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Foreword

In the Auguttara Nikaya, the Buddha explains the importance of the Five Rarities, namely:

- (1) The arising of a Buddha is an extreme rarity,
- (2) Being born as a human being is an extreme rarity,
- (3) To have a genuine faith in the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha is an extreme rarity,
- (4) To become a genuine Bhikkhu (Buddhist Monk) is an extreme rarity,
- (5) To hear the Noble Truth of the Buddha's doctrine is an extreme rarity

Within the short life span, a variegated assortment of people can be seen like the colours in a rainbow; some colours are washed out while others bright.

I preferred to read and write short stories. Short stories are usually more focused, centering on one major conflict, or relaying a large amount of time in a more distant and summarized manner. Most of my favourite short stories can leave me with a series of thoughts and at least a new way of view to life.

Today's thoughts and views would design our tomorrow. Thoughts and views are merely our imaginations; they happen in our mind. But those thoughts and views will make our way to future. Anyone else will

make no good or wrong way for us instead. Only our own thoughts and views will.

In fact, the arts are a benefit in religious service for those who can put it good use. In religious ceremonies, drumming can brought attendances' generosity and faith to the climax of donation so it is very advantageous. But some artistes have lost their good intention of the arts since their appreciation of arts were customized and fell under the sway of laymen's tastes.

We need our seniors' suggestions to be able to write our fascinating history, to tell our life-story to our children and to walk on the way to our brightest future. True friends and good books enable us to get new ideas and strength of spirit. They can protect us against the risks of personal experiences and the uncertainties of life so that they light our way to future.

The stories in this book are the collection of essays publicized in magazines during my twenty-year-long writing profession. These stories were all chosen and added because they seem to me good ones.

It is worth the effort if the readers grasp the moral or lesson of my stories and find something beneficial from this book 'Until the sea runs dry'.

Yours lovingly,
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