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LINKED DISCOURSES ON THE AGGREGATES

THE FIRST FIFTY

The Chapter on Nakula's Father

SN 22.1

Nakula's Father

Nakulapitusutta

- 1.1 SO I HAVE HEARD. At one time the Buddha was staying in the land of the Bhaggas at Crocodile Hill, in the deer park at Bhesakaḷā's Wood.
- 1.3 Then the householder Nakula's father went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to the Buddha:
- 2.1 "Sir, I'm an old man, elderly and senior. I'm advanced in years and have reached the final stage of life. My body is ailing and I'm constantly unwell. I hardly ever get to see the esteemed mendicants. May the Buddha please advise me and instruct me. It will be for my lasting welfare and happiness."
- 3.1 "That's so true, householder! That's so true, householder! For this body is ailing, swaddled in its shell. If anyone dragging around this body claimed to be healthy even for an hour, what is that but foolishness?
- 3.4 So you should train like this: 'Though my body is ailing, my mind will be healthy.' That's how you should train."
- 4.1 And then the householder Nakula's father approved and agreed with what the Buddha said. He got up from his seat, bowed, and

respectfully circled the Buddha, keeping him on his right. Then he went up to Venerable Sāriputta, bowed, and sat down to one side. Sāriputta said to him:

“Householder, your faculties are so very clear, and your complexion is pure and bright. Did you get to hear a Dhamma talk in the Buddha’s presence today?” 4.2

“What else, sir, could it possibly be? Just now the Buddha anointed me with the deathless ambrosia of a Dhamma talk.” 5.1

“But what kind of ambrosial Dhamma talk has the Buddha anointed you with?” 5.3

So Nakula’s father told Sāriputta all that had happened, and said, “That’s the ambrosial Dhamma talk that the Buddha anointed me with.” 5.4

“But didn’t you feel the need to ask the Buddha the further question: ‘Sir, how do you define someone ailing in body and ailing in mind, and someone ailing in body and healthy in mind?’” 7.1

“Sir, we would travel a long way to learn the meaning of this statement in the presence of Venerable Sāriputta. May Venerable Sāriputta himself please clarify the meaning of this.” 7.3

“Well then, householder, listen and apply your mind well, I will speak.” 8.1

“Yes, sir,” replied Nakula’s father. Sāriputta said this: 8.2

“And how is a person ailing in body and ailing in mind? It’s when an unlearned ordinary person has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the qualities of a noble one. They’ve not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in the qualities of a true person. They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. They’re obsessed with the thought: ‘I am form, form is mine!’ But that form of theirs decays and perishes, which gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. 9.1

They regard feeling as self, self as having feeling, feeling in self, or self in feeling. They’re obsessed with the thought: ‘I am feeling, feeling is mine!’ But that feeling of theirs decays and perishes, which gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. 10.1

- 11.1 They regard perception as self, self as having perception, perception in self, or self in perception. They're obsessed with the thought: 'I am perception, perception is mine!' But that perception of theirs decays and perishes, which gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress.
- 12.1 They regard choices as self, self as having choices, choices in self, or self in choices. They're obsessed with the thought: 'I am choices, choices are mine!' But those choices of theirs decay and perish, which gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress.
- 13.1 They regard consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. They're obsessed with the thought: 'I am consciousness, consciousness is mine!' But that consciousness of theirs decays and perishes, which gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress.
- 13.5 That's how a person is ailing in body and ailing in mind.
- 14.1 And how is a person ailing in body and healthy in mind? It's when a learned noble disciple has seen the noble ones, and is skilled and trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They've seen true persons, and are skilled and trained in the teaching of the true persons. They don't regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. They're not obsessed with the thought: 'I am form, form is mine!' So when that form of theirs decays and perishes, it doesn't give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress.
- 15.1 They don't regard feeling as self, self as having feeling, feeling in self, or self in feeling. They're not obsessed with the thought: 'I am feeling, feeling is mine!' So when that feeling of theirs decays and perishes, it doesn't give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress.
- 16.1 They don't regard perception as self, self as having perception, perception in self, or self in perception. They're not obsessed with the thought: 'I am perception, perception is mine!' So when that perception of theirs decays and perishes, it doesn't give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress.

They don't regard choices as self, self as having choices, choices in self, or self in choices. They're not obsessed with the thought: 'I am choices, choices are mine!' So when those choices of theirs decay and perish, it doesn't give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. 17.1

They don't regard consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. They're not obsessed with the thought: 'I am consciousness, consciousness is mine!' So when that consciousness of theirs decays and perishes, it doesn't give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. 18.1

That's how a person is ailing in body and healthy in mind." 18.5

That's what Venerable Sāriputta said. Satisfied, Nakula's father approved what Sāriputta said. 19.1

SN 22.2

At Devadaha

Devadahasutta

SO I HAVE HEARD. At one time the Buddha was staying in the land of the Sakyans, where they have a town named Devadaha. 1.1

Then several mendicants who were heading for the west went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to go to a western land to take up residence there." 1.3

"But mendicants, have you taken leave of Sāriputta?" 2.1

"No, sir, we haven't." 2.2

"You should take leave of Sāriputta. He's astute, and supports his spiritual companions, the mendicants." 2.3

"Yes, sir," they replied. 2.5

Now at that time Venerable Sāriputta was sitting not far from the Buddha in a clump of golden shower trees. And then those mendicants approved and agreed with what the Buddha said. They got up from their seat, bowed, and respectfully circled the Buddha, 3.1

keeping him on their right. Then they went up to Venerable Sāriputta, and exchanged greetings with him.

- 3.3 When the greetings and polite conversation were over, they sat down to one side and said to him, “Reverend Sāriputta, we wish to go to a western land to take up residence there. We have taken leave of the Teacher.”

- 4.1 “Reverends, there are those who question a mendicant who has gone abroad—astute aristocrats, brahmins, householders, and ascetics—for astute people are inquisitive: ‘But what does the venerables’ Teacher teach? What does he explain?’ I trust the venerables have properly heard, learned, applied the mind, and remembered the teachings, and penetrated them with wisdom. That way, when answering you will repeat what the Buddha has said and not misrepresent him with an untruth. You will explain in line with the teaching, with no legitimate grounds for rebuttal and criticism.”

- 5.1 “Reverend, we would travel a long way to learn the meaning of this statement in the presence of Venerable Sāriputta. May Venerable Sāriputta himself please clarify the meaning of this.”

- 5.3 “Well then, reverends, listen and apply your mind well, I will speak.”

- 5.4 “Yes, reverend,” they replied. Sāriputta said this:

- 6.1 “Reverends, there are those who question a mendicant who has gone abroad—astute aristocrats, brahmins, householders, and ascetics—for astute people are inquisitive: ‘But what does the venerables’ Teacher teach? What does he explain?’ When questioned like this, reverends, you should answer: ‘Reverend, our Teacher explained the removal of desire and lust.’

- 7.1 When you answer like this, such astute people may inquire further: ‘But regarding what does the venerables’ teacher explain the removal of desire and lust?’ When questioned like this, reverends, you should answer: ‘Our teacher explains the removal of desire and lust for form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.’

- 8.1 When you answer like this, such astute people may inquire further: ‘But what drawback has he seen that he teaches the removal of

desire and lust for form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness?’ When questioned like this, reverends, you should answer: ‘If you’re not free of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for form, when that form decays and perishes it gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. If you’re not free of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, when that consciousness decays and perishes it gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. This is the drawback our Teacher has seen that he teaches the removal of desire and lust for form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.’

When you answer like this, such astute people may inquire further: ‘But what benefit has he seen that he teaches the removal of desire and lust for form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness?’ When questioned like this, reverends, you should answer: ‘If you are rid of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for form, when that form decays and perishes it doesn’t give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. If you are rid of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, when that consciousness decays and perishes it doesn’t give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. This is the benefit our Teacher has seen that he teaches the removal of desire and lust for form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.’ 9.1

If those who acquired and kept unskillful qualities were to live happily in the present life, free of distress, anguish, and fever; and if, when their body breaks up, after death, they could expect to go to a good place, the Buddha would not praise giving up unskillful qualities. But since those who acquire and keep unskillful qualities live unhappily in the present life, full of distress, anguish, and fever; and since, when their body breaks up, after death, they can expect to go to a bad place, the Buddha praises giving up unskillful qualities. 10.1

If those who embraced and kept skillful qualities were to live unhappily in the present life, full of distress, anguish, and fever; and 11.1

if, when their body breaks up, after death, they could expect to go to a bad place, the Buddha would not praise embracing skillful qualities. But since those who embrace and keep skillful qualities live happily in the present life, free of distress, anguish, and fever; and since, when their body breaks up, after death, they can expect to go to a good place, the Buddha praises embracing skillful qualities.”

- 12.1 This is what Venerable Sāriputta said. Satisfied, the mendicants approved what Sāriputta said.

SN 22.3

With Hāliddikāni

Hāliddikānisutta

- 1.1 SO I HAVE HEARD. At one time Venerable Mahākaccāna was staying in the land of the Avantis near Kuraraghara on Steep Mountain.
- 1.3 Then the householder Hāliddikāni went up to Venerable Mahākaccāna, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him, “Sir, this was said by the Buddha in the Chapter of the Eights, in ‘The Questions of Māgandiya’:
- 2.1 ‘After leaving shelter to migrate without abode,
a sage doesn’t get close to anyone in town.
Rid of sensual pleasures, expecting nothing,
they wouldn’t get in arguments with people.’
- 3.1 How should we see the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s brief statement?”
- 4.1 “Householder, the form element is a shelter for consciousness. One whose consciousness is shackled by greed for the form element is called a migrant going from shelter to shelter. The feeling element is a shelter for consciousness. One whose consciousness is attached to greed for the feeling element is called a migrant going from shelter to shelter. The perception element is a shelter for consciousness. One whose consciousness is attached to greed for the perception

element is called a migrant going from shelter to shelter. The choices element is a shelter for consciousness. One whose consciousness is attached to greed for the choices element is called a migrant going from shelter to shelter. That's how one is a migrant going from shelter to shelter.

And how is one a migrant with no shelter? The Realized One 5.1
has given up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for the form element; any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies. He has cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, obliterated it, so it's unable to arise in the future. That's why the Realized One is called a migrant with no shelter. The Realized One has given up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for the feeling element ... the perception element ... the choices element ... the consciousness element; any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies. He has cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, obliterated it, so it's unable to arise in the future. That's why the Realized One is called a migrant with no shelter. That's how one is a migrant with no shelter.

And how is one a migrant going from abode to abode? Attached 6.1
to drifting between abodes in pursuit of sights, one is called a migrant going from abode to abode. Attached to drifting between settlements in pursuit of sounds ... smells ... tastes ... touches ... thoughts, one is called a migrant going from abode to abode. That's how one is a migrant going from abode to abode.

And how is one a migrant without abode? The Realized One has 7.1
given up attachment to drifting between abodes in pursuit of sights. He has cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, obliterated it, so it's unable to arise in the future. That's why the Realized One is called a migrant without abode. The Realized One has given up attachment to drifting between settlements in pursuit of sounds ... smells ... tastes ... touches ... ideas. He has cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, obliterated it, so it's unable to arise in the future. That's why the Realized One is called a migrant without abode. That's how one is a migrant without abode.

- 8.1 And how does one get close to people in town? It's when someone mixes closely with laypeople, sharing their joys and sorrows—happy when they're happy and sad when they're sad—and getting involved in their business. That's how one gets close to people in town.
- 9.1 And how does one not get close to people in town? It's when a mendicant doesn't mix closely with laypeople, not sharing their joys and sorrows—not happy when they're happy or sad when they're sad—and not getting involved in their business. That's how one doesn't get close to people in town.
- 10.1 And how is one not rid of sensual pleasures? It's when someone isn't rid of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for sensual pleasures. That's how one is not rid of sensual pleasures.
- 11.1 And how is one rid of sensual pleasures? It's when someone is rid of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for sensual pleasures. That's how one is rid of sensual pleasures.
- 12.1 And how does one have expectations? It's when someone thinks: 'In the future, may I be of such form, such feeling, such perception, such choices, and such consciousness!' That's how one has expectations.
- 13.1 And how does one expect nothing? It's when someone doesn't think: 'In the future, may I be of such form, such feeling, such perception, such choices, and such consciousness!' That's how one expects nothing.
- 14.1 And how does one argue with people? It's when someone takes part in this sort of discussion: 'You don't understand this teaching and training. I understand this teaching and training. What, you understand this teaching and training? You're practicing wrong. I'm practicing right. You said last what you should have said first. You said first what you should have said last. I stay on topic, you don't. What you've thought so much about has been disproved. Your doctrine is refuted. Go on, save your doctrine! You're trapped; get yourself out of this—if you can!' That's how one argues with people.

And how does one not argue with people? It's when a mendicant 15.1
doesn't take part in this sort of discussion: 'You don't understand
this teaching and training ... get yourself out of this—if you can!'
That's how one doesn't argue with people.

So, householder, that's how to understand the detailed meaning 16.1
of what the Buddha said in brief in the Chapter of the Eights, in 'The
Questions of Māgandiya':

'After leaving shelter to migrate without abode, 17.1
a sage doesn't get close to anyone in town.
Rid of sensual pleasures, expecting nothing,
they wouldn't get in arguments with people.'

SN 22.4

Hāliddikāni (2nd)

Dutiyahāliddikānisutta

SO I HAVE HEARD. At one time Venerable Mahākaccāna was staying 1.1
in the land of the Avantis near Kuraraghara on Steep Mountain.

Then the householder Hāliddikāni went up to Venerable Mahā- 1.3
kaccāna ... and asked him, "Sir, this was said by the Buddha in 'The
Questions of Sakka': 'Those ascetics and brahmins who are freed due
to the ending of craving have reached the ultimate goal, the ultimate
sanctuary from the yoke, the ultimate spiritual life, the ultimate end,
and are best among gods and humans.'

How should we see the detailed meaning of the Buddha's brief 2.1
statement?"

"Householder, consider any desire, greed, relishing, and craving 3.1
for the form element; any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, in-
sistence, and underlying tendencies. With the ending, fading away,
cessation, giving away, and letting go of that, the mind is said to be
'well freed'.

Consider any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for the feeling 4.1
element ... the perception element ... the choices element ... the

consciousness element; any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies. With the ending, fading away, cessation, giving away, and letting go of that, the mind is said to be ‘well freed’.

- 5.1 So, householder, that’s how to understand the detailed meaning of what the Buddha said in brief in ‘The Questions of Sakka’: ‘Those ascetics and brahmins who are freed due to the ending of craving have reached the ultimate goal, the ultimate sanctuary from the yoke, the ultimate spiritual life, the ultimate end, and are best among gods and humans.’”

SN 22.5

Development of Immersion

Samādhisutta

- 1.1 SO I HAVE HEARD. At Sāvattthī.
- 1.4 “Mendicants, develop immersion. A mendicant who has immersion truly understands. What do they truly understand? The origin and ending of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.
- 2.1 And what is the origin of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness? It’s when a mendicant approves, welcomes, and keeps clinging.
- 3.1 What do they approve, welcome, and keep clinging to? They approve, welcome, and keep clinging to form. This gives rise to relishing. Relishing forms is grasping. Their grasping is a condition for continued existence. Continued existence is a condition for rebirth. Rebirth is a condition for old age and death, sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress to come to be. That is how this entire mass of suffering originates.
- 4.1 They approve, welcome, and keep clinging to feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness. This gives rise to relishing. Relishing consciousness is grasping. Their grasping is a condition for continued existence. Continued existence is a condition for rebirth.

Rebirth is a condition that gives rise to old age and death, sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. That is how this entire mass of suffering originates.

This is the origin of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. 5.1

And what is the ending of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness? 6.1

It's when a mendicant doesn't approve, welcome, or keep clinging. 7.1

What don't they approve, welcome, or keep clinging to? They don't approve, welcome, or keep clinging to form. As a result, relishing of form ceases. When that relishing ceases, grasping ceases. When grasping ceases, continued existence ceases. ... That is how this entire mass of suffering ceases. 8.1

They don't approve, welcome, or keep clinging to feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness. As a result, relishing of consciousness ceases. When that relishing ceases, grasping ceases. ... That is how this entire mass of suffering ceases. 9.1

This is the ending of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness." 12.1

SN 22.6

Retreat

Paṭisallāṇasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

"Mendicants, meditate in retreat. A mendicant in retreat truly understands. What do they truly understand? The origin and ending of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. ..."

(Tell in full as in the previous discourse.)

SN 22.7

Anxiety Because of Grasping

Upādāparitassanāsutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, I will teach you how grasping leads to anxiety, and how not grasping leads to freedom from anxiety. Listen and apply your mind well, I will speak.”

1.4 “Yes, sir,” they replied. The Buddha said this:

2.1 “And how does grasping lead to anxiety? It’s when an unlearned ordinary person has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They’ve not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons. They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. But that form of theirs decays and perishes, and consciousness latches on to the perishing of form. Anxieties occupy their mind, born of latching on to the perishing of form, and originating in accordance with natural principles. So they become frightened, worried, concerned, and anxious because of grasping.

3.1 They regard feeling as self ...

4.1 They regard perception as self ...

4.2 They regard choices as self ...

5.1 They regard consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. But that consciousness of theirs decays and perishes, and consciousness latches on to the perishing of consciousness. Anxieties occupy their mind, born of latching on to the perishing of consciousness, and originating in accordance with natural principles. So they become frightened, worried, concerned, and anxious because of grasping. That’s how grasping leads to anxiety.

6.1 And how does not grasping lead to freedom from anxiety? It’s when a learned noble disciple has seen the noble ones, and is skilled and trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They’ve seen true

persons, and are skilled and trained in the teaching of the true persons. They don't regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. When that form of theirs decays and perishes, consciousness doesn't latch on to the perishing of form. Anxieties—born of latching on to the perishing of form and originating in accordance with natural principles—don't occupy their mind. So they don't become frightened, worried, concerned, or anxious because of grasping.

They don't regard feeling as self ... 7.1

They don't regard perception as self ... 8.1

They don't regard choices as self ... 8.2

They don't regard consciousness as self ... When that consciousness of theirs decays and perishes, consciousness doesn't latch on to the perishing of consciousness. Anxieties—born of latching on to the perishing of consciousness and originating in accordance with natural principles—don't occupy their mind. So they don't become frightened, worried, concerned, or anxious because of grasping. That's how not grasping leads to freedom from anxiety." 9.1

SN 22.8

Anxiety Because of Grasping (2nd)

Dutiyaupādāparitassanāsutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

"Mendicants, I will teach you how grasping leads to anxiety, and how not grasping leads to freedom from anxiety. Listen and apply your mind well, I will speak. And how does grasping lead to anxiety? It's when an unlearned ordinary person regards form like this: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self.' But that form of theirs decays and perishes, which gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness like this: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self.' But that consciousness of theirs decays and perishes, which gives rise to 1.2

sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. That's how grasping leads to anxiety.

- 2.1 And how does not grasping lead to freedom from anxiety? It's when a learned noble disciple regards form like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.' When that form of theirs decays and perishes, it doesn't give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.' When that consciousness of theirs decays and perishes, it doesn't give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. That's how not grasping leads to freedom from anxiety."

