's* questions & Buddha's answers.

Ven. Wanjow Marma, (MA) holds a Bachelor's degree in Buddhist Leadership in Buddhist Studies from Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA) and a Master's degree in Buddhist Studies from Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Thailand. He critically discusses the facts related to challenges for modern Buddhists in Bangladesh concerning identity struggles, socio-economic factors, cultural preservation, and strategies for addressing challenges.

Mrs. T. D. Rathnayake, (MA) is holds a BA degree with first-class honors, completed an MA in Buddhist Studies from the SIBA Campus/MCU. She examines the impact of lust, hatred, and delusion on mental health special reference to Buddhist teachings in the Pali canon. Further investigates the utility of the implication for marital relationships focusing the areas such as Causes of hate and mental suffering, hindrances to mental faculties, the metaphor of the open sore, behavior of the deluded, causes and consequences of mental disorders, mental disorders and their symptoms, impact on marital relationships, Buddhist therapies for removing resentment and impact on marital relationships.

Mr.R. P. C. H. Perera, (MA) Temporary Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. The article is submitted “Self-actualization: A Comparative Study with reference to Abraham Maslow and the teachings of early Buddhism”. Following main points are discussed while outlining the related issues: Abraham Maslow’s perspective of self-actualization, hierarchy of needs, characteristics of self-actualized people, needs of self-transcendence, Early Buddhist perspective of the concept of self-actualization, Early Buddhist view on needs, characteristics of self-actualized people in Early Buddhism, Early Buddhist hierarchy of self-actualizes, and comparative analysis of Abraham Maslow & Early Buddhism.

Ms. Nishtha Ahuja (PhD Reaseach Scholar) who is from Department of East Asian Studies in the University of Delhi, discusses about the cultural significance and evolution of Buddhist rituals and festivals in Japan under the main points such as significance of Buddhism in ceremonial stages of life in japan, (*Tanjou* Birth, *Seijinshiki* -Coming-of-age ceremony, *Kekkonshiki* - Marriage Ritual, *Ososhiki* -Death), impact of Buddhism on Japanese culture (daruma dolls, furoshiki), Buddhist festivals in Japan (*oshōgatsu*, *setsubun*, *nehan* service, *hana matsuri*, *segaki* service).

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