

Editor's Note

The so-called Buddhists' Right Efforts are fourfold: to eradicate existing evil within you, to ward off upcoming evil, to maintain existing good in you, and to acquire more of it. However, in Buddhism again we also have Mara, not unlike Christian Satan, who tries to prevent us from achieving those goals by creating various obstacles and temptations.

We were asked to increase the output of our journal and have tried to oblige. However, we found that quantity and quality do not always go hand in hand. Also, because of shortage of a sufficient number of editorial personnel, just to maintain the status quo already took up most of our attention. Are these problems due to Mara? Maybe and maybe not. We do not want to unduly blame him but ourselves.

We sincerely apologise to our valued contributors for the delay in processing their papers and will try our best to improve the situation this year.