SN 22.9

Impermanence in the Three Times

Kālattayaaniccasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvathī.
- 1.2 "Mendicants, form of the past and future is impermanent, let alone the present.
- 1.4 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple doesn't worry about past form, doesn't look forward to enjoying future form, and they practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding present form.
- 1.7 Feeling ...
- 1.8 Perception ...
- 1.9 Choices ...
- 1.11 Consciousness of the past and future is impermanent, let alone the present.
- 1.16 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple doesn't worry about past consciousness, doesn't look forward to enjoying future consciousness, and they practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding present consciousness."

SN 22.10

Suffering in the Three Times

Kālattayaadukkhassutta

- At Sāvathī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, form of the past and future is suffering, let alone 1.2
the present.
- Seeing this, a learned noble disciple doesn’t worry about past 1.4
form, doesn’t look forward to enjoying future form, and they prac-
tice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding present
form.
- Feeling ... 1.7
- Perception ... 1.8
- Choices ... 1.9
- Consciousness of the past and future is suffering, let alone the 1.10
present.
- Seeing this, a learned noble disciple doesn’t worry about past 1.12
consciousness, doesn’t look forward to enjoying future conscious-
ness, and they practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation
regarding present consciousness.”

SN 22.11

Not-Self in the Three Times

Kālattayaānattasutta

- At Sāvathī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, form of the past and future is not-self, let alone the 1.2
present.
- Seeing this, a learned noble disciple doesn’t worry about past 1.4
form, doesn’t look forward to enjoying future form, and they prac-
tice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding present
form.
- Feeling ... 1.7

- 1.8 Perception ...
- 1.9 Choices ...
- 1.10 Consciousness of the past and future is not-self, let alone the present.
- 1.12 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple doesn't worry about past consciousness, doesn't look forward to enjoying future consciousness, and they practice for the disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding present consciousness."

The Chapter on Impermanence

SN 22.12

Impermanence

Aniccāsutta

SO I HAVE HEARD. At Sāvatthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are impermanent. 1.4

Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed. 1.5

They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.7

SN 22.13

Suffering

Dukkhasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

- 1.2 “Mendicants, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are suffering.
- 1.3 Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.14

Not-Self

Anattasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are not-self.
- 1.3 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed.
- 1.5 They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.15

That Which is Impermanent

Yadanikkasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, form is impermanent. What’s impermanent is suffering. What’s suffering is not-self. And what’s not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’
- 1.6 Feeling is impermanent ...
- 1.10 Perception is impermanent ...
- 1.11 Choices are impermanent ...

Consciousness is impermanent. What's impermanent is suffering. 1.12
What's suffering is not-self. And what's not-self should be truly seen
with right understanding like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this,
this is not my self.'

Seeing this ... They understand: '... there is nothing further for 1.16
this place.'

SN 22.16

That Which is Suffering

Yamdukkhasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

"Mendicants, form is suffering. What's suffering is not-self. And 1.2
what's not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like
this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.'

Feeling is suffering ... 1.5

Perception is suffering ... 1.6

Choices are suffering ... 1.7

Consciousness is suffering. What's suffering is not-self. And 1.8
what's not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like
this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.'

Seeing this ... They understand: '... there is nothing further for 1.11
this place.'

SN 22.17

That Which is Not-Self

Yadanattāsutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

"Mendicants, form is not-self. And what's not-self should be truly 1.2
seen with right understanding like this: 'This is not mine, I am not
this, this is not my self.'

- 1.4 Feeling is not-self ...
- 1.5 Perception is not-self ...
- 1.6 Choices are not-self ...
- 1.7 Consciousness is not-self. And what's not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.'
- 1.9 Seeing this ... They understand: '... there is nothing further for this place.'

SN 22.18

Impermanence With Its Cause

Sahetuaniccasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥi.
- 1.2 "Mendicants, form is impermanent. The cause and reason that gives rise to form is also impermanent. Since form is produced by what is impermanent, how could it be permanent?
- 1.5 Feeling is impermanent ...
- 1.8 Perception is impermanent ...
- 1.9 Choices are impermanent ...
- 1.12 Consciousness is impermanent. The cause and reason that gives rise to consciousness is also impermanent. Since consciousness is produced by what is impermanent, how could it be permanent?
- 1.15 Seeing this ... They understand: '... there is nothing further for this place.'

SN 22.19

Suffering With Its Cause

Sahetudukkkhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥi.

“Mendicants, form is suffering. The cause and reason that gives rise to form is also suffering. Since form is produced by what is suffering, how could it be happiness? 1.2

Feeling is suffering ... 1.5

Perception is suffering ... 1.6

Choices are suffering ... 1.7

Consciousness is suffering. The cause and reason that gives rise to consciousness is also suffering. Since consciousness is produced by what is suffering, how could it be happiness? 1.8

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.11

SN 22.20

Not-Self With Its Cause

Sahetuanattasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, form is not-self. The cause and reason that gives rise to form is also not-self. Since form is produced by what is not-self, how could it be self? 1.2

Feeling is not-self ... 1.5

Perception is not-self ... 1.6

Choices are not-self ... 1.7

Consciousness is not-self. The cause and reason that gives rise to consciousness is also not-self. Since consciousness is produced by what is not-self, how could it be self? 1.8

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.11

With Ānanda

Ānandasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvathī.
- 1.2 Then Venerable Ānanda went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, they speak of ‘cessation’. The cessation of what things does this refer to?”
- 1.5 “Ānanda, form is impermanent, conditioned, dependently originated, liable to end, vanish, fade away, and cease. Its cessation is what ‘cessation’ refers to.
- 1.7 Feeling ...
- 1.9 Perception ...
- 1.10 Choices ...
- 1.12 Consciousness is impermanent, conditioned, dependently originated, liable to end, vanish, fade away, and cease. Its cessation is what ‘cessation’ refers to.
- 1.14 When they speak of ‘cessation’, its the cessation of these things that this refers to.”

The Chapter on the Burden

SN 22.22

The Burden

Bhārasutta

At Sāvathī.

1.1

“Mendicants, I will teach you the burden, the bearer of the burden, the picking up of the burden, and the putting down of the burden. Listen ...

And what is the burden? The five grasping aggregates, it should be said. What five? The grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. This is called the burden.

1.2

And who is the bearer of the burden? The person, it should be said; the venerable of such and such name and clan. This is called the bearer of the burden.

2.1

And what is the picking up of the burden? It’s the craving that leads to future lives, mixed up with relishing and greed, taking pleasure wherever it lands. That is, craving for sensual pleasures, craving to continue existence, and craving to end existence. This is called the picking up of the burden.

3.1

And what is the putting down of the burden? It’s the fading away and cessation of that very same craving with nothing left over; giving it away, letting it go, releasing it, and not clinging to it. This is called the putting down of the burden.”

4.1

5.1 That is what the Buddha said. Then the Holy One, the Teacher, went on to say:

6.1 “The five aggregates are indeed burdens,
and the person is the bearer of the burden.
Picking up the burden is suffering in the world,
and putting the burden down is happiness.

7.1 When the heavy burden is put down
without picking up another,
and having plucked out craving, root and all,
you’re hungerless, quenched.”

SN 22.23

Complete Understanding

Pariññasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, I will teach you the things that should be completely understood, and complete understanding. Listen ...

1.4 And what things should be completely understood? Form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. These are called the things that should be completely understood.

1.7 And what is complete understanding? The ending of greed, hate, and delusion. This is called complete understanding.”

SN 22.24

Directly Knowing

Abhijānasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

“Mendicants, without directly knowing and completely understanding form, without dispassion for it and giving it up, you can’t end suffering. 1.2

Without directly knowing and completely understanding feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, without dispassion for it and giving it up, you can’t end suffering. 1.3

By directly knowing and completely understanding form, having dispassion for it and giving it up, you can end suffering. 1.7

By directly knowing and completely understanding feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, having dispassion for it and giving it up, you can end suffering.” 1.8

SN 22.25

Desire and Greed

Chandarāgasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, give up desire and greed for form. Thus that form will be given up, cut off at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future. 1.2

Give up desire and greed for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness. Thus that consciousness will be given up, cut off at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future.” 1.4

SN 22.26

Gratification

Assādasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, before my awakening—when I was still unawakened but intent on awakening—I thought: ‘What’s the gratification, 1.2

the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form ... feeling ... perception ... choices ... and consciousness?’

- 1.8 Then it occurred to me: ‘The pleasure and happiness that arise from form: this is its gratification. That form is impermanent, suffering, and perishable: this is its drawback. Removing and giving up desire and greed for form: this is its escape. The pleasure and happiness that arise from feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness: this is its gratification. That consciousness is impermanent, suffering, and perishable: this is its drawback. Removing and giving up desire and greed for consciousness: this is its escape.’

- 2.1 As long as I didn’t truly understand these five grasping aggregates’ gratification, drawback, and escape in this way for what they are, I didn’t announce my supreme perfect awakening in this world with its gods, Māras, and Divinities, this population with its ascetics and brahmins, its gods and humans.

- 2.2 But when I did truly understand these five grasping aggregates’ gratification, drawback, and escape in this way for what they are, I announced my supreme perfect awakening in this world with its gods, Māras, and Divinities, this population with its ascetics and brahmins, its gods and humans.

- 2.4 Knowledge and vision arose in me: ‘My freedom is unshakable; this is my last rebirth; now there’ll be no more future lives.’”

SN 22.27

Gratification (2nd)

Dutiyaassādasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥi.

- 1.2 “Mendicants, I went in search of form’s gratification, and I found it. I’ve seen clearly with wisdom the full extent of form’s gratification. I went in search of form’s drawback, and I found it. I’ve seen clearly with wisdom the full extent of form’s drawback. I went in search of

form's escape, and I found it. I've seen clearly with wisdom the full extent of form's escape.

I went in search of the gratification of feeling ... perception ... 1.11
choices ... and consciousness, and I found it. I've seen clearly with wisdom the full extent of consciousness's gratification. I went in search of consciousness's drawback, and I found it. I've seen clearly with wisdom the full extent of consciousness's drawback. I went in search of consciousness's escape, and I found it. I've seen clearly with wisdom the full extent of consciousness's escape.

As long as I didn't truly understand these five grasping aggregates' gratification, drawback, and escape for what they are, I didn't announce my supreme perfect awakening ... But when I did truly understand these five grasping aggregates' gratification, drawback, and escape for what they are, I announced my supreme perfect awakening ... 1.23

Knowledge and vision arose in me: 'My freedom is unshakable; 1.25
this is my last rebirth; now there'll be no more future lives.'

SN 22.28

Gratification (3rd)

Tatiyaassādasutta

At Sāvattḥī.

1.1

"Mendicants, if there were no gratification in form, sentient beings 1.2
wouldn't be aroused by it. But since there is gratification in form, sentient beings are aroused by it. If form had no drawback, sentient beings wouldn't grow disillusioned with it. But since form has a drawback, sentient beings do grow disillusioned with it. If there were no escape from form, sentient beings wouldn't escape from it. But since there is an escape from form, sentient beings do escape from it.

If there were no gratification in feeling ... perception ... choices 1.8
... consciousness, sentient beings wouldn't be aroused by it. But

since there is gratification in consciousness, sentient beings are aroused by it. If consciousness had no drawback, sentient beings wouldn't grow disillusioned with it. But since consciousness has a drawback, sentient beings do grow disillusioned with it. If there were no escape from consciousness, sentient beings wouldn't escape from it. But since there is an escape from consciousness, sentient beings do escape from it.

- 2.1 As long as sentient beings don't truly understand these five grasping aggregates' gratification, drawback, and escape for what they are, they haven't escaped from this world—with its gods, Māras, and Divinities, this population with its ascetics and brahmins, its gods and humans—and they don't live detached, liberated, with a mind free of limits.
- 2.3 But when sentient beings truly understand these five grasping aggregates' gratification, drawback, and escape for what they are, they've escaped from this world—with its gods, Māras, and Divinities, this population with its ascetics and brahmins, its gods and humans—and they live detached, liberated, with a mind free of limits."

SN 22.29

Taking Pleasure

Abhinandanasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 "Mendicants, if you take pleasure in form, you take pleasure in suffering. If you take pleasure in suffering, I say you're not exempt from suffering.
- 1.4 If you take pleasure in feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, you take pleasure in suffering. If you take pleasure in suffering, I say you're not exempt from suffering.

If you don't take pleasure in form, you don't take pleasure in suffering. If you don't take pleasure in suffering, I say you're exempt from suffering. 1.9

If you don't take pleasure in feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, you don't take pleasure in suffering. If you don't take pleasure in suffering, I say you're exempt from suffering." 1.11

SN 22.30

Arising

Uppādasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

"Mendicants, the arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of form is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and the manifestation of old age and death. 1.2

The arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and the manifestation of old age and death. 1.3

The cessation, settling, and ending of form is the cessation of suffering, the settling of diseases, and the ending of old age and death. 1.7

The cessation, settling, and ending of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness is the cessation of suffering, the settling of diseases, and the ending of old age and death." 1.8

SN 22.31

The Root of Misery

Aghamūlasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

- 1.2 “Mendicants, I will teach you misery and the root of misery. Listen ...
- 1.4 And what is misery? Form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are misery. This is called misery.
- 1.7 And what is the root of misery? It’s the craving that leads to future lives, mixed up with relishing and greed, taking pleasure wherever it lands. That is, craving for sensual pleasures, craving to continue existence, and craving to end existence. This is called the root of misery.”

SN 22.32

The Breakable

Pabhaṅgusutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, I will teach you the breakable and the unbreakable. Listen ...
- 1.4 And what is the breakable? What is the unbreakable? Form is breakable, but its cessation, settling, and ending is unbreakable.
- 1.7 Feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness is breakable, but its cessation, settling, and ending is unbreakable.”

The Chapter on Not Yours

SN 22.33

It's Not Yours

Natumahākasutta

- At Sāvattthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, give up what's not yours. Giving it up will be for 1.2
your welfare and happiness. And what isn't yours? Form isn't yours:
give it up. Giving it up will be for your welfare and happiness.
- Feeling ... 1.7
- Perception ... 1.9
- Choices ... 1.10
- Consciousness isn't yours: give it up. Giving it up will be for your 1.12
welfare and happiness.
- Suppose a person was to carry off the grass, sticks, branches, and 2.1
leaves in this Jeta's Grove, or burn them, or do what they want with
them. Would you think: “This person is carrying us off, burning us,
or doing what they want with us'?”
- “No, sir. Why is that? Because to us that's neither self nor belong- 2.4
ing to self.”
- “In the same way, mendicants, form isn't yours: give it up. Giving 2.7
it up will be for your welfare and happiness.
- Feeling ... 2.9
- Perception ... 2.11
- Choices ... 2.12

- 2.13 Consciousness isn't yours: give it up. Giving it up will be for your welfare and happiness."

SN 22.34

It's Not Yours (2nd)

Dutiyanatumhākasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 "Mendicants, give up what's not yours. Giving it up will be for your welfare and happiness. And what isn't yours?
- 1.5 Form isn't yours: give it up. Giving it up will be for your welfare and happiness.
- 1.7 Feeling ...
- 1.8 Perception ...
- 1.9 Choices ...
- 1.10 Consciousness isn't yours: give it up. Giving it up will be for your welfare and happiness.
- 1.12 Give up what's not yours. Giving it up will be for your welfare and happiness."

SN 22.35

A Mendicant

Aññatarabhikkhusutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him, "Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I've heard it, I'll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute."
- 1.5 "Mendicant, you're defined by what you have an underlying tendency for. You're not defined by what you have no underlying tendency for."

“Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!” 1.7

“But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?” 2.1

“If you have an underlying tendency for form, you’re defined by 2.2
that. If you have an underlying tendency for feeling ... perception
... choices ... consciousness, you’re defined by that.

If you have no underlying tendency for form, you’re not defined 2.7
by that. If you have no underlying tendency for feeling ... perception
... choices ... consciousness, you’re not defined by that.

That’s how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s 2.12
brief statement.”

“Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the de- 3.1
tailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this.

If you have an underlying tendency for form, you’re defined by 3.3
that. If you have an underlying tendency for feeling ... perception
... choices ... consciousness, you’re defined by that.

If you have no underlying tendency for form, you’re not defined 3.8
by that. If you have no underlying tendency for feeling ... perception
... choices ... consciousness, you’re not defined by that.

This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in 3.13
brief.”

And then that mendicant approved and agreed with what the 4.1
Buddha said. He got up from his seat, bowed, and respectfully circled
the Buddha, keeping him on his right, before leaving.

Then that mendicant, living alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and 5.1
resolute, soon realized the supreme end of the spiritual path in this
very life. He lived having achieved with his own insight the goal for
which gentlemen rightly go forth from the lay life to homelessness.

He understood: “Rebirth is ended; the spiritual journey has been 5.2
completed; what had to be done has been done; there is nothing
further for this place.” And that mendicant became one of the per-
fected.

SN 22.36

A Mendicant (2nd)

Dutiyaaññatarabhikkhusutta

- 1.1 At Sāvathī.
- 1.2 Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, “Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, you’re measured against what you have an underlying tendency for, and you’re defined by what you’re measured against. You’re not measured against what you have no underlying tendency for, and you’re not defined by what you’re not measured against.”
- 1.8 “Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!”
- 2.1 “But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?”
- 2.2 “If you have an underlying tendency for form, you’re measured against that, and you’re defined by what you’re measured against. If you have an underlying tendency for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, you’re measured against that, and you’re defined by what you’re measured against.
- 2.9 If you have no underlying tendency for form, you’re not measured against that, and you’re not defined by what you’re not measured against. If you have no underlying tendency for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, you’re not measured against that, and you’re not defined by what you’re not measured against.
- 2.16 That’s how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s brief statement.”
- 3.1 “Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the detailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this.
- 3.3 If you have an underlying tendency for form, you’re measured against that, and you’re defined by what you’re measured against. If you have an underlying tendency for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, you’re measured against that, and you’re defined by what you’re measured against.

If you have no underlying tendency for form, you're not measured 3.10
against that, and you're not defined by what you're not measured
against. If you have no underlying tendency for feeling ... perception
... choices ... consciousness, you're not measured against that, and
you're not defined by what you're not measured against.

This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in 3.17
brief." ...

And that mendicant became one of the perfected. 3.18

SN 22.37

With Ānanda

Ānandasutta

At Sāvattḥi. 1.1

And then Venerable Ānanda ... sitting to one side, the Buddha 1.2
said to him:

"Ānanda, suppose they were to ask you: 'Reverend Ānanda, what 2.1
are the things for which arising is evident, vanishing is evident, and
change while persisting is evident?' How would you answer?"

"Sir, suppose they were to ask me: 'What are the things for which 2.4
arising is evident, vanishing is evident, and change while persisting
is evident?' I'd answer like this:

'Reverend, the arising of form is evident, its vanishing is evident, 2.7
and change while persisting is evident. The arising of feeling ...
perception ... choices ... consciousness is evident, its vanishing is
evident, and change while persisting is evident. These are the things
for which arising is evident, vanishing is evident, and change while
persisting is evident.'

That's how I'd answer such a question." 2.13

"Good, good, Ānanda. The arising of form is evident, its vanishing 3.1
is evident, and change while persisting is evident. The arising of
feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness is evident, its
vanishing is evident, and change while persisting is evident. These

are the things for which arising is evident, vanishing is evident, and change while persisting is evident.

