

This completes my response to Bhikkhu Anālayo's (2011 and 2016 [2017]) questions and doubts. I have chosen to locate it at the very end of my paper because I wanted to end on an optimistic note. At the outset I drew attention to a widespread failure, among Western scholars of early Buddhism, to take due account of the very substantial research findings of Master Yinshun. My hope is that the present paper will help to eliminate this blind spot by providing a brief but thought-provoking glimpse at the work of this still seriously underrated Chinese scholar.