3.8 That's how you should answer such a question."

SN 22.38

With Ānanda (2nd)

Dutiyaānandasutta

1.1 At Sāvattḥī.

1.2 Sitting to one side, the Buddha said to Ānanda:

2.1 "Ānanda, suppose they were to ask you: 'Reverend Ānanda, what are the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting were evident? What are the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting will be evident? What are the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting are evident?' How would you answer?"

2.6 "Sir, suppose they were to ask me: 'Reverend Ānanda, what are the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting were evident? What are the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting will be evident? What are the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting are evident?' I'd answer like this:

2.11 "Whatever form has passed, ceased, and perished, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting were evident. Whatever feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness has passed, ceased, and perished, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting were evident. These the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting were evident.

3.1 "Whatever form is not yet born, and has not yet appeared, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting will be evident. Whatever feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness is not yet born, and has not yet appeared, its arising, vanishing, and change while

persisting will be evident. These are the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting will be evident.

Whatever form has been born, and has appeared, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting is evident. Whatever feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness has been born, and has appeared, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting are evident. These are the things for which arising is evident, vanishing is evident, and change while persisting is evident.' That's how I'd answer such a question." 4.1

"Good, good, Ānanda. Whatever form has passed, ceased, and perished, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting were evident. Whatever feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness has passed, ceased, and perished, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting were evident. These the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting were evident. 5.1

Whatever form is not yet born, and has not yet appeared, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting will be evident. Whatever feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness is not yet born, and has not yet appeared, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting will be evident. These are the things for which arising, vanishing, and change while persisting will be evident. 6.1

Whatever form has been born, and has appeared, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting are evident. Whatever feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness has been born, and has appeared, its arising, vanishing, and change while persisting are evident. These are the things for which arising is evident, vanishing is evident, and change while persisting is evident. 7.1

That's how you should answer such a question." 7.9

SN 22.39

In Line With the Teachings

Anudhammasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, when a mendicant is practicing in line with the teachings, this is what’s in line with the teachings.

1.3 They should live full of disillusionment for form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Living in this way, they completely understand form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Completely understanding form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness, they’re freed from these things. They’re freed from rebirth, old age, and death, from sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. They’re freed from suffering, I say.”

SN 22.40

In Line with the Teachings (2nd)

Dutiyaanudhammasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, when a mendicant is practicing in line with the teachings, this is what’s in line with the teachings. They should live observing impermanence in form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. ... They’re freed from suffering, I say.”

SN 22.41

In Line with the Teachings (3rd)

Tatiyaanudhammasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, when a mendicant is practicing in line with the teachings, this is what’s in line with the teachings. They should live

observing suffering in form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. ... They're freed from suffering, I say."

SN 22.42

In Line with the Teachings (4th)

Catutthaanudhammasutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

"Mendicants, when a mendicant is practicing in line with the teachings, this is what's in line with the teachings. They should live observing not-self in form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. ...

1.2

They're freed from suffering, I say."

1.3

The Chapter on Be Your Own Island

SN 22.43

Be Your Own Island

Attadīpasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, be your own island, your own refuge, with no other refuge. Let the teaching be your island and your refuge, with no other refuge.
- 1.3 When you live like this, you should examine the cause: ‘From what are sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress born and produced?’
- 2.1 And, mendicants, from what are sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress born and produced? It’s when an unlearned ordinary person has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They’ve not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons. They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. But that form of theirs decays and perishes, which gives rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress.
- 2.6 They regard feeling as self . . .
- 2.9 They regard perception as self . . .
- 2.10 They regard choices as self . . .

They regard consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, 2.11
consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. But that conscious-
ness of theirs decays and perishes, which gives rise to sorrow, lamen-
tation, pain, sadness, and distress.

Sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress are given up when 3.1
you understand the impermanence of form—its perishing, fading
away, and cessation—and you truly see with right understanding
that all form, whether past or present, is impermanent, suffering,
and perishable. When these things are given up there's no anxiety.
Without anxiety you live happily. A mendicant who lives happily is
said to be quenched in that respect.

Sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress are given up when 3.3
you understand the impermanence of feeling ...

perception ... 3.5

choices ... 3.6

consciousness—its perishing, fading away, and cessation—and 3.8
you truly see with right understanding that all consciousness,
whether past or present, is impermanent, suffering, and perishable.
When these things are given up there's no anxiety. Without anxi-
ety you live happily. A mendicant who lives happily is said to be
quenched in that respect.”

SN 22.44

Practice

Paṭipadāsutta

At Sāvathī. 1.1

“Mendicants, I will teach you the practice that leads to the origin 1.2
of substantial reality and the practice that leads to the cessation of
substantial reality. Listen ...

And what is the practice that leads to the origin of substantial 1.4
reality? It's when an unlearned ordinary person has not seen the
noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the

noble ones. They've not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons.

- 1.6 They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form.
- 1.7 They regard feeling as self ...
- 1.8 They regard perception as self ...
- 1.9 They regard choices as self ...
- 1.10 They regard consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness.
- 1.11 This is called the practice that leads to the origin of substantial reality. And that's why it's called a way of regarding things that leads to the origin of suffering.
- 2.1 And what is the practice that leads to the cessation of substantial reality? It's when a learned noble disciple has seen the noble ones, and is skilled and trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They've seen true persons, and are skilled and trained in the teaching of the true persons.
- 2.3 They don't regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form.
- 2.4 They don't regard feeling as self ...
- 2.5 They don't regard perception as self ...
- 2.6 They don't regard choices as self ...
- 2.7 They don't regard consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness.
- 2.8 This is called the practice that leads to the cessation of substantial reality. And that's why it's called a way of regarding things that leads to the cessation of suffering."

SN 22.45

Impermanence

Aniccasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.

“Mendicants, form is impermanent. What’s impermanent is suffering. What’s suffering is not-self. And what’s not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ Seeing truly with right understanding like this, the mind becomes dispassionate and freed from defilements by not grasping. 1.2

Feeling is impermanent ... 1.7

Perception ... 1.8

Choices ... 1.9

Consciousness is impermanent. What’s impermanent is suffering. What’s suffering is not-self. And what’s not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ Seeing truly with right understanding like this, the mind becomes dispassionate and freed from defilements by not grasping. 1.10

If a mendicant’s mind is dispassionate towards the form element, the feeling element, the perception element, the choices element, and the consciousness element, it’s freed from defilements by not grasping. 1.15

Being free, it’s stable. Being stable, it’s content. Being content, they’re not anxious. Not being anxious, they personally become extinguished. 1.19

They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.20

SN 22.46

Impermanence (2nd)

Dutiyaaniccassutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, form is impermanent. What’s impermanent is suffering. What’s suffering is not-self. And what’s not-self should be 1.2

truly seen with right understanding like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self’

- 1.6 Feeling is impermanent ...
- 1.7 Perception is impermanent ...
- 1.8 Choices are impermanent ...
- 1.9 Consciousness is impermanent. What’s impermanent is suffering. What’s suffering is not-self. And what’s not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self’
- 2.1 Seeing truly with right understanding like this, they have no theories about the past. Not having theories about the past, they have no theories about the future. Not having theories about the future, they don’t obstinately stick to them. Not misapprehending, the mind becomes dispassionate towards form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness; it’s freed from defilements by not grasping.
- 2.9 Being free, it’s stable. Being stable, it’s content. Being content, they’re not anxious. Not being anxious, they personally become extinguished.
- 2.10 They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.47

Ways of Regarding

Samanupassanāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, whatever ascetics and brahmins regard various kinds of things as self, all regard the five grasping aggregates, or one of them.
- 1.3 What five? It’s when an unlearned ordinary person has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the teaching

of the noble ones. They've not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons.

They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. 1.5

So they're not rid of this way of regarding things and the conceit 'I am'. As long as they're not rid of the conceit 'I am', the five faculties are conceived—the eye, ear, nose, tongue, and body. The mind, ideas, and the element of ignorance are all present. Struck by feelings born of contact with ignorance, an unlearned ordinary person thinks 'I am', 'I am this', 'I will be', 'I will not be', 'I will have form', 'I will be formless', 'I will be percipient', 'I will not be percipient', 'I will be neither percipient nor non-percipient'. 2.1

The five faculties stay right where they are. But a learned noble disciple gives up ignorance about them and gives rise to knowledge. With the fading away of ignorance and the arising of knowledge, they don't think 'I am', 'I am this', 'I will be', 'I will not be', 'I will have form', 'I will be formless', 'I will be percipient', 'I will be non-percipient', 'I will be neither percipient nor non-percipient'. 3.1

SN 22.48

Aggregates

Khandhasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

"Mendicants, I will teach you the five aggregates and the five grasping aggregates. Listen ... 1.2

And what are the five aggregates? 1.4

Any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: this is called the aggregate of form. 1.5

Any kind of feeling at all ... 1.6

- 1.7 Any kind of perception at all ...
- 1.8 Any kind of choices at all ...
- 1.9 Any kind of consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: this is called the aggregate of consciousness.
- 1.10 These are called the five aggregates.
- 2.1 And what are the five grasping aggregates?
- 2.2 Any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; coarse or fine; inferior or superior; far or near, which is accompanied by defilements and is prone to fuel grasping: this is called the aggregate of form connected with grasping.
- 2.3 Any kind of feeling at all ...
- 2.4 Any kind of perception at all ...
- 2.5 Any kind of choices at all ...
- 2.6 Any kind of consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; coarse or fine; inferior or superior; far or near, which is accompanied by defilements and is prone to fuel grasping: this is called the aggregate of consciousness connected with grasping.
- 2.7 These are called the five grasping aggregates.”

SN 22.49

With Soṇa

Soṇasutta

- 1.1 SO I HAVE HEARD. At one time the Buddha was staying near Rājagaha, in the Bamboo Grove, the squirrels’ feeding ground.
- 1.3 Then the householder Soṇa went up to the Buddha ... The Buddha said to him:
- 2.1 “Soṇa, there are ascetics and brahmins who—based on form, which is impermanent, suffering, and perishable—regard themselves thus: ‘I’m better’, or ‘I’m equal’, or ‘I’m worse’. What is that but a failure to see truly? Based on feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, which is impermanent, suffering, and perishable,

they regard themselves thus: ‘I’m better’, or ‘I’m equal’, or ‘I’m worse’. What is that but a failure to see truly?

There are ascetics and brahmins who—based on form, which is impermanent, suffering, and perishable—don’t regard themselves thus: ‘I’m better’, or ‘I’m equal’, or ‘I’m worse’. What is that but seeing truly? Based on feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, which is impermanent, suffering, and perishable, they don’t regard themselves thus: ‘I’m better’, or ‘I’m equal’, or ‘I’m worse’. What is that but seeing truly? 3.1

What do you think, Soṇa? Is form permanent or impermanent?” 4.1

“Impermanent, sir.” 4.3

“But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?” 4.4

“Suffering, sir.” 4.5

“But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?” 4.6

“No, sir.” 4.8

“Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?” 4.9

“Impermanent, sir.” 4.14

“But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?” 4.15

“Suffering, sir.” 4.16

“But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?” 4.17

“No, sir.” 4.19

“So, Soṇa, you should truly see any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ 5.1

You should truly see any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ 6.1

- 7.1 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they're freed. When they're freed, they know they're freed.
- 7.3 They understand: 'Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.'

SN 22.50

With Soṇa (2nd)

Dutiyaṣoṇasutta

- 1.1 SO I HAVE HEARD. At one time the Buddha was staying near Rājagaha, in the Bamboo Grove, the squirrels' feeding ground.
- 1.3 Then the householder Soṇa went up to the Buddha, bowed, and sat down to one side. The Buddha said to him:
- 2.1 "Soṇa, there are ascetics and brahmins who don't understand form, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. They don't understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. I don't deem them as true ascetics and brahmins. Those venerables don't realize the goal of life as an ascetic or brahmin, and don't live having realized it with their own insight.
- 3.1 There are ascetics and brahmins who do understand form, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. They do understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. I deem them as true ascetics and brahmins. Those venerables realize the goal of life as an ascetic or brahmin, and live having realized it with their own insight."

SN 22.51

The End of Relishing

Nandikkhayasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, form really is impermanent. A mendicant sees that 1.2
it is impermanent: that’s their right view. Seeing rightly, they grow
disillusioned. When relishing ends, greed ends. When greed ends,
relishing ends. When relishing and greed end, the mind is freed, and
is said to be well freed.
- Feeling ... 1.6
- Perception ... 1.10
- Choices ... 1.11
- Consciousness really is impermanent. A mendicant sees that it 1.15
is impermanent: that’s their right view. Seeing rightly, they grow
disillusioned. When relishing ends, greed ends. When greed ends,
relishing ends. When relishing and greed end, the mind is freed, and
is said to be well freed.”

SN 22.52

The End of Relishing (2nd)

Dutiyanandikkhayasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, rationally apply the mind to form. Truly see the 1.2
impermanence of form. When a mendicant does this, they grow
disillusioned with form. When relishing ends, greed ends. When
greed ends, relishing ends. When relishing and greed end, the mind
is freed, and is said to be well freed.
- Rationally apply the mind to feeling ... 1.6
- perception ... 1.10
- choices ... 1.11

- 1.15 consciousness. Truly see the impermanence of consciousness. When a mendicant does this, they grow disillusioned with consciousness. When relishing ends, greed ends. When greed ends, relishing ends. When relishing and greed end, the mind is freed, and is said to be well freed.”

THE MIDDLE FIFTY

The Chapter on Involvement

SN 22.53

Involvement

Upayasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, if you’re involved, you’re not free. If you’re not involved, you’re free.
- 1.3 As long as consciousness remains, it would remain involved with form, supported by form, founded on form. And with a sprinkle of relishing, it would grow, increase, and mature.
- 1.4 Or consciousness would remain involved with feeling ...
- 1.5 Or consciousness would remain involved with perception ...
- 1.6 Or as long as consciousness remains, it would remain involved with choices, supported by choices, grounded on choices. And with a sprinkle of relishing, it would grow, increase, and mature.
- 2.1 Mendicants, suppose you say: ‘Apart from form, feeling, perception, and choices, I will describe the coming and going of consciousness, its passing away and reappearing, its growth, increase, and maturity.’ That is not possible.
- 3.1 If a mendicant has given up greed for the form element, the support is cut off, and there is no foundation for consciousness.
- 3.3 If a mendicant has given up greed for the feeling element ...
- 3.4 perception element ...
- 3.5 choices element ...

consciousness element, the support is cut off, and there is no 3.6
foundation for consciousness. Since that consciousness does not
become established and does not grow, with no power to regenerate,
it is freed.

Being free, it's stable. Being stable, it's content. Being content, 3.9
they're not anxious. Not being anxious, they personally become
extinguished.

They understand: 'Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has 3.10
been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing
further for this place.'

SN 22.54

Seeds

Bījasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

"Mendicants, there are five kinds of plants propagated from seeds. 1.2
What five? Plants propagated from roots, stems, cuttings, or joints;
and those from regular seeds are the fifth.

Suppose these five kinds of plants propagated from seeds were 1.5
intact, unspoiled, not weather-damaged, fertile, and well-kept. But
there's no soil or water. Then would these five kinds of plants prop-
agated from seeds reach growth, increase, and maturity?"

"No, sir." 1.7

"Suppose these five kinds of plants propagated from seeds were 1.8
intact, unspoiled, not weather-damaged, fertile, and well-kept. And
there is soil and water. Then would these five kinds of plants prop-
agated from seeds reach growth, increase, and maturity?"

"Yes, sir." 1.10

"The four grounds of consciousness should be seen as like the 1.11
earth element. Relishing and greed should be seen as like the water
element. Consciousness with its fuel should be seen as like the five
kinds of plants propagated from seeds.

- 2.1 As long as consciousness remains, it would remain involved with form, supported by form, grounded on form. And with a sprinkle of relishing, it would grow, increase, and mature.
- 2.2 Or consciousness would remain involved with feeling ...
- 2.3 Or consciousness would remain involved with perception ...
- 2.4 Or as long as consciousness remains, it would remain involved with choices, supported by choices, grounded on choices. And with a sprinkle of relishing, it would grow, increase, and mature.
- 3.1 Mendicants, suppose you say: ‘Apart from form, feeling, perception, and choices, I will describe the coming and going of consciousness, its passing away and reappearing, its growth, increase, and maturity.’ That is not possible.
- 4.1 If a mendicant has given up greed for the form element, the support is cut off, and there is no foundation for consciousness.
- 4.3 If a mendicant has given up greed for the feeling element ...
- 4.4 perception element ...
- 4.5 choices element ...
- 4.6 consciousness element, the support is cut off, and there is no foundation for consciousness. Since that consciousness does not become established and does not grow, with no power to regenerate, it is freed.
- 4.9 Being free, it’s stable. Being stable, it’s content. Being content, they’re not anxious. Not being anxious, they personally become extinguished.
- 4.10 They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended ... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.55

An Inspired Saying

Udānasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattī.

There the Buddha expressed this heartfelt sentiment: “‘It might 1.2
not be, and it might not be mine. It will not be, and it will not be
mine.’ A mendicant who makes such a resolution can cut off the
lower fetters.”

When he said this, one of the mendicants asked the Buddha, “But 1.5
sir, how can a mendicant who makes such a resolution cut off the
lower fetters?”

“Mendicant, take an unlearned ordinary person who has not seen 2.1
the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in their teaching.
They’ve not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in
their teaching.

They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in 2.2
form. They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness
as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in
consciousness.

They don’t truly understand form—which is impermanent—as 3.1
impermanent. They don’t truly understand feeling ... perception
... choices ... consciousness—which is impermanent—as imper-
manent.

They don’t truly understand form—which is suffering—as suffer- 4.1
ing. They don’t truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices
... consciousness—which is suffering—as suffering.

They don’t truly understand form—which is not-self—as not- 5.1
self. They don’t truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices
... consciousness—which is not-self—as not-self.

They don’t truly understand form—which is conditioned—as 6.1
conditioned. They don’t truly understand feeling ... perception ...
choices ... consciousness—which is conditioned—as conditioned.

They don’t truly understand that form will disappear. They don’t 6.6
truly understand that feeling ... perception ... choices ... conscious-
ness will disappear.

But a learned noble disciple has seen the noble ones, and is skilled 7.1
and trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They’ve seen true
persons, and are skilled and trained in the teaching of the true per-

sons. They don't regard form as self ... They don't regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness as self.

- 8.1 They truly understand form—which is impermanent—as impermanent. They truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is impermanent—as impermanent.
- 8.6 They truly understand form ... feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is suffering—as suffering.
- 8.7 They truly understand form ... feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is not-self—as not-self.
- 8.8 They truly understand form ... feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is conditioned—as conditioned.
- 8.9 They truly understand that form will disappear. They truly understand that feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness will disappear.
- 9.1 It's because of the disappearance of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness that a mendicant who makes such a resolution—'It might not be, and it might not be mine. It will not be, and it will not be mine'—can cut off the lower fetters."
- 9.4 "Sir, a mendicant who makes such a resolution can cut off the lower fetters.
- 10.1 But how are they to know and see in order to end the defilements in the present life?"
- 10.2 "Mendicant, an unlearned ordinary person worries about things that aren't a worry. For an unlearned ordinary person worries: 'It might not be, and it might not be mine. It will not be, and it will not be mine.'
- 11.1 A learned noble disciple doesn't worry about things that aren't a worry. For a learned noble disciple doesn't worry: 'It might not be, and it might not be mine. It will not be, and it will not be mine.'
- 11.4 As long as consciousness remains, it would remain involved with form, supported by form, founded on form. And with a sprinkle of relishing, it would grow, increase, and mature.
- 11.5 Or consciousness would remain involved with feeling ...
- 11.6 Or consciousness would remain involved with perception ...

Or consciousness would remain involved with choices, supported 11.7
by choices, grounded on choices. And with a sprinkle of relishing, it
would grow, increase, and mature.

Suppose, mendicant, you were to say: ‘Apart from form, feeling, 12.1
perception, and choices, I will describe the coming and going of
consciousness, its passing away and reappearing, its growth, increase,
and maturity.’ That is not possible.

If a mendicant has given up greed for the form element, the sup- 13.1
port is cut off, and there is no foundation for consciousness.

If a mendicant has given up greed for the feeling element ... 13.2

perception element ... 13.3

choices element ... 13.4

consciousness element, the support is cut off, and there is no 13.5
foundation for consciousness. Since that consciousness does not
become established and does not grow, with no power to regenerate,
it is freed.

Being free, it’s stable. Being stable, it’s content. Being content, 13.7
they’re not anxious. Not being anxious, they personally become
extinguished.

They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended ... there is nothing further 13.8
for this place.’

The ending of the defilements is for one who knows and sees this.” 13.9

SN 22.56

Rounds of the Grasping Aggregates

Upādānaparipavattasutta

At Sāvathī. 1.1

“Mendicants, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? 1.2
The grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and
consciousness.

As long as I didn’t truly understand these five grasping aggregates 1.5
in four rounds, I didn’t announce my supreme perfect awakening in

this world with its gods, Māras, and Divinities, this population with its ascetics and brahmins, its gods and humans.

1.6 But when I did truly understand these five grasping aggregates in four rounds, I announced my supreme perfect awakening in this world with its gods, Māras, and Divinities, this population with its ascetics and brahmins, its gods and humans.

2.1 And how are there four rounds? I directly knew form, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. I directly knew feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation.

3.1 And what is form? The four principal states, and form derived from the four principal states. This is called form. Form originates from food. When food ceases, form ceases. The practice that leads to the cessation of form is simply this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right immersion.

4.1 Whatever ascetics and brahmins have directly known form in this way—and its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation—and are practicing for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form: they are practicing well. Those who practice well have a firm footing in this teaching and training.

5.1 Those ascetics and brahmins who have directly known form in this way—and its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation—and due to disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form, are freed by not grasping: they are well freed. Those who are well freed are consummate ones. For consummate ones, there is no cycle of rebirths to be found.

6.1 And what is feeling? There are these six classes of feeling: feeling born of contact through the eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, and mind. This is called feeling. Feeling originates from contact. When contact ceases, feeling ceases. The practice that leads to the cessation of feelings is simply this noble eightfold path ...

9.1 And what is perception? There are these six classes of perception: perceptions of sights, sounds, smells, tastes, touches, and ideas. This

is called perception. Perception originates from contact. When contact ceases, perception ceases. The practice that leads to the cessation of perceptions is simply this noble eightfold path ...

And what are choices? There are these six classes of intention: 10.1
intention regarding sights, sounds, smells, tastes, touches, and ideas. These are called choices. Choices originate from contact. When contact ceases, choices cease. The practice that leads to the cessation of choices is simply this noble eightfold path ...

And what is consciousness? There are these six classes of con- 13.1
sciousness: eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, and mind consciousness. This is called consciousness. Consciousness originates from name and form. When name and form cease, consciousness ceases. The practice that leads to the cessation of consciousness is simply this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right immersion.

Whatever ascetics and brahmins have directly known conscious- 14.1
ness in this way—and its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation—and are practicing for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding consciousness: they are practicing well. Those who practice well have a firm footing in this teaching and training.

Those ascetics and brahmins who have directly known conscious- 15.1
ness in this way—and its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation—and due to disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding consciousness, are freed by not grasping: they are well freed. Those who are well freed are consummate ones. For consummate ones, there is no cycle of rebirths to be found.”

SN 22.57

Seven Cases

Sattatṭhānasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattṭhī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, in this teaching and training a mendicant who is skilled in seven cases and who examines in three ways is called consummate, accomplished, a supreme person.
- 1.3 And how is a mendicant skilled in seven cases? It’s when a mendicant understands form, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. They understand form’s gratification, drawback, and escape. They understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. They understand consciousness’s gratification, drawback, and escape.
- 2.1 And what is form? The four principal states, and form derived from the four principal states. This is called form. Form originates from food. When food ceases, form ceases. The practice that leads to the cessation of form is simply this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right immersion.
- 3.1 The pleasure and happiness that arise from form: this is its gratification. That form is impermanent, suffering, and perishable: this is its drawback. Removing and giving up desire and greed for form: this is its escape.
- 4.1 Those ascetics and brahmins who have directly known form in this way—and its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation; its gratification, drawback, and escape—and are practicing for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form: they are practicing well. Those who practice well have a firm footing in this teaching and training.
- 5.1 Those ascetics and brahmins who have directly known form in this way—and its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads

to its cessation; its gratification, drawback, and escape—and due to disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form, are freed by not grasping: they are well freed. Those who are well freed are consummate ones. For consummate ones, there is no cycle of rebirths to be found.

And what is feeling? There are these six classes of feeling: feeling born of eye contact ... feeling born of mind contact. This is called feeling. Feeling originates from contact. When contact ceases, feeling ceases. The practice that leads to the cessation of feelings is simply this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right immersion. 6.1

The pleasure and happiness that arise from feeling: this is its gratification. That feeling is impermanent, suffering, and perishable: this is its drawback. Removing and giving up desire and greed for feeling: this is its escape. ... 7.1

And what is perception? There are these six classes of perception: perceptions of sights, sounds, smells, tastes, touches, and ideas. This is called perception. Perception originates from contact. When contact ceases, perception ceases. The practice that leads to the cessation of perceptions is simply this noble eightfold path ... 10.1

And what are choices? There are these six classes of intention: intention regarding sights ... intention regarding ideas. These are called choices. Choices originate from contact. When contact ceases, choices cease. The practice that leads to the cessation of choices is simply this noble eightfold path ... 11.1

And what is consciousness? There are these six classes of consciousness: eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, and mind consciousness. This is called consciousness. Consciousness originates from name and form. When name and form cease, consciousness ceases. The practice that leads to the cessation of consciousness is simply this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right immersion. 14.1

- 15.1 The pleasure and happiness that arise from consciousness: this is its gratification. That consciousness is impermanent, suffering, and perishable: this is its drawback. Removing and giving up desire and greed for consciousness: this is its escape.
- 16.1 Those ascetics and brahmins who have directly known consciousness in this way—and its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation; its gratification, drawback, and escape—and are practicing for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding consciousness: they are practicing well. Those who practice well have a firm footing in this teaching and training.
- 17.1 Those ascetics and brahmins who have directly known consciousness in this way—and its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation; its gratification, drawback, and escape—and due to disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding consciousness, are freed by not grasping: they are well freed. Those who are well freed are consummate ones. For consummate ones, there is no cycle of rebirths to be found. That’s how a mendicant is skilled in seven cases.
- 18.1 And how does a mendicant examine in three ways? It’s when a mendicant examines by way of the elements, sense fields, and dependent origination. That’s how a mendicant examines in three ways.
- 18.4 In this teaching and training, a mendicant who is skilled in seven cases and who examines in three ways is called consummate, accomplished, a supreme person.”

SN 22.58

The Fully Awakened Buddha

Sammāsambuddhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, a Realized One, a perfected one, a fully awakened Buddha is freed by not grasping, due to disillusionment, dispassion,

and cessation regarding form. They're called a fully awakened Buddha. A mendicant freed by wisdom is also freed by not grasping, due to disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form. They're called a mendicant freed by wisdom.

A Realized One, a perfected one, a fully awakened Buddha is freed 2.1
by not grasping, due to disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation
regarding feeling ...

perception ... 3.1

choices ... 3.2

consciousness. They're called a fully awakened Buddha. A mendicant freed by wisdom is also freed by not grasping, due to disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding consciousness. They're called a mendicant freed by wisdom. 3.3

What, then, is the difference between a Realized One, a perfected 4.1
one, a fully awakened Buddha, and a mendicant freed by wisdom?"

"Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. He is our guide and our 4.2
refuge. Sir, may the Buddha himself please clarify the meaning of
this. The mendicants will listen and remember it."

"Well then, mendicants, listen and apply your mind well, I will 4.3
speak."

"Yes, sir," they replied. The Buddha said this: 4.4

"The Realized One, the perfected one, the fully awakened Buddha 5.1
gave rise to the unarisen path, gave birth to the unborn path, and
explained the unexplained path. He is the knower of the path, the
discoverer of the path, the expert on the path. And now the disciples
live following the path; they acquire it later.

This is the difference between a Realized One, a perfected one, a 5.3
fully awakened Buddha, and a mendicant freed by wisdom."

SN 22.59

The Characteristic of Not-Self

Anattalakkhaṇasutta

- 1.1 At one time the Buddha was staying near Varanasi, in the deer park at Isipatana. There the Buddha addressed the group of five mendicants:
- 1.3 “Mendicants!”
- 1.4 “Venerable sir,” they replied. The Buddha said this:
- 2.1 “Mendicants, form is not-self. For if form were self, it wouldn’t lead to affliction. And you could compel form: ‘May my form be like this! May it not be like that!’ But because form is not-self, it leads to affliction. And you can’t compel form: ‘May my form be like this! May it not be like that!’
- 3.1 Feeling is not-self ...
- 4.1 Perception is not-self ...
- 4.2 Choices are not-self ...
- 5.1 Consciousness is not-self. For if consciousness were self, it wouldn’t lead to affliction. And you could compel consciousness: ‘May my consciousness be like this! May it not be like that!’ But because consciousness is not-self, it leads to affliction. And you can’t compel consciousness: ‘May my consciousness be like this! May it not be like that!’
- 6.1 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 6.3 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 6.4 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 6.5 “Suffering, sir.”
- 6.6 “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self?’”
- 6.8 “No, sir.”
- 6.9 “Is feeling permanent or impermanent?” ...
- 6.10 “Is perception permanent or impermanent?” ...
- 6.11 “Are choices permanent or impermanent?” ...

- “Is consciousness permanent or impermanent?” 6.12
- “Impermanent, sir.” 6.13
- “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?” 6.14
- “Suffering, sir.” 6.15
- “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?” 6.16
- “No, sir.” 6.18
- “So you should truly see any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’” 7.1
- Any kind of feeling at all ... 8.1
- Any kind of perception at all ... 9.1
- Any kind of choices at all ... 9.2
- You should truly see any kind of consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’” 10.1
- Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed. 11.1
- They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’” 11.3
- That is what the Buddha said. Satisfied, the group of five mendicants approved what the Buddha said. And while this discourse was being spoken, the minds of the group of five mendicants were freed from defilements by not grasping. 12.1

With Mahāli

Mahālisutta

- 1.1 SO I HAVE HEARD. At one time the Buddha was staying near Vesālī, at the Great Wood, in the hall with the peaked roof.
- 1.3 Then Mahāli the Licchavi went up to the Buddha ... and said to him:
- 2.1 “Sir, Pūraṇa Kassapa says this: ‘There is no cause or reason for the corruption of sentient beings. Sentient beings are corrupted without cause or reason. There’s no cause or reason for the purification of sentient beings. Sentient beings are purified without cause or reason.’ What does the Buddha say about this?”
- 3.1 “Mahāli, there is a cause and reason for the corruption of sentient beings. Sentient beings are corrupted with cause and reason. There is a cause and reason for the purification of sentient beings. Sentient beings are purified with cause and reason.”
- 4.1 “But sir, what is the cause and reason for the corruption of sentient beings? How are sentient beings corrupted with cause and reason?”
- 5.1 “Mahāli, if form were exclusively painful—soaked and steeped in pain and not steeped in pleasure—sentient beings wouldn’t be aroused by it. But because form is pleasurable—soaked and steeped in pleasure and not steeped in pain—sentient beings are aroused by it. Since they are aroused by it, they’re caught up in it, and so they become corrupted. This is a cause and reason for the corruption of sentient beings. This is how sentient beings are corrupted with cause and reason.
- 6.1 If feeling ...
- 7.1 perception ...
- 7.2 choices ...
- 8.1 consciousness were exclusively painful—soaked and steeped in pain and not steeped in pleasure—sentient beings wouldn’t be aroused by it. But because consciousness is pleasurable—soaked

and steeped in pleasure and not steeped in pain—sentient beings are aroused by it. Since they are aroused by it, they’re caught up in it, and so they become corrupted. This is a cause and reason for the corruption of sentient beings. This is how sentient beings are corrupted with cause and reason.”

“But sir, what is the cause and reason for the purification of sentient beings? How are sentient beings purified with cause and reason?” 9.1

“Mahāli, if form was perfectly pleasurable—soaked and steeped in pleasure and not steeped in pain—sentient beings wouldn’t grow disillusioned with it. But because form is painful—soaked and steeped in pain and not steeped in pleasure—sentient beings do grow disillusioned with it. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they are purified. This is a cause and reason for the purification of sentient beings. This is how sentient beings are purified with cause and reason. 9.3

If feeling ... 10.1

perception ... 10.2

choices ... 10.3

consciousness was perfectly pleasurable—soaked and steeped in pleasure and not steeped in pain—sentient beings wouldn’t grow disillusioned with it. But because consciousness is painful—soaked and steeped in pain and not steeped in pleasure—sentient beings do grow disillusioned with it. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they are purified. This is a cause and reason for the purification of sentient beings. This is how sentient beings are purified with cause and reason.” 10.4

SN 22.61

Burning

Ādittasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

- 1.2 “Mendicants, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are burning.
- 1.3 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed.
- 1.5 They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.62

The Scope of Language

Niruttipathasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these three scopes of terminology, labeling, and description. They’re uncorrupted, as they have been since the beginning. They’re not being corrupted now, nor will they be. Sensible ascetics and brahmins don’t look down on them. What three? When form has passed, ceased, and perished, its designation, label, and description is ‘was’. It’s not ‘is’ or ‘will be’.
- 2.1 When feeling ...
- 3.1 perception ...
- 3.2 choices ...
- 4.1 consciousness has passed, ceased, and perished, its designation, label, and description is ‘was’. It’s not ‘is’ or ‘will be’.
- 5.1 When form is not yet born, and has not yet appeared, its designation, label, and description is ‘will be’. It’s not ‘is’ or ‘was’.
- 6.1 When feeling ...
- 7.1 perception ...
- 7.2 choices ...
- 8.1 consciousness is not yet born, and has not yet appeared, its designation, label, and description is ‘will be’. It’s not ‘is’ or ‘was’.

When form has been born, and has appeared, its designation, 9.1
label, and description is 'is'. It's not 'was' or 'will be'.

When feeling ... 10.1

perception ... 11.1

choices ... 11.2

consciousness has been born, and has appeared, its designation, 12.1
label, and description is 'is'. It's not 'was' or 'will be'.

These are the three scopes of terminology, labeling, and descrip- 13.1
tion. They're uncorrupted, as they have been since the beginning.
They're not being corrupted now, nor will they be. Sensible ascetics
and brahmins don't look down on them.

Even those wanderers of the past, Vassa and Bhañña of Ukkalā, 13.2
who adhered to the doctrines of no-cause, inaction, and nihilism,
didn't imagine that these three scopes of language should be criti-
cized or rejected. Why is that? For fear of blame, attack, and con-
demnation."

The Chapter on the Perfected Ones

SN 22.63

When You Grasp

Upādiyamānasutta

- 1.1 SO I HAVE HEARD. At one time the Buddha was staying near Sāvattthī in Jeta’s Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika’s monastery.
- 1.3 Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him, “Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”
- 1.5 “When you grasp, mendicant, you’re bound by Māra. Not grasping, you’re free from the Wicked One.”
- 1.7 “Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!”
- 2.1 “But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?”
- 2.2 “Sir, when you grasp form you’re bound by Māra. Not grasping, you’re free from the Wicked One. When you grasp feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, you’re bound by Māra. Not grasping, you’re free from the Wicked One.
- 2.10 That’s how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s brief statement.”
- 3.1 “Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the detailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this.

When you grasp form you're bound by Māra. Not grasping, you're 3.3
free from the Wicked One. When you grasp feeling ... perception
... choices ... consciousness, you're bound by Māra. Not grasping,
you're free from the Wicked One.

This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in 3.10
brief."

And then that mendicant approved and agreed with what the 4.1
Buddha said. He got up from his seat, bowed, and respectfully circled
the Buddha, keeping him on his right, before leaving.

Then that mendicant, living alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and 4.2
resolute, soon realized the supreme end of the spiritual path in this
very life. He lived having achieved with his own insight the goal for
which gentlemen rightly go forth from the lay life to homelessness.

He understood: "Rebirth is ended; the spiritual journey has been 4.3
completed; what had to be done has been done; there is nothing
further for this place." And that mendicant became one of the per-
fected.

SN 22.64

Conceiving

Maññamānasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, "Sir, 1.2
may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I've heard
it, I'll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute."

"When you conceive, mendicant, you're bound by Māra. Not 1.4
conceiving, you're free from the Wicked One."

"Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!" 1.6

"But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?" 2.1

"Sir, when you conceive form you're bound by Māra. Not conceiv- 2.2
ing, you're free from the Wicked One. When you conceive feeling

... perception ... choices ... consciousness, you're bound by Māra. Not conceiving, you're free from the Wicked One.

2.9 That's how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha's brief statement."

3.1 "Good, good, mendicant! It's good that you understand the detailed meaning of what I've said in brief like this.

3.3 When you conceive form you're bound by Māra. Not conceiving, you're free from the Wicked One. When you conceive feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, you're bound by Māra. Not conceiving, you're free from the Wicked One.

3.10 This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in brief." ...

3.11 And that mendicant became one of the perfected.

SN 22.65

When You Take Pleasure

Abhinandamānasutta

1.1 At Sāvathī.

1.2 Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, "Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I've heard it, I'll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute."

1.4 "When you take pleasure, mendicant, you're bound by Māra. Not taking pleasure, you're free from the Wicked One."

1.6 "Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!"

2.1 "But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?"

2.2 "Sir, when you take pleasure in form you're bound by Māra. Not taking pleasure, you're free from the Wicked One. When you take pleasure in feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness you're bound by Māra. Not taking pleasure, you're free from the Wicked One.

2.9 That's how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha's brief statement."

“Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the de- 3.1
tailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this.

When you take pleasure in form you’re bound by Māra. Not 3.3
taking pleasure, you’re free from the Wicked One. When you take
pleasure in feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness you’re
bound by Māra. Not taking pleasure, you’re free from the Wicked
One.

This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in 3.10
brief.” ...

And that mendicant became one of the perfected. 3.11

SN 22.66

Impermanence

Aniccassutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, “Sir, 1.2
may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard
it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”

“Mendicant, give up desire for anything that’s impermanent.” 1.4

“Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!” 1.5

“But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?” 2.1

“Sir, form is impermanent; I should give up desire for it. 2.2

Feeling ... 2.3

Perception ... 2.4

Choices ... 2.5

Consciousness is impermanent; I should give up desire for it. 2.6

That’s how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s 2.7
brief statement.”

“Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the de- 3.1
tailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this.

Form is impermanent; you should give up desire for it. 3.3

Feeling ... 3.4

- 3.5 Perception ...
- 3.6 Choices ...
- 3.7 Consciousness is impermanent; you should give up desire for it.
- 3.8 This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in brief.” ...
- 3.9 And that mendicant became one of the perfected.

SN 22.67

Suffering

Dukkhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, “Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, give up desire for anything that’s suffering.”
- 1.5 “Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!”
- 2.1 “But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?”
- 2.2 “Sir, form is suffering; I should give up desire for it.
- 2.3 Feeling ...
- 2.4 Perception ...
- 2.5 Choices ...
- 2.6 Consciousness is suffering; I should give up desire for it.
- 2.7 That’s how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s brief statement.”
- 3.1 “Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the detailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this.
- 3.3 Form is suffering; you should give up desire for it.
- 3.4 Feeling ...
- 3.5 Perception ...
- 3.6 Choices ...
- 3.7 Consciousness is suffering; you should give up desire for it.

This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in brief.” ... 3.8

And that mendicant became one of the perfected. 3.9

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Not-Self

Anattasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, “Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”

“Mendicant, give up desire for what is not-self.” 1.4

“Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!” 1.5

“But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?” 2.1

“Sir, form is not-self; I should give up desire for it. 2.2

Feeling ... 2.3

Perception ... 2.4

Choices ... 2.5

Consciousness is not-self; I should give up desire for it. 2.6

That’s how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s brief statement.” 2.7

“Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the detailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this. 3.1

Form is not-self; you should give up desire for it. 3.3

Feeling ... 3.4

Perception ... 3.5

Choices ... 3.6

Consciousness is not-self; you should give up desire for it. 3.7

This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in brief.” ... 3.8

And that mendicant became one of the perfected. 3.9

SN 22.69

Not Belonging to Self

Anattaniyasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, “Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, give up desire for anything that doesn’t belong to self.”
- 1.5 “Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!”
- 2.1 “But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?”
- 2.2 “Sir, form doesn’t belong to self; I should give up desire for it.
- 2.3 Feeling ...
- 2.4 Perception ...
- 2.5 Choices ...
- 2.6 Consciousness doesn’t belong to self; I should give up desire for it.
- 2.7 That’s how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s brief statement.”
- 3.1 “Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the detailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this.
- 3.3 Form doesn’t belong to self; you should give up desire for it.
- 3.4 Feeling ...
- 3.5 Perception ...
- 3.6 Choices ...
- 3.7 Consciousness doesn’t belong to self; you should give up desire for it.
- 3.8 This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in brief.” ...
- 3.9 And that mendicant became one of the perfected.

SN 22.70

Definitely Arousing

Rajaniyasaṇḥitasutta

At Sāvattḥī.

1.1

Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, “Sir, 1.2
may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard
it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”

“Mendicant, give up desire for anything that’s stuck in what’s 1.4
arousing.”

“Understood, Blessed One! Understood, Holy One!” 1.5

“But how do you see the detailed meaning of my brief statement?” 2.1

“Sir, form is stuck in what’s arousing; I should give up desire for it. 2.2

Feeling ... 2.3

Perception ... 2.4

Choices ... 2.5

Consciousness is stuck in what’s arousing; I should give up desire 2.6
for it.

That’s how I understand the detailed meaning of the Buddha’s 2.7
brief statement.”

“Good, good, mendicant! It’s good that you understand the de- 3.1
tailed meaning of what I’ve said in brief like this.

Form is stuck in what’s arousing; you should give up desire for it. 3.3

Feeling ... 3.4

Perception ... 3.5

Choices ... 3.6

Consciousness is stuck in what’s arousing; you should give up 3.7
desire for it.

This is how to understand the detailed meaning of what I said in 3.8
brief.” ...

And that mendicant became one of the perfected. 3.9

SN 22.71

With Rādha

Rādhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
- 1.2 Then Venerable Rādha went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, “Sir, how does one know and see so that there’s no I-making, mine-making, or underlying tendency to conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli?”
- 1.4 “Rādha, one truly sees any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’
- 1.5 One truly sees any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’
- 1.9 That’s how to know and see so that there’s no I-making, mine-making, or underlying tendency to conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli.” ...
- 1.10 And Venerable Rādha became one of the perfected.

SN 22.72

With Surādha

Surādhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
- 1.2 Then Venerable Surādha said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, how does one know and see so that the mind is rid of I-making, mine-making, and conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli; and going beyond discrimination, it’s peaceful and well freed?”

“Surādha, one is freed by not grasping having truly seen any kind 1.4
of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid
or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right
understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’

One is freed by not grasping having truly seen any kind of feeling 1.5
... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or
present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far
or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not
mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’

That’s how to know and see so that the mind is rid of I-making, 1.12
mine-making, and conceit for this conscious body and all external
stimuli; and going beyond discrimination, it’s peaceful and well freed.”

...

And Venerable Surādha became one of the perfected. 1.13

The Chapter on Itchy

SN 22.73

Gratification

Assādasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t truly understand the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. A learned noble disciple does truly understand the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.”

SN 22.74

Origin

Samudayasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t truly understand the origin, the ending, the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. A learned noble disciple does truly understand the origin, the ending, the gratification, the drawback, and the escape

when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.”

SN 22.75

Origin (2nd)

Dutiyasamudayasutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, a learned noble disciple truly understands the origin, the ending, the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.” 1.2

SN 22.76

The Perfected Ones

Arahantasutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, form is impermanent. What’s impermanent is suffering. What’s suffering is not-self. And what’s not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ 1.2

Feeling ...

1.6

Perception ...

1.7

Choices ...

1.8

Consciousness is impermanent. What’s impermanent is suffering. What’s suffering is not-self. And what’s not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ 1.9

Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed. 2.1

- 2.3 They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’ As far as there are abodes of sentient beings, even up until the pinnacle of existence, the perfected ones are the foremost and the best.”
- 3.1 That is what the Buddha said. Then the Holy One, the Teacher, went on to say:
- 4.1 “Oh! How happy are the perfected ones!
Craving is not found in them,
the conceit ‘I am’ is cut off,
and the net of delusion is shattered.
- 5.1 They’ve attained imperturbability,
their minds are unclouded,
nothing in the world clings to them,
manifesting divinity, undefiled.
- 6.1 Completely understanding the five aggregates,
their domain is the seven good qualities.
Those true persons are praiseworthy,
the Buddha’s true-born sons.
- 7.1 Endowed with the seven gems,
and trained in the three trainings,
the great heroes live on,
with fear and dread given up.
- 8.1 Endowed with ten factors,
those giants have immersion.
These are the best in the world,
craving is not found in them.
- 9.1 The adept’s knowledge has arisen:
‘This bag of bones is my last.’
They are independent of others

in the core of the spiritual path.

Unwavering in the face of discrimination, 10.1
they're freed from future lives.
They've reached the level of the tamed,
in the world, they're the winners.

Above, below, all round, 11.1
relishing is not found in them.
They roar their lion's roar:
"The awakened are supreme in the world!"

SN 22.77

The Perfected Ones (2nd)

Dutiyaarahantasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

"Mendicants, form is impermanent. What's impermanent is suffering. What's suffering is not-self. And what's not-self should be truly seen with right understanding like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.' 1.2

Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, 2.1
feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned,
desire fades away. When desire fades away they're freed. When
they're freed, they know they're freed.

They understand: 'Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has 2.3
been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing
further for this place.'

As far as there are abodes of sentient beings, even up until the 2.4
pinnacle of existence, the perfected ones are the foremost and the
best."

The Lion

Sīhasutta

1.1 At Sāvathī.

1.2 “Mendicants, towards evening the lion, king of beasts, emerges from his den, yawns, looks all around the four quarters, and roars his lion’s roar three times. Then he sets out on the hunt. And whatever animals hear the roar of the lion, king of beasts, are typically filled with fear, awe, and terror. They return to their lairs, be they in a hole, the water, or a wood; and the birds take to the air. Even the royal elephants, bound with strong harness in the villages, towns, and capital cities, break apart their bonds, and urinate and defecate in terror as they flee here and there. That’s how powerful is the lion, king of beasts, over animals, how illustrious and mighty.

2.1 In the same way, when a Realized One arises in the world—perfected, a fully awakened Buddha, accomplished in knowledge and conduct, holy, knower of the world, supreme guide for those who wish to train, teacher of gods and humans, awakened, blessed—he teaches the Dhamma: ‘Such is form, such is the origin of form, such is the ending of form. Such is feeling ... Such is perception ... Such are choices ... Such is consciousness, such is the origin of consciousness, such is the ending of consciousness.’

2.7 Now, there are gods who are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy, living for ages in their divine palaces. When they hear this teaching by the Realized One, they’re typically filled with fear, awe, and terror. ‘Oh no! It turns out we’re impermanent, though we thought we were permanent! It turns out we don’t last, though we thought we were everlasting! It turns out we’re short-lived, though we thought we were eternal! It turns out that we’re impermanent, not lasting, short-lived, and included within substantial reality.’ That’s how powerful is the Realized One in the world with its gods, how illustrious and mighty.”

That is what the Buddha said. Then the Holy One, the Teacher, 2.13
went on to say:

“The Buddha, the teacher without a peer 3.1
in all the world with its gods,
rolls forth the Wheel of Dhamma
from his own insight:

substantial reality, its cessation, 4.1
the origin of substantial reality,
and the noble eightfold path
that leads to the stilling of suffering.

And then the long-lived gods, 5.1
so beautiful and glorious,
are afraid and full of terror,
like the other beasts when they hear a lion.

‘We haven’t transcended substantial reality! 6.1
It turns out we’re impermanent!’
So they say when they hear the word
of the perfected one, free and unaffected.”

SN 22.79

Itchy

Khajjanīyasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, whatever ascetics and brahmins recollect many 1.2
kinds of past lives, all recollect the five grasping aggregates, or one of
them. What five? ‘I had such form in the past.’ Recollecting thus,
it’s only form that they recollect. ‘I had such feeling ... perception
... choices ... consciousness in the past.’ Recollecting thus, it’s only
consciousness that they recollect.

- 2.1 And why do you call it form? It's deformed; that's why it's called 'form'. Deformed by what? Deformed by cold, heat, hunger, and thirst, and deformed by the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, sun, and reptiles. It's deformed; that's why it's called 'form'.
- 3.1 And why do you call it feeling? It feels; that's why it's called 'feeling'. And what does it feel? It feels pleasure, pain, and neutral. It feels; that's why it's called 'feeling'.
- 4.1 And why do you call it perception? It perceives; that's why it's called 'perception'. And what does it perceive? It perceives blue, yellow, red, and white. It perceives; that's why it's called 'perception'.
- 5.1 And why do you call them choices? Choices produce conditioned phenomena; that's why they're called 'choices'. And what are the conditioned phenomena that they produce? Form is a conditioned phenomenon; choices are what make it into form. Feeling is a conditioned phenomenon; choices are what make it into feeling. Perception is a conditioned phenomenon; choices are what make it into perception. Choices are conditioned phenomena; choices are what make them into choices. Consciousness is a conditioned phenomenon; choices are what make it into consciousness. Choices produce conditioned phenomena; that's why they're called 'choices'.
- 6.1 And why do you call it consciousness? It cognizes; that's why it's called 'consciousness'. And what does it cognize? It cognizes sour, bitter, pungent, sweet, hot, mild, salty, and bland. It cognizes; that's why it's called 'consciousness'.
- 7.1 A learned noble disciple reflects on this: 'Currently I'm itched by form. In the past I was also itched by form just like now. If I were to look forward to enjoying form in the future, I'd be itched by form in the future just as I am today.' Reflecting like this they don't worry about past form, they don't look forward to enjoying future form, and they practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding present form.
- 8.1 'Currently I'm itched by feeling ...
- 9.1 perception ...
- 9.2 choices ...

consciousness. In the past I was also itched by consciousness 10.1
just like now. If I were to look forward to enjoying consciousness in
the future, I'd be itched by consciousness in the future just as I am
today.' Reflecting like this they don't worry about past consciousness,
they don't look forward to enjoying future consciousness, and they
practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding
present consciousness.

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or imper- 11.1
manent?"

"Impermanent, sir." 11.3

"But if it's impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?" 11.4

"Suffering, sir." 11.5

"But if it's impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be 11.6
regarded thus: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self'?"

"No, sir." 11.8

"Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent 11.9
or impermanent?"

"Impermanent, sir." 11.13

"But if it's impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?" 11.14

"Suffering, sir." 11.15

"But if it's impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be 11.16
regarded thus: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self'?"

"No, sir." 11.18

"So you should truly see any kind of form at all—past, future, or 11.19
present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far
or near: *all* form—with right understanding: 'This is not mine, I am
not this, this is not my self.' You should truly see any kind of feeling
... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or
present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far
or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: 'This is not
mine, I am not this, this is not my self.'

This is called a noble disciple who gets rid of things and doesn't 12.1
accumulate them; who gives things up and doesn't grasp at them;

who discards things and doesn't amass them; who dissipates things and doesn't get clouded by them.

12.5 And what things do they get rid of and not accumulate? They get rid of form and don't accumulate it. They get rid of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness and don't accumulate it.

12.11 And what things do they give up and not grasp? They give up form and don't grasp it. They give up feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness and don't grasp it.

12.17 And what things do they discard and not amass? They discard form and don't amass it. They discard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness and don't amass it.

12.23 And what things do they dissipate and not get clouded by? They dissipate form and don't get clouded by it. They dissipate feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness and don't get clouded by it.

13.1 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they're freed. When they're freed, they know they're freed.

13.3 They understand: 'Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.'

14.1 This is called a mendicant who neither gets rid of things nor accumulates them, but remains after getting rid of them. They neither give things up nor grasp them, but remain after giving them up. They neither discard things nor amass them, but remain after discarding them. They neither dissipate things nor get clouded by them, but remain after dissipating them.

14.2 And what things do they neither get rid of nor accumulate, but remain after getting rid of them? They neither get rid of nor accumulate form, but remain after getting rid of it. They neither get rid of nor accumulate feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, but remain after getting rid of it.

14.8 And what things do they neither give up nor grasp, but remain after giving them up? They neither give up nor grasp form, but

remain after giving it up. They neither give up nor grasp feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, but remain after giving it up.

And what things do they neither discard nor amass, but remain after discarding them? They neither discard nor amass form, but remain after discarding it. They neither discard nor amass feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, but remain after discarding it. 14.14

And what things do they neither dissipate nor get clouded by, but remain after dissipating them? They neither dissipate nor get clouded by form, but remain after dissipating it. They neither dissipate nor get clouded by feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, but remain after dissipating it. 14.20

When a mendicant's mind is freed like this, the gods together with Indra, the Divinity, and the Progenitor worship them from afar: 14.26

‘Homage to you, O thoroughbred! 15.1
Homage to you, supreme among men!
We don't understand
the basis of your absorption.’”

SN 22.80

Beggars

Pinḍolyasutta

At one time the Buddha was staying in the land of the Sakyans, near Kapilavatthu in the Banyan Tree Monastery. 1.1

Then the Buddha, having dismissed the mendicant Saṅgha for some reason, robed up in the morning and, taking his bowl and robe, entered Kapilavatthu for alms. He wandered for alms in Kapilavatthu. After the meal, on his return from almsround, he went to the Great Wood for the day's meditation, plunged deep into it, and sat at the root of a young wood-apple tree to meditate. 1.2

- 2.1 Then as he was in private retreat this thought came to his mind, “I’ve sent the mendicant Saṅgha away. But there are mendicants here who are junior, recently gone forth, newly come to this teaching and training. Not seeing me they may change and fall apart. If a young calf doesn’t see its mother it may change and fall apart. ... Or if young seedlings don’t get water they may change and fall apart. In the same way, there are mendicants here who are junior, recently gone forth, newly come to this teaching and training. Not seeing me they may change and fall apart. Why don’t I support the mendicant Saṅgha now as I did in the past?”
- 3.1 Then the divinity Sahampati knew what the Buddha was thinking. As easily as a strong person would extend or contract their arm, he vanished from the realm of divinity and reappeared in front of the Buddha. He arranged his robe over one shoulder, raised his joined palms toward the Buddha, and said: “That’s so true, Blessed One! That’s so true, Holy One! The Buddha has sent the mendicant Saṅgha away. But there are mendicants who are junior, recently gone forth, newly come to this teaching and training. ... May the Buddha be happy with the mendicant Saṅgha! May the Buddha welcome the mendicant Saṅgha! May the Buddha support the mendicant Saṅgha now as he did in the past!”
- 4.1 The Buddha consented with silence. Then the divinity Sahampati, knowing that the Buddha had consented, bowed, and respectfully circled the Buddha, keeping him on his right, before vanishing right there.
- 5.1 Then in the late afternoon, the Buddha came out of retreat and went to the Banyan Tree Monastery, where he sat on the seat spread out. Then he used his psychic power to will that the mendicants would come to him timidly, alone or in pairs. Those mendicants approached the Buddha timidly, bowed, and sat down to one side. The Buddha said to them:
- 6.1 “This is the last of lifestyles, mendicants, namely relying on alms. The world curses you: ‘You beggar, walking bowl in hand!’ Yet earnest gentlemen take it up for a good reason. Not to escape a

summons by a king or a summons for a bandit, or because you were in debt or in fear, or in order to make a living. But because they're swamped by rebirth, old age, and death; by sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. They're swamped by suffering, mired in suffering. And they think, 'Hopefully I can find an end to this entire mass of suffering.'

That's how this gentleman has gone forth. Yet they covet sensual pleasures; they're infatuated, full of ill will and malicious intent. They are unmindful, lacking situational awareness and immersion, with straying mind and undisciplined faculties. Suppose there was a firebrand for lighting a funeral pyre, burning at both ends, and smeared with dung in the middle. It couldn't be used as timber either in the village or the wilderness. I say that person is just like this. They've missed out on the pleasures of the lay life, and haven't fulfilled the goal of the ascetic life. 7.1

There are these three unskillful thoughts. Sensual, malicious, and cruel thoughts. And where do these three unskillful thoughts cease without anything left over? In those who meditate with their mind firmly established in the four kinds of mindfulness meditation; or who develop signless immersion. This is quite enough motivation to develop signless immersion. When signless immersion is developed and cultivated it is very fruitful and beneficial. 8.1

There are these two views. Views favoring continued existence and views favoring ending existence. A learned noble disciple reflects on this: 'Is there anything in the world that I could grasp without fault?' They understand: 'There's nothing in the world that I could grasp without fault. For in grasping I would grasp only at form, feeling, perception, choices, or consciousness. That grasping of mine would be a condition for continued existence. Continued existence is a condition for rebirth. Rebirth is a condition for old age and death, sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress to come to be. That is how this entire mass of suffering originates.' 9.1

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?" 10.1

- 10.3 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 10.4 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 10.5 “Suffering, sir.”
- 10.6 “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?”
- 10.8 “No, sir.”
- 10.9 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?” ...
- 10.13 “So you should truly see ...
- 10.14 Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.81

At Pārileyya

Pālileyyasutta

- 1.1 At one time the Buddha was staying near Kosambī, in Ghosita’s Monastery.
- 1.2 Then the Buddha robed up in the morning and, taking his bowl and robe, entered Kosambī for alms. After the meal, on his return from almsround, he set his lodgings in order himself. Taking his bowl and robe, without informing his attendants or taking leave of the mendicant Saṅgha, he set out to go wandering alone, with no companion.
- 2.1 Then, not long after the Buddha had left, one of the mendicants went to Venerable Ānanda and told him what had happened. Ānanda said, “Reverend, when the Buddha leaves like this it means he wants to stay alone. At this time no-one should follow him.”
- 3.1 Then the Buddha, traveling stage by stage, arrived at Pārileyya, where he stayed at the root of a sacred sal tree. Then several mendicants went up to Venerable Ānanda and exchanged greetings with him.

When the greetings and polite conversation were over, they sat 3.4
down to one side and said to him, “Reverend, it’s been a long time
since we’ve heard a Dhamma talk from the Buddha. We wish to hear
a Dhamma talk from the Buddha.”

Then Venerable Ānanda together with those mendicants went to 4.1
Pārileyya to see the Buddha. They bowed and sat down to one side,
and the Buddha educated, encouraged, fired up, and inspired them
with a Dhamma talk.

Now at that time one of the monks had the thought, “How do you 4.3
know and see in order to end the defilements in the present life?”

Then the Buddha, knowing that monk’s train of thought, ad- 4.5
dressed the mendicants:

“Mendicants, I’ve taught the Dhamma analytically. I’ve analyti- 4.6
cally taught the four kinds of mindfulness meditation, the four right
efforts, the four bases of psychic power, the five faculties, the five
powers, the seven awakening factors, and the noble eightfold path.
That’s how I’ve taught the Dhamma analytically. Though I’ve taught
the Dhamma analytically, still a certain mendicant present here has
this thought: ‘How do you know and see in order to end the defile-
ments in the present life?’

And how, mendicants, do you know and see in order to end the 5.1
defilements in the present life? Take an unlearned ordinary person
who has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in
the teaching of the noble ones. They’ve not seen true persons, and
are neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons.

They regard form as self. But that regarding is just a conditioned 5.3
phenomenon. And what’s the source, origin, birthplace, and incep-
tion of that conditioned phenomenon? When an unlearned ordinary
person is struck by feelings born of contact with ignorance, craving
arises. That conditioned phenomenon is born from that. So that
conditioned phenomenon is impermanent, conditioned, and depen-
dently originated. And that craving, that feeling, that contact, and
that ignorance are also impermanent, conditioned, and dependently

originated. That's how you should know and see in order to end the defilements in the present life.

- 6.1 Perhaps they don't regard form as self, but they still regard self as possessing form. But that regarding is just a conditioned phenomenon. ...
- 7.1 Perhaps they don't regard form as self, or self as possessing form, but they still regard form in self. But that regarding is just a conditioned phenomenon. ...
- 8.1 Perhaps they don't regard form as self, or self as possessing form, or form in self, but they still regard self in form. But that regarding is just a conditioned phenomenon. ...
- 9.1 Perhaps they don't regard form as self, or self as possessing form, or form in self, or self in form. But they regard feeling as self ... perception as self ... choices as self ... consciousness as self ... But that regarding is just a conditioned phenomenon. And what's the source of that conditioned phenomenon? When an unlearned ordinary person is struck by feelings born of contact with ignorance, craving arises. That conditioned phenomenon is born from that. So that conditioned phenomenon is impermanent, conditioned, and dependently originated. And that craving, that feeling, that contact, and that ignorance are also impermanent, conditioned, and dependently originated. That's how you should know and see in order to end the defilements in the present life.
- 10.1 Perhaps they don't regard form or feeling or perception or choices or consciousness as self. Still, they have such a view: 'The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable.' But that eternalist view is just a conditioned phenomenon. And what's the source of that conditioned phenomenon? ... That's how you should know and see in order to end the defilements in the present life.
- 11.1 Perhaps they don't regard form or feeling or perception or choices or consciousness as self. Nor do they have such a view: 'The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable.' Still, they have

such a view: ‘I might not be, and it might not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine.’ But that annihilationist view is just a conditioned phenomenon. And what’s the source of that conditioned phenomenon? ... That’s how you should know and see in order to end the defilements in the present life.

Perhaps they don’t regard form or feeling or perception or choices 12.1 or consciousness as self. Nor do they have such a view: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable.’ Nor do they have such a view: ‘I might not be, and it might not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine.’ Still, they have doubts and uncertainties. They’re undecided about the true teaching. That doubt and uncertainty, the indecision about the true teaching, is just a conditioned phenomenon. And what’s the source of that conditioned phenomenon? When an unlearned ordinary person is struck by feelings born of contact with ignorance, craving arises. That conditioned phenomenon is born from that. So that conditioned phenomenon is impermanent, conditioned, and dependently originated. And that craving, that feeling, that contact, and that ignorance are also impermanent, conditioned, and dependently originated. That’s how you should know and see in order to end the defilements in the present life.”

SN 22.82

A Full Moon Night

Puṇṇamasutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Sāvatti in the stilt long- 1.1 house of Migāra’s mother in the Eastern Monastery, together with a large Saṅgha of mendicants. Now, at that time it was the sabbath—the full moon on the fifteenth day—and the Buddha was sitting in the open surrounded by the Saṅgha of monks.

- 2.1 Then one of the mendicants got up from their seat, arranged their robe over one shoulder, raised their joined palms toward the Buddha, and said:
- 2.2 “Sir, I’d like to ask the Buddha about a certain point, if you’d take the time to answer.”
- 2.3 “Well then, mendicant, take your own seat and ask what you wish.”
- 2.4 “Yes, sir,” replied that mendicant. He took his seat and said to the Buddha:
- 2.5 “Sir, are these the five grasping aggregates, that is: form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness?”
- 3.1 “Yes, they are,” replied the Buddha.
- 3.3 Saying “Good, sir,” that mendicant approved and agreed with what the Buddha said. Then he asked another question:
- 4.1 “But sir, what is the root of these five grasping aggregates?”
- 4.2 “These five grasping aggregates are rooted in desire.” ... “But sir, is that grasping the exact same thing as the five grasping aggregates? Or is grasping one thing and the five grasping aggregates another?”
- 4.4 “Neither. Rather, the desire and greed for them is the grasping there.”
- 4.5 Saying “Good, sir,” that mendicant asked another question:
- 5.1 “But sir, can there be different kinds of desire and greed for the five grasping aggregates?”
- 5.2 “There can,” said the Buddha.
- 5.3 “It’s when someone thinks: ‘In the future, may I be of such form, such feeling, such perception, such choices, or such consciousness!’ That’s how there can be different kinds of desire and greed for the five grasping aggregates.”
- 5.6 Saying “Good, sir,” that mendicant asked another question:
- 6.1 “Sir, what is the scope of the term ‘aggregates’ as applied to the aggregates?”
- 6.2 “Any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: this is called the aggregate of form. Any kind of feeling at all ... Any kind of perception at all ... Any kind of choices at all ... Any kind of

consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: this is called the aggregate of consciousness. That’s the scope of the term ‘aggregates’ as applied to the aggregates.”

Saying “Good, sir”, that mendicant asked another question: 6.8

“What is the cause, sir, what is the reason why the aggregate of form is found? What is the cause, what is the reason why the aggregate of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness is found?” 7.1

“The four principal states are the reason why the aggregate of form is found. Contact is the reason why the aggregates of feeling, perception, and choices are found. Name and form are the reasons why the aggregate of consciousness is found.” 7.6

Saying “Good, sir”, that mendicant asked another question: 7.11

“Sir, how does substantialist view come about?” 8.1

“It’s when an unlearned ordinary person has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They’ve not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons. They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. That’s how substantialist view comes about.” 8.2

Saying “Good, sir”, that mendicant ... asked another question: 8.9

“But sir, how does substantialist view not come about?” 9.1

“It’s when a learned noble disciple has seen the noble ones, and is skilled and trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They’ve seen true persons, and are skilled and trained in the teaching of the true persons. They don’t regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. They don’t regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. That’s how substantialist view does not come about.” 9.2

Saying “Good, sir”, that mendicant ... asked another question: 9.9

- 10.1 “Sir, what’s the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness?”
- 10.6 “The pleasure and happiness that arise from form: this is its gratification. That form is impermanent, suffering, and perishable: this is its drawback. Removing and giving up desire and greed for form: this is its escape. The pleasure and happiness that arise from feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness: this is its gratification. That consciousness is impermanent, suffering, and perishable: this is its drawback. Removing and giving up desire and greed for consciousness: this is its escape.”
- 10.15 Saying “Good, sir”, that mendicant approved and agreed with what the Buddha said. Then he asked another question:
- 11.1 “Sir, how does one know and see so that there’s no I-making, mine-making, or underlying tendency to conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli?”
- 11.2 “One truly sees any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ They truly see any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near, *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ That’s how to know and see so that there’s no I-making, mine-making, or underlying tendency to conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli.”
- 12.1 Now at that time one of the mendicants had the thought:
- 12.2 “So it seems, good fellow, that form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are not-self. Then what self will the deeds done by not-self affect?”
- 12.4 Then the Buddha, knowing that monk’s train of thought, addressed the mendicants:
- 13.1 “It’s possible that some futile person here—unknowing and ignorant, their mind dominated by craving—thinks they can overstep the teacher’s instructions. They think: ‘So it seems, good fellow, that

form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are not-self. Then what self will the deeds done by not-self affect? Now, mendicants, you have been educated by me in questioning with regards to all these things in all such cases.

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?" 14.1

"Impermanent, sir." 14.3

"Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?" 14.4

"Impermanent, sir." 14.8

"But if it's impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?" 14.9

"Suffering, sir." 14.10

"But if it's impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self'?" 14.11

"No, sir." 14.13

"So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: '... there is nothing further for this place.'" 14.14

"Two on the aggregates; exactly the same; 15.1
and can there be;
on the term; and on the cause;
two questions on substantial reality;
gratification; and that with consciousness:
these are the ten questions
the mendicant came to ask."

The Chapter on Senior Mendicants

SN 22.83

With Ānanda

Ānandasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 There Ānanda addressed the mendicants: “Reverends, mendicants!”
- 1.4 “Reverend,” they replied. Ānanda said this:
- 2.1 “Reverends, the venerable named Puṇṇa son of Mantāṇi was very helpful to me when I was just ordained. He gave me this advice: ‘Reverend Ānanda, the thought “I am” occurs because of grasping, not by not grasping. Grasping what? The thought “I am” occurs because of grasping form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness, not by not grasping.
- 3.1 Suppose there was a woman or man who was young, youthful, and fond of adornments, and they check their own reflection in a clean bright mirror or a clear bowl of water. They’d look because of grasping, not by not grasping. In the same way, the thought “I am” occurs because of grasping form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness, not by not grasping.
- 4.1 What do you think, Reverend Ānanda? Is form permanent or impermanent?’

- ‘Impermanent, reverend.’ 4.3
- ‘Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?’ 4.4
- ‘Impermanent, reverend.’ ... 4.8
- ‘So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: “... there is nothing further for this place.”’ 4.9
- Reverends, the venerable named Puṇṇa son of Mantāṇī was very helpful to me when I was just ordained. He gave me this advice. And now that I’ve heard this teaching from Venerable Puṇṇa son of Mantāṇī, I’ve comprehended the teaching.” 4.12

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With Tissa

Tissasutta

- At Sāvathī. 1.1
- Now at that time Venerable Tissa, the Buddha’s paternal cousin, informed several mendicants: 1.2
- “Reverends, my body feels like it’s drugged. I’m disorientated, the teachings don’t spring to mind, and dullness and drowsiness fill my mind. I lead the spiritual life dissatisfied, and have doubts about the teachings.” 1.3
- Then several mendicants went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and told him what had happened. 2.1
- So the Buddha addressed one of the monks, “Please, monk, in my name tell the mendicant Tissa that the Teacher summons him.” 3.1
- “Yes, sir,” that monk replied. He went to Tissa and said to him, “Reverend Tissa, the teacher summons you.” 3.3
- “Yes, reverend,” Tissa replied. He went to the Buddha, bowed, and sat down to one side. The Buddha said to him: 3.5
- “Is it really true, Tissa, that you informed several mendicants that your body feels like it’s drugged ... and you have doubts about the teachings?” 3.6

- 3.8 “Yes, sir.”
- 3.9 “What do you think, Tissa? If you’re not rid of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for form, when that form decays and perishes, will it give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress?”
- 3.11 “Yes, sir.”
- 4.1 “Good, good, Tissa! That’s how it is, Tissa, when you’re not rid of greed for form.
- 4.4 If you’re not rid of greed for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, when that consciousness decays and perishes, will it give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress?”
- 5.4 “Yes, sir.”
- 6.1 “Good, good, Tissa! That’s how it is, Tissa, when you’re not rid of greed for consciousness.
- 6.4 What do you think, Tissa? If you are rid of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for form, when that form decays and perishes, will it give rise to sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress?”
- 6.6 “No, sir.”
- 7.1 “Good, good, Tissa! That’s how it is, Tissa, when you are rid of greed for form ... feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness.
- 8.4 What do you think, Tissa? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 8.6 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 8.7 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 8.11 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 8.12 “So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’
- 9.1 Suppose, Tissa, there were two people. One was not skilled in the path, the other was. The one not skilled in the path would question the one skilled in the path, who would reply: ‘Come, good man, this is the path. Go down it an hour, and you’ll see a fork in the road. Ignore the left, and take the right-hand path. Go an hour more, and you’ll see a dense forest grove. Go an hour more, and you’ll see

an expanse of low-lying marshes. Go an hour more, and you'll see a large, steep cliff. Go an hour more, and you'll see level, cleared parkland.'

I've made up this simile to make a point. And this is what it means. 10.1

'A person who is not skilled in the path' is a term for an ordinary unlearned person. 10.3

'A person who is skilled in the path' is a term for the Realized One, the perfected one, the fully awakened Buddha. 10.4

'A fork in the road' is a term for doubt. 10.5

'The left-hand path' is a term for the wrong eightfold path, that is, wrong view ... wrong immersion. 10.6

'The right-hand path' is a term for the noble eightfold path, that is, right view ... right immersion. 10.8

'A dense forest grove' is a term for ignorance. 10.10

'An expanse of low-lying marshes' is a term for sensual pleasures. 10.11

'A large, steep cliff' is a term for anger and distress. 10.12

'Level, cleared parkland' is a term for extinguishment. 10.13

Rejoice, Tissa, rejoice! I'm here to advise you, to support you, and to teach you." 10.14

That is what the Buddha said. Satisfied, Venerable Tissa approved what the Buddha said. 11.1

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With Yamaka

Yamakasutta

At one time Venerable Sāriputta was staying near Sāvattthī in Jeta's Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's monastery. 1.1

Now at that time a mendicant called Yamaka had the following harmful misconception: "As I understand the Buddha's teaching, a mendicant who has ended the defilements is annihilated and destroyed when their body breaks up, and doesn't exist after death." 1.2

- 2.1 Several mendicants heard about this. They went to Yamaka and exchanged greetings with him.
- 2.4 When the greetings and polite conversation were over, they sat down to one side and said to him, “Is it really true, Reverend Yamaka, that you have such a harmful misconception: ‘As I understand the Buddha’s teaching, a mendicant who has ended the defilements is annihilated and destroyed when their body breaks up, and doesn’t exist after death’?”
- 3.3 “Yes, reverends, that’s how I understand the Buddha’s teaching.”
- 4.1 “Don’t say that, Yamaka! Don’t misrepresent the Buddha, for misrepresentation of the Buddha is not good. And the Buddha would not say that.” But even though admonished by those mendicants, Yamaka obstinately stuck to that misconception and insisted on stating it.
- 5.1 When those mendicants were unable to dissuade Yamaka from that misconception, they got up from their seats and went to see Venerable Sāriputta. They told him what had happened, and said, “May Venerable Sāriputta please go to the mendicant Yamaka out of sympathy.” Sāriputta consented with silence.
- 5.6 Then in the late afternoon, Venerable Sāriputta came out of retreat, went to Venerable Yamaka and exchanged greetings with him. Seated to one side he said to Yamaka:
- 6.1 “Is it really true, Reverend Yamaka, that you have such a harmful misconception: ‘As I understand the Buddha’s teaching, a mendicant who has ended the defilements is annihilated and destroyed when their body breaks up, and doesn’t exist after death’?”
- 6.3 “Yes, reverend, that’s how I understand the Buddha’s teaching.”
- 7.1 “What do you think, Yamaka? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 7.3 “Impermanent, reverend.”
- 7.4 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 7.8 “Impermanent, reverend.”

“So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... 7.9
there is nothing further for this place.’

What do you think, Reverend Yamaka? Do you regard the Real- 8.1
ized One as form?”

“No, reverend.” 8.3

“Do you regard the Realized One as feeling ... perception ... 8.4
choices ... consciousness?”

“No, reverend.” 8.9

“What do you think, Reverend Yamaka? Do you regard the Real- 9.1
ized One as in form?”

“No, reverend.” 9.3

“Or do you regard the Realized One as distinct from form?” 9.4

“No, reverend.” 9.5

“Do you regard the Realized One as in feeling ... or distinct from 9.6
feeling ... as in perception ... or distinct from perception ... as in
choices ... or distinct from choices ... as in consciousness?”

“No, reverend.” 9.13

“Or do you regard the Realized One as distinct from conscious- 9.14
ness?”

“No, reverend.” 9.15

“What do you think, Yamaka? Do you regard the Realized One as 10.1
possessing form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness?”

“No, reverend.” 10.3

“What do you think, Yamaka? Do you regard the Realized One 11.1
as one who is without form, feeling, perception, choices, and con-
sciousness?”

“No, reverend.” 11.3

“In that case, Reverend Yamaka, since you don’t actually find 11.4
the Realized One in this very life, is it appropriate to declare: ‘As I
understand the Buddha’s teaching, a mendicant who has ended the
defilements is annihilated and destroyed when their body breaks up,
and doesn’t exist after death.’?”

“Reverend Sāriputta, in my ignorance, I used to have that mis- 12.1
conception. But now that I’ve heard the teaching from Venerable

Sāriputta, I've given up that misconception, and I've comprehended the teaching."

13.1 "Reverend Yamaka, suppose they were to ask you: 'When their body breaks up, after death, what happens to a perfected one, who has ended the defilements?' How would you answer?"

13.4 "Reverend, if they were to ask this, I'd answer like this: 'Reverend, form is impermanent. What's impermanent is suffering. What's suffering has ceased and ended.'

13.10 Feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness is impermanent. What's impermanent is suffering. What's suffering has ceased and ended.' That's how I'd answer such a question."

14.1 "Good, good, Reverend Yamaka! Well then, I shall give you a simile to make the meaning even clearer. Suppose there was a householder or householder's son who was rich, with a lot of money and great wealth, and a bodyguard for protection. Then along comes a person who wants to harm, injure, and threaten him, and take his life. They'd think: 'This householder or householder's son is rich, with a lot of money and great wealth, and a bodyguard for protection. It won't be easy to take his life by force. Why don't I get close to him, then take his life?' So he goes up to that householder or householder's son and says: 'Sir, I would serve you.' They would serve that householder or householder's son. They'd get up before him and go to bed after him, and be obliging, behaving nicely and speaking politely. The householder or householder's son would consider them as a friend and companion, and come to trust them. But when that person realizes that they've gained the trust of the householder or householder's son, then, when they know he's alone, they'd take his life with a sharp knife.

15.1 What do you think, Yamaka? When that person went to the householder or householder's son and offered to serve him, weren't they a killer then, though he didn't know that this was his killer? And when they got up before him and went to bed after him, being obliging, behaving nicely and speaking politely, weren't they a killer then, though he didn't know that this was his killer? And when, knowing

he was alone, they took his life with a sharp knife, weren't they a killer then, though he didn't know that this was his killer?"

"Yes, reverend."

15.12

"In the same way, an unlearned ordinary person has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They've not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons. They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... They regard consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness.

15.13

They don't truly understand form—which is impermanent—as impermanent. They don't truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is impermanent—as impermanent.

16.1

They don't truly understand form—which is suffering—as suffering. They don't truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is suffering—as suffering.

17.1

They don't truly understand form—which is not-self—as not-self. They don't truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is not-self—as not-self.

18.1

They don't truly understand form—which is conditioned—as conditioned. They don't truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is conditioned—as conditioned.

19.1

They don't truly understand form—which is a killer—as a killer. They don't truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is a killer—as a killer.

20.1

They're attracted to form, grasp it, and commit to the thought, 'my self'. They're attracted to feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, grasp it, and commit to the thought, 'my self'. And when you've gotten involved with and grasped these five grasping aggregates, they lead to your lasting harm and suffering.

21.1

A learned noble disciple has seen the noble ones, and is skilled and trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They've seen true persons,

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and are skilled and trained in the teaching of the true persons. They don't regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. They don't regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness.

23.1 They truly understand form—which is impermanent—as impermanent. They truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is impermanent—as impermanent.

24.1 They truly understand form—which is suffering—as suffering. They truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is suffering—as suffering.

25.1 They truly understand form—which is not-self—as not-self. They truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is not-self—as not-self.

26.1 They truly understand form—which is conditioned—as conditioned. They truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is conditioned—as conditioned.

27.1 They truly understand form—which is a killer—as a killer. They truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness—which is a killer—as a killer.

28.1 Not being attracted to form, they don't grasp it, and commit to the thought, 'my self'. Not being attracted to feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, they don't grasp it, and commit to the thought, 'my self'. And when you're not attracted to and don't grasp these five grasping aggregates, they lead to your lasting welfare and happiness."

28.7 "Reverend Sāriputta, this is how it is when you have such venerables as spiritual companions to advise and instruct you out of kindness and sympathy. And after hearing this teaching by Venerable Sāriputta, my mind is freed from the defilements by not grasping."

SN 22.86

With Anurādhā

Anurādhāsutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Vesālī, at the Great Wood, 1.1
in the hall with the peaked roof. Now at that time Venerable Anurā-
dha was staying not far from the Buddha in a wilderness hut. Then
several wanderers of other religions went up to Venerable Anurādhā
and exchanged greetings with him. When the greetings and polite
conversation were over, they sat down to one side and said to him:

“Reverend Anurādhā, when a realized one is describing a realized 1.5
one—a supreme person, highest of people, who has reached the
highest point—they describe them in these four ways: After death,
a realized one still exists, or no longer exists, or both still exists and
no longer exists, or neither still exists nor no longer exists.”

When they said this, Venerable Anurādhā said to those wanderers: 2.1

“Reverends, when a realized one is describing a realized one— 2.2
a supreme person, highest of people, who has reached the highest
point—they describe them other than these four ways: After death,
a realized one still exists, or no longer exists, or both still exists and
no longer exists, or neither still exists nor no longer exists.” When
he said this, the wanderers said to him:

“This mendicant must be junior, recently gone forth, or else a fool- 2.5
ish, incompetent senior mendicant.” Then, after rebuking Venerable
Anurādhā by calling him “junior” and “foolish”, the wanderers got
up from their seats and left.

Soon after they had left, Anurādhā thought: 3.1

“If those wanderers were to inquire further, how should I answer 3.2
them so as to repeat what the Buddha has said, and not misrepresent
him with an untruth? How should I explain in line with his teach-
ing, so that there would be no legitimate grounds for rebuttal and
criticism?”

- 4.1 Then Venerable Anurādhā went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and told him all that had happened.
- 7.1 “What do you think, Anurādhā? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 7.3 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 7.4 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 7.5 “Suffering, sir.”
- 7.6 “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?”
- 7.8 “No, sir.”
- 7.9 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 7.13 “Impermanent, sir.” ... “So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’
- 8.1 What do you think, Anurādhā? Do you regard a realized one as form?”
- 8.3 “No, sir.”
- 8.4 “Do you regard a realized one as feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness?”
- 8.8 “No, sir.”
- 9.1 “What do you think, Anurādhā? Do you regard a realized one as in form?”
- 9.3 “No, sir.”
- 9.4 “Or do you regard a realized one as distinct from form?”
- 9.5 “No, sir.”
- 9.6 “Do you regard a realized one as in feeling ... or distinct from feeling ... as in perception ... or distinct from perception ... as in choices ... or distinct from choices ... as in consciousness ... or as distinct from consciousness?”
- 9.14 “No, sir.”
- 10.1 “What do you think, Anurādhā? Do you regard a realized one as possessing form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness?”
- 10.3 “No, sir.”

“What do you think, Anurādha? Do you regard a realized one 11.1
as one who is without form, feeling, perception, choices, and con-
sciousness?”

“No, sir.” 11.3

“In that case, Anurādha, since you don’t actually find a realized 12.1
one in this very life, is it appropriate to declare: ‘Reverends, when a
realized one is describing a realized one—a supreme person, highest
of people, who has reached the highest point—they describe them
other than these four ways: After death, a realized one still exists, or
no longer exists, or both still exists and no longer exists, or neither
still exists nor no longer exists?’”

“No, sir.” 12.4

“Good, good, Anurādha! In the past, as today, what I describe is 13.1
suffering and the cessation of suffering.”

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With Vakkali

Vakkalisutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Rājagaha, in the Bamboo 1.1
Grove, the squirrels’ feeding ground.

Now at that time Venerable Vakkali was staying in a potter’s shed, 1.2
and he was sick, suffering, gravely ill.

Then he addressed his carers, “Please, reverends, go to the Bud- 1.3
dha, and in my name bow with your head to his feet. Say to him: ‘Sir,
the mendicant Vakkali is sick, suffering, and gravely ill. He bows with
his head to your feet.’ And then say: ‘Sir, please go to the mendicant
Vakkali out of sympathy.’”

“Yes, reverend,” those monks replied. They did as he asked. The 1.8
Buddha consented with silence.

Then the Buddha robed up and, taking his bowl and robes, went 2.1
to Venerable Vakkali. Venerable Vakkali saw the Buddha coming off
in the distance and tried to rise on his cot.

- 2.3 But the Buddha said to him, “It’s all right, Vakkali, don’t get up. There are some seats spread out, I will sit there.”
- 2.6 He sat on the seat spread out and said to Vakkali, “I hope you’re keeping well, Vakkali; I hope you’re all right. And I hope the pain is fading, not growing, that its fading is evident, not its growing.”
- 2.8 “Sir, I’m not all right, I’m not getting by. My pain is terrible and growing, not fading; its growing is apparent, not its fading.”
- 2.9 “I hope you don’t have any remorse or regret?”
- 2.10 “Indeed, sir, I have no little remorse and regret.”
- 2.11 “I hope you have no reason to blame yourself when it comes to ethical conduct?”
- 2.12 “No sir, I have no reason to blame myself when it comes to ethical conduct.”
- 2.13 “In that case, Vakkali, why do you have remorse and regret?”
- 2.14 “For a long time I’ve wanted to go and see the Buddha, but I was physically too weak.”
- 3.1 “Enough, Vakkali! Why would you want to see this rotten body? One who sees the teaching sees me. One who sees me sees the teaching. Seeing the teaching, you see me. Seeing me, you see the teaching.
- 4.1 What do you think, Vakkali? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 4.3 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 4.4 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 4.5 “Suffering, sir.”
- 4.6 “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?”
- 4.8 “No, sir.”
- 4.9 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 4.13 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 4.16 “So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

And then, after giving Venerable Vakkali this advice, the Buddha 5.1
got up from his seat and went to the Vulture's Peak Mountain.

Then Venerable Vakkali addressed his carers, "Come on, rev- 5.2
erends, lift my cot and take me to the Black Rock on the slopes
of Isigili. It's unthinkable for one like me to die in an inhabited area!"

"Yes, reverend," replied those mendicants, and did as he asked. 5.5
Meanwhile, the Buddha spent the rest of that night and day on Vul-
ture's Peak Mountain.

Then, late at night, two glorious deities, lighting up the entire 5.7
Vulture's Peak, went up to the Buddha, bowed, and stood to one
side.

One deity said to him, "Sir, the mendicant Vakkali is intent on 5.8
liberation!"

And another deity said to him, "He'll definitely be well freed!" 5.10

This is what those deities said. Then they bowed and respectfully 5.12
circled the Buddha, keeping him on their right side, before vanishing
right there.

Then, when the night had passed, the Buddha addressed the men- 6.1
dicants:

"Come, mendicants, go to the mendicant Vakkali and tell him: 6.2

'Vakkali, hear the word of the Buddha and two deities. 7.1

Late last night, two glorious deities, lighting up the entire Vulture's 7.2
Peak, went up to the Buddha, bowed, and stood to one side.

One deity said to him, "Sir, the mendicant Vakkali is intent on 7.3
liberation!"

The other deity said to him, "He'll definitely be well freed!" 7.5

And the Buddha said, "Do not fear, Vakkali, do not fear! Your 7.7
death will not be a bad one; your passing will not be a bad one."'"

"Yes, sir," those monks replied. They went to Vakkali and said to 7.11
him:

"Vakkali, hear the word of the Buddha and two deities." 7.12

Then Vakkali addressed his carers, "Please, reverends, help me 8.1
off my cot. It's unthinkable for one like me to listen to the Buddha's
instructions sitting on a high seat."

- 8.4 “Yes, reverend,” replied those mendicants, and helped him off his cot. They repeated what the Buddha had said.
- 8.14 Vakkali said, “Well then, reverends, in my name bow with your head at the Buddha’s feet. Say to him: ‘Sir, the mendicant Vakkali is sick, suffering, gravely ill. He bows with his head to your feet.’ And then say: ‘Form is impermanent. I have no doubt of that. I’m certain that what is impermanent is suffering. And I’m certain that I have no desire or greed or fondness for what is impermanent, suffering, and perishable.’
- 8.22 Feeling is impermanent ...
- 8.26 Perception is impermanent ...
- 8.27 Choices are impermanent ...
- 8.31 Consciousness is impermanent. I have no doubt of that. I’m certain that what is impermanent is suffering. And I’m certain that I have no desire or greed or fondness for what is impermanent, suffering, and perishable.”
- 8.35 “Yes, reverend,” those monks replied, and left. And then, not long after those mendicants had left, Venerable Vakkali took his life.
- 9.1 Then those mendicants went up to the Buddha and told him Vakkali’s message.
- 10.1 Then the Buddha said to the mendicants, “Come, mendicants, let’s go to the Black Rock on the slopes of Isigili, where Vakkali, the gentleman, took his life.”
- 10.4 “Yes, sir,” they replied.
- 10.5 Then the Buddha together with several mendicants went to the Black Rock on the slopes of Isigili. The Buddha saw Vakkali off in the distance lying on his cot, having cast off the aggregates.
- 11.1 Now at that time a cloud of black smoke was moving east, west, north, south, above, below, and in-between.
- 11.2 The Buddha said to the mendicants, “Mendicants, do you see that cloud of black smoke moving east, west, north, south, above, below, and in-between?”
- 11.4 “Yes, sir.”

“That’s Māra the Wicked searching for Vakkali’s consciousness, 11.5
wondering: ‘Where is Vakkali’s consciousness established?’ But
since his consciousness is not established, Vakkali is quenched.”

SN 22.88

With Assaji

Assajisutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Rājagaha, in the Bamboo 1.1
Grove, the squirrels’ feeding ground. Now at that time Venerable
Assaji was staying in a monastery built by a Kassapa, and he was sick,
suffering, gravely ill. Then he addressed his carers:

“Please, reverends, go to the Buddha, and in my name bow with 1.4
your head to his feet. Say to him: ‘Sir, the mendicant Assaji is sick,
suffering, gravely ill. He bows with his head to your feet.’ And then
say: ‘Sir, please go to the mendicant Assaji out of sympathy.’”

“Yes, reverend,” those monks replied. They did as he asked. The 1.9
Buddha consented with silence.

Then in the late afternoon, the Buddha came out of retreat and 2.1
went to Venerable Assaji. Venerable Assaji saw the Buddha coming
off in the distance, and tried to rise on his cot.

But the Buddha said to him, “It’s all right, Assaji, don’t get up. 2.4
There are some seats spread out, I will sit there.”

He sat on the seat spread out and said, “I hope you’re keeping 2.7
well, Assaji; I hope you’re all right. And I hope the pain is fading,
not growing, that its fading is evident, not its growing.”

“Sir, I’m not all right, I’m not getting by. My pain is terrible and 3.1
growing, not fading, its growing is evident, not its fading.”

“I hope you don’t have any remorse or regret?” 3.2

“Indeed, sir, I have no little remorse and regret.” 3.3

“I hope you have no reason to blame yourself when it comes to 3.4
ethical conduct?”

- 3.5 “No sir, I have no reason to blame myself when it comes to ethical conduct.”
- 3.6 “In that case, Assaji, why do you have remorse and regret?”
- 3.7 “Sir, before my time of illness I meditated having completely stilled the physical process. But now I can’t get immersion. Since I can’t get immersion, I think: ‘May I not decline!’”
- 3.10 “Assaji, there are ascetics and brahmins for whom samādhi is the essence, equating immersion with the ascetic life. They think: ‘May we not decline!’
- 4.1 What do you think, Assaji? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 4.3 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 4.4 “Is consciousness permanent or impermanent?” ...
- 4.5 “So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’
- 4.8 If they feel a pleasant feeling, they understand that it’s impermanent, that they’re not attached to it, and that they don’t relish it. If they feel a painful feeling, they understand that it’s impermanent, that they’re not attached to it, and that they don’t relish it. If they feel a neutral feeling, they understand that it’s impermanent, that they’re not attached to it, and that they don’t relish it. If they feel a pleasant feeling, they feel it detached. If they feel a painful feeling, they feel it detached. If they feel a neutral feeling, they feel it detached. Feeling the end of the body approaching, they understand: ‘I feel the end of the body approaching.’ Feeling the end of life approaching, they understand: ‘I feel the end of life approaching.’ They understand: ‘When my body breaks up and my life is over, everything that’s felt, being no longer relished, will become cool right here.’
- 5.1 Suppose an oil lamp depended on oil and a wick to burn. As the oil and the wick are used up, it would be extinguished due to not being fed.
- 5.3 In the same way, feeling the end of the body approaching, they understand: ‘I feel the end of the body approaching.’ Feeling the end of life approaching, they understand: ‘I feel the end of life approaching.’ They understand: ‘When my body breaks up and my life

is over, everything that's felt, being no longer relished, will become cool right here.’”

SN 22.89

With Khemaka

Khemakasutta

At one time several senior mendicants were staying near Kosambī, 1.1
in Ghosita's Monastery. Now at that time Venerable Khemaka was
staying in the Jujube Tree Monastery, and he was sick, suffering,
gravely ill.

In the late afternoon those senior mendicants came out of retreat 1.3
and addressed Venerable Dāsaka, “Please, Reverend Dāsaka, go to
the mendicant Khemaka and say to him: ‘Reverend Khemaka, the
seniors hope you're keeping well; they hope you're all right. They
hope that your pain is fading, not growing, that its fading is evident,
not its growing.’”

“Yes, reverends,” replied Dāsaka. He went to Khemaka and said 1.7
to him:

“Reverend Khemaka, the seniors hope you're keeping well; they 1.8
hope you're all right. They hope that your pain is fading, not growing,
that its fading is evident, not its growing.”

“Reverend, I'm not keeping well, I'm not getting by. My pain 1.10
is terrible and growing, not fading; its growing is evident, not its
fading.”

Then Dāsaka went to those seniors and told them what had hap- 2.1
pened. They said,

“Please, Reverend Dāsaka, go to the mendicant Khemaka and say 2.4
to him: ‘Reverend Khemaka, the seniors say that these five grasping
aggregates have been taught by the Buddha, that is: the grasping
aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.
Do you regard anything among these five grasping aggregates as self
or as belonging to self?’”

- 3.1 “Yes, reverends,” replied Dāsaka. He relayed the message to Khemaka, who replied:
- 3.6 “These five grasping aggregates have been taught by the Buddha, that is: the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. I do not regard anything among these five grasping aggregates as self or as belonging to self.”
- 4.1 Then Dāsaka went to those seniors and told them what had happened. They said:
- 4.6 “Please, Reverend Dāsaka, go to the mendicant Khemaka and say to him: ‘Reverend Khemaka, the seniors say that these five grasping aggregates have been taught by the Buddha, that is: the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. If, as it seems, Venerable Khemaka does not regard anything among these five grasping aggregates as self or as belonging to self, then he is a perfected one, with defilements ended.’”
- 5.1 “Yes, reverends,” replied Dāsaka. He relayed the message to Khemaka, who replied:
- 5.6 “These five grasping aggregates have been taught by the Buddha, that is: the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. I do not regard anything among these five grasping aggregates as self or as belonging to self, yet I am not a perfected one, with defilements ended. For when it comes to the five grasping aggregates I’m not rid of the conceit ‘I am’. But I don’t regard anything as ‘I am this.’”
- 6.1 Then Dāsaka went to those seniors and told them what had happened. They said:
- 7.1 “Please, Reverend Dāsaka, go to the mendicant Khemaka and say to him: ‘Reverend Khemaka, the seniors ask, when you say “I am”, what is it that you’re talking about? Is it form or apart from form? Is it feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, or apart from consciousness? When you say “I am”, what is it that you’re talking about?’”
- 8.1 “Yes, reverends,” replied Dāsaka. He relayed the message to Khemaka, who replied:

“Enough, Reverend Dāsaka! What’s the point in running back 8.10
and forth? Bring my staff, I’ll go to see the senior mendicants myself.”

Then Venerable Khemaka, leaning on a staff, went to those senior 9.1
mendicants and exchanged greetings with them. When the greetings
and polite conversation were over, he sat down to one side. They
said to him:

“Reverend Khemaka, when you say ‘I am’, what is it that you’re 9.3
talking about? Is it form or apart from form? Is it feeling ... per-
ception ... choices ... consciousness, or apart from consciousness?
When you say ‘I am’, what is it that you’re talking about?”

“Reverends, I don’t say ‘I am’ with reference to form, or apart from 9.10
form. I don’t say ‘I am’ with reference to feeling ... perception ...
choices ... consciousness, or apart from consciousness. For when
it comes to the five grasping aggregates I’m not rid of the conceit ‘I
am’. But I don’t regard anything as ‘I am this’.

It’s like the scent of a blue water lily, or a pink or white lotus. 10.1
Would it be right to say that the scent belongs to the petals or the
stalk or the pistil?”

“No, reverend.” 10.3

“Then, reverends, how should it be said?” 10.4

“It would be right to say that the scent belongs to the flower.” 10.5

“In the same way, reverends, I don’t say ‘I am’ with reference 10.6
to form, or apart from form. I don’t say ‘I am’ with reference to
feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, or apart from
consciousness. For when it comes to the five grasping aggregates I’m
not rid of the conceit ‘I am’. But I don’t regard anything as ‘I am this’.

Although a noble disciple has given up the five lower fetters, they 11.1
still have a lingering residue of the conceit ‘I am’, the desire ‘I am’,
and the underlying tendency ‘I am’ which has not been eradicated.
After some time they meditate observing rise and fall in the five
grasping aggregates. ‘Such is form, such is the origin of form, such is
the ending of form. Such is feeling ... Such is perception ... Such are
choices ... Such is consciousness, such is the origin of consciousness,

such is the ending of consciousness.’ As they do so, that lingering residue is eradicated.

- 12.1 Suppose there was a cloth that was dirty and soiled, so the owners give it to a launderer. The launderer kneads it thoroughly with salt, lye, and cow dung, and rinses it in clear water. Although that cloth is clean and bright, it still has a lingering scent of salt, lye, or cow dung that had not been eradicated. The launderer returns it to its owners, who store it in a fragrant casket. And that lingering scent would be eradicated.
- 12.6 In the same way, although a noble disciple has given up the five lower fetters, they still have a lingering residue of the conceit ‘I am,’ the desire ‘I am,’ and the underlying tendency ‘I am’ which has not been eradicated. After some time they meditate observing rise and fall in the five grasping aggregates. ‘Such is form, such is the origin of form, such is the ending of form. Such is feeling . . . Such is perception . . . Such are choices . . . Such is consciousness, such is the origin of consciousness, such is the ending of consciousness.’ As they do so, that lingering residue is eradicated.”
- 13.1 When he said this, the senior mendicants said to Venerable Khemaka, “We didn’t want to trouble Venerable Khemaka with our questions. But you’re capable of explaining, teaching, asserting, establishing, clarifying, analyzing, and revealing the Buddha’s instructions in detail. And that’s just what you’ve done.”
- 14.1 That’s what Venerable Khemaka said. Satisfied, the senior mendicants approved what Venerable Khemaka said. And while this discourse was being spoken, the minds of sixty senior mendicants and of Venerable Khemaka were freed from defilements by not grasping.

SN 22.90

With Channa

Channasutta

At one time several senior mendicants were staying near Varanasi, in 1.1
the deer park at Isipatana.

Then in the late afternoon, Venerable Channa came out of retreat. 1.2
Taking a latchkey, he went from dwelling to dwelling, going up to the
senior mendicants and saying, “May the venerable senior mendicants
advise me and instruct me! May they give me a Dhamma talk so that
I can see the teaching!”

When he said this, the senior mendicants said to Venerable 2.1
Channa:

“Reverend Channa, form, feeling, perception, choices, and con- 2.2
sciousness are impermanent. Form, feeling, perception, choices,
and consciousness are not-self. All conditions are impermanent. All
things are not-self.”

Then Venerable Channa thought, “I too think in this way. ... 3.1
And yet my mind does not leap forth, gain confidence, settle down,
and become decided about the stilling of all activities, the letting
go of all attachments, the ending of craving, fading away, cessation,
extinguishment. Grasping arises from anxiety. And the mind reverts
to thinking: ‘So then who exactly is my self?’ But that doesn’t happen
for someone who sees the teaching. Who can teach me the Dhamma
so that I can see the teaching?”

Then Venerable Channa thought, “The Venerable Ānanda is stay- 4.1
ing near Kosambī, in Ghosita’s Monastery. He’s praised by the Bud-
dha and esteemed by his sensible spiritual companions. He’s quite
capable of teaching me the Dhamma so that I can see the teaching.
Since I have so much trust in Venerable Ānanda, why don’t I go to
see him?”

Then Channa set his lodgings in order and, taking his bowl and 4.5
robe, set out for Kosambī. He went to see Ānanda in Ghosita’s

Monastery, exchanged greetings with him, and told him what had happened. Then he said,

7.1 “May Venerable Ānanda advise me and instruct me! May he give me a Dhamma talk so that I can see the teaching!”

8.1 “I’m already delighted with Venerable Channa. Hopefully you’ve opened yourself up and severed your hard-heartedness. Listen well, Channa. You are capable of understanding the teaching.”

8.4 Then right away Channa was filled with lofty rapture and joy, “It seems I’m capable of understanding the teaching!”

9.1 “Reverend Channa, I heard and learned in the presence of the Buddha his advice to the mendicant Kaccānagotta:

9.2 ‘Kaccāna, this world mostly relies on the duality of existence and non-existence.

9.3 But when you truly see the origin of the world with right understanding, the concept of non-existence regarding the world does not occur. And when you truly see the cessation of the world with right understanding, the concept of existence regarding the world does not occur.

9.5 The world is for the most part shackled by attraction, grasping, and insisting.

9.6 But if—when it comes to this attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendency—you don’t get attracted, grasp, and commit to the thought, “my self”, you’ll have no doubt or uncertainty that what arises is just suffering arising, and what ceases is just suffering ceasing. Your knowledge about this is independent of others.

9.9 This is how right view is defined.

9.10 “All exists”: this is one extreme.

9.11 “All does not exist”: this is the second extreme.

9.12 Avoiding these two extremes, the Realized One teaches by the middle way:

9.13 “Ignorance is a condition for choices. Choices are a condition for consciousness. ... That is how this entire mass of suffering originates.

When ignorance fades away and ceases with nothing left over, 9.16
choices cease. ... That is how this entire mass of suffering ceases.””

“Reverend Ānanda, this is how it is when you have such venerables 10.1
as spiritual companions to advise and instruct you out of kindness
and sympathy. And now that I’ve heard this teaching from Venerable
Ānanda, I’ve comprehended the teaching.”

SN 22.91

Rāhula

Rāhulasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

Then Venerable Rāhula went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down 1.2
to one side, and said to him:

“Sir, how does one know and see so that there’s no I-making, mine- 1.3
making, or underlying tendency to conceit for this conscious body
and all external stimuli?”

“Rāhula, one truly sees any kind of form at all—past, future, or 2.1
present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far
or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am
not this, this is not my self.’

One truly sees any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... 2.2
consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external;
solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—
with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not
my self.’

That’s how to know and see so that there’s no I-making, mine- 2.7
making, or underlying tendency to conceit for this conscious body
and all external stimuli.”

SN 22.92

Rāhula (2nd)

Dutiyarāhulasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, Rāhula said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, how does one know and see so that the mind is rid of I-making, mine-making, and conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli; and going beyond discrimination, it’s peaceful and well freed?”
- 2.1 “Rāhula, when one truly sees any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self,’ one is freed by not grasping.
- 2.2 One truly sees any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... When one truly sees any kind of consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self,’ one is freed by not grasping.
- 2.6 That’s how to know and see so that the mind is rid of I-making, mine-making, and conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli; and going beyond discrimination, it’s peaceful and well freed.”

The Chapter on Flowers

SN 22.93

A River

Nadīsutta

At Sāvattḥī.

1.1

“Suppose, mendicants, there was a mountain river that flowed swiftly, going far, carrying all before it. If wild sugarcane, kusa grass, reeds, vetiver, or trees grew on either bank, they’d overhang the river. And if a person who was being swept along by the current grabbed the wild sugarcane, kusa grass, reeds, vetiver, or trees, it’d break off, and they’d come to ruin because of that.

1.2

In the same way, an unlearned ordinary person has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They’ve not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons.

1.3

They regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. But their form breaks off, and they come to ruin because of that. They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. But their consciousness breaks off, and they come to ruin because of that.

1.4

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”

1.13

“Impermanent, sir.” ...

1.15

- 1.17 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 1.21 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 1.22 “So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.94

Flowers

Pupphasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattṭhī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, I do not argue with the world; it is the world that argues with me. When your speech is in line with the teaching you do not argue with anyone in the world. What the astute deem as not existing, I too say does not exist. What the astute deem as existing, I too say exists.
- 2.1 And what do the astute deem as not existing, which I too say does not exist? Form that is permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable.
- 2.3 Feeling ...
- 2.4 Perception ...
- 2.5 Choices ...
- 2.6 Consciousness that is permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable. This is what the astute deem as not existing, which I too say does not exist.
- 3.1 And what do the astute deem as existing, which I too say exists? Form that is impermanent, suffering, and perishable.
- 3.3 Feeling ... Perception ... Choices ...
- 3.4 Consciousness that is impermanent, suffering, and perishable. This is what the astute deem as existing, which I too say exists.
- 4.1 There is a temporal phenomenon in the world that the Realized One understands and comprehends. Then he explains, teaches, asserts, establishes, clarifies, analyzes, and reveals it.

And what is that temporal phenomenon in the world? Form is 5.1
a temporal phenomenon in the world that the Realized One un-
derstands and comprehends. Then he explains, teaches, asserts,
establishes, clarifies, analyzes, and reveals it.

This being so, what can I do about a foolish ordinary person, blind 6.1
and sightless, who does not know or see?

Feeling ... 6.2

Perception ... 6.3

Choices ... 6.4

Consciousness is a temporal phenomenon in the world that the 6.5
Realized One understands and comprehends. Then he explains,
teaches, asserts, establishes, clarifies, analyzes, and reveals it.

This being so, what can I do about a foolish ordinary person, blind 7.1
and sightless, who does not know or see?

Suppose there was a blue water lily, or a pink or white lotus. 8.1
Though it sprouted and grew in the water, it would rise up above
the water and stand with no water clinging to it. In the same way,
though I was born and grew up in the world, I live having mastered
the world, unsullied by the world."

SN 22.95

A Lump of Foam

Phenapiṇḍūpamasutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Ayojjhā on the bank of the 1.1
Ganges river. There the Buddha addressed the mendicants:

"Mendicants, suppose this Ganges river was carrying along a big 2.1
lump of foam. And a person with clear eyes would see it and con-
template it, examining it carefully. And it would appear to them as
completely vacuous, hollow, and insubstantial. For what core could
there be in a lump of foam?

In the same way, a mendicant sees and contemplates any kind of 2.2
form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; coarse or

fine; inferior or superior; near or far—examining it carefully. And it appears to them as completely vacuous, hollow, and insubstantial. For what core could there be in form?

3.1 Suppose it was autumn, when the heavens rain heavily, and a bubble on the water forms and pops right away. And a person with clear eyes would see it and contemplate it, examining it carefully. And it would appear to them as completely vacuous, hollow, and insubstantial. For what core could there be in a water bubble?

3.2 In the same way, a mendicant sees and contemplates any kind of feeling at all ... examining it carefully. And it appears to them as completely vacuous, hollow, and insubstantial. For what core could there be in feeling?

4.1 Suppose that in the last month of summer, at noon, a shimmering mirage appears. And a person with clear eyes would see it and contemplate it, examining it carefully. And it would appear to them as completely vacuous, hollow, and insubstantial. For what core could there be in a mirage?

4.2 In the same way, a mendicant sees and contemplates any kind of perception at all ... examining it carefully. And it appears to them as completely void, hollow, and insubstantial. For what core could there be in perception?

5.1 Suppose there was a person in need of heartwood. Wandering in search of heartwood, they'd take a sharp axe and enter a forest. There they'd see a big banana tree, straight and young and grown free of defects. They'd cut it down at the base, cut off the top, and unroll the coiled sheaths. But they wouldn't even find sapwood, much less heartwood. And a person with clear eyes would see it and contemplate it, examining it carefully. And it would appear to them as completely vacuous, hollow, and insubstantial. For what core could there be in a banana tree?

5.2 In the same way, a mendicant sees and contemplates any kind of choices at all ... examining them carefully. And they appear to them as completely vacuous, hollow, and insubstantial. For what core could there be in choices?

Suppose a magician or their apprentice was to perform a magic 6.1
trick at the crossroads. And a person with clear eyes would see it
and contemplate it, examining it carefully. And it would appear to
them as completely vacuous, hollow, and insubstantial. For what
core could there be in a magic trick?

In the same way, a mendicant sees and contemplates any kind of 6.2
consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external;
coarse or fine; inferior or superior; near or far—examining it care-
fully. And it appears to them as completely vacuous, hollow, and
insubstantial. For what core could there be in consciousness?

Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, 7.1
feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned,
desire fades away. When desire fades away they're freed. When
they're freed, they know they're freed. They understand: '... there is
nothing further for this place.'

That is what the Buddha said. Then the Holy One, the Teacher, 8.1
went on to say:

"Form is like a lump of foam; 9.1
feeling is like a bubble;
perception seems like a mirage;
choices like a banana tree;
and consciousness like a magic trick:
so taught the kinsman of the Sun.

However you contemplate them, 10.1
examining them carefully,
they're vacuous and hollow
when you look at them closely.

Concerning this body, 11.1
he of vast wisdom has taught
that when three things are given up,
you'll see this form discarded.

- 12.1 Vitality, warmth, and consciousness:
when they leave the body,
it lies there tossed aside,
food for others, mindless.
- 13.1 Such is this process,
this illusion, this lament of fools.
It's said to be a killer,
for no core is found here.
- 14.1 An energetic mendicant
should examine the aggregates like this,
with situational awareness and mindfulness
whether by day or by night.
- 15.1 They should give up all yoking,
and make a refuge for themselves.
They should live as though their head was on fire,
aspiring to the state that does not pass."

SN 22.96

A Lump of Cow Dung

Gomayapiṇḍasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 "Sir, is there any form at all that's permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever? Is there any feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all that's permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever?"
- 1.8 "Mendicant, there is no form at all that's permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever. There's no feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all that's permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever."

Then the Buddha, picking up a lump of cow dung, said to the mendicants: 2.1

“There’s not even this much of any incarnation that’s permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever. If there were, this living of the spiritual life for the complete ending of suffering would not be found. But since there isn’t, this living of the spiritual life for the complete ending of suffering is found. 2.2

Once upon a time I was an anointed aristocratic king. I had 84,000 cities, with the capital Kusāvati the foremost. I had 84,000 palaces, with the palace named Principle the foremost. I had 84,000 chambers, with the great foyer the foremost. I had 84,000 couches made of ivory or heartwood or gold or silver, spread with woolen covers—shag-piled or embroidered with flowers—and spread with a fine deer hide, with a canopy above and red pillows at both ends. I had 84,000 bull elephants with gold adornments and banners, covered with snow gold netting, with the royal bull elephant named Sabbath the foremost. I had 84,000 horses with gold adornments and banners, covered with snow gold netting, with the royal steed named Thundercloud the foremost. I had 84,000 chariots with gold adornments and banners, covered with snow gold netting, with the chariot named Triumph the foremost. I had 84,000 jewels, with the jewel-treasure the foremost. I had 84,000 women, with Queen Subhaddā the foremost. I had 84,000 aristocrat vassals, with the commander-treasure the foremost. I had 84,000 milk cows with silken reins and bronze pails. I had 8,400,000,000 fine cloths of linen, cotton, silk, and wool. I had 84,000 servings of food, which were presented to me as offerings in the morning and evening. 3.1

Of those 84,000 cities, I only stayed in one, the capital Kusāvati. Of those 84,000 mansions, I only dwelt in one, the Palace of Principle. Of those 84,000 chambers, I only dwelt in the great foyer. Of those 84,000 couches, I only used one, made of ivory or heartwood or gold or silver. Of those 84,000 bull elephants, I only rode one, the royal bull elephant named Sabbath. Of those 84,000 horses, I only rode one, the royal horse named Thundercloud. Of those 84,000 4.1

chariots, I only rode one, the chariot named Triumph. Of those 84,000 women, I was only served by one, a maiden of the aristocratic or peasant classes. Of those 8,400,000,000 cloths, I only wore one pair, made of fine linen, cotton, silk, and wool. Of those 84,000 servings of food, I only had one, eating at most a cup of rice with suitable sauce.

- 4.11 And so all those conditioned phenomena have passed, ceased, and perished. So impermanent are conditions, so unstable are conditions, so unreliable are conditions. This is quite enough for you to become disillusioned, dispassionate, and freed regarding all conditions.”

SN 22.97

A Fingernail

Nakhasikhāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, is there any form at all that’s permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever? Is there any feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all that’s permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever?”
- 1.8 “Mendicant, there is no form at all that’s permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever. There’s no feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all that’s permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever.”
- 2.1 Then the Buddha, picking up a little bit of dirt under his fingernail, addressed that mendicant:
- 2.2 “There’s not even this much of any form that’s permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever. If there were, this living of the spiritual life for the complete ending of suffering would not be found. But since there isn’t, this living of the spiritual life for the complete ending of suffering is found.

- There's not even this much of any feeling ... 3.1
 perception ... 4.1
 choices ... 4.2
 consciousness that's permanent, everlasting, eternal, imperish- 5.1
 able, and will last forever and ever. If there were, this living of the
 spiritual life for the complete ending of suffering would not be found.
 But since there isn't, this living of the spiritual life for the complete
 ending of suffering is found.
- What do you think, mendicant? Is form permanent or imper- 6.1
 manent?"
- "Impermanent, sir." 6.3
- "Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent 6.4
 or impermanent?"
- "Impermanent, sir." ... 6.8
- "So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: '... 6.9
 there is nothing further for this place.'"

SN 22.98

Plain Version

Suddhikasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2
- "Sir, is there any form at all that's permanent, everlasting, eternal, 1.3
 imperishable, and will last forever and ever? Is there any feeling
 ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all that's permanent,
 everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever?"
- "Mendicant, there is no form at all that's permanent, everlasting, 1.8
 eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever. There's no feeling
 ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all that's permanent,
 everlasting, eternal, imperishable, and will last forever and ever."

SN 22.99

A Leash

Gaddulabaddhasutta

1.1 At Sāvathī.

1.2 “Mendicants, transmigration has no known beginning. No first point is found of sentient beings roaming and transmigrating, shrouded by ignorance and fettered by craving.

1.4 There comes a time when the ocean dries up and evaporates and is no more. But still, I say, there is no making an end of suffering for sentient beings roaming and transmigrating, shrouded by ignorance and fettered by craving.

1.6 There comes a time when Sineru the king of mountains is burned up and destroyed, and is no more. But still, I say, there is no making an end of suffering for sentient beings roaming and transmigrating, shrouded by ignorance and fettered by craving.

1.8 There comes a time when the great earth is burned up and destroyed, and is no more. But still, I say, there is no making an end of suffering for sentient beings roaming and transmigrating, shrouded by ignorance and fettered by craving.

2.1 Suppose a dog on a leash was tethered to a strong post or pillar. It would just keep running and circling around that post or pillar.

2.2 In the same way, take an unlearned ordinary person who has not seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in their teaching. They’ve not seen true persons, and are neither skilled nor trained in their teaching. They regard form ... feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. They just keep running and circling around form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Doing so, they’re not freed from form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. They’re not freed from rebirth, old age, and death, from sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. They’re not freed from suffering, I say.

A learned noble disciple has seen the noble ones, and is skilled 3.1
and trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They've seen true persons, and are skilled and trained in the teaching of the true persons. They don't regard form ... feeling ... perception ... choices ... or consciousness as self, self as having consciousness, consciousness in self, or self in consciousness. They don't keep running and circling around form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. By not doing so, they're freed from form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. They're freed from rebirth, old age, and death, from sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. They're freed from suffering, I say."

SN 22.100

A Leash (2nd)

Dutiyaḡaddulabaddhasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

"Mendicants, transmigration has no known beginning. No first 1.2
point is found of sentient beings roaming and transmigrating, shrouded by ignorance and fettered by craving. Suppose a dog on a leash was tethered to a strong post or pillar. Whether walking, standing, sitting, or lying down, it stays right beside that post or pillar.

In the same way, an unlearned ordinary person regards form like 1.5
this: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self.' They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness like this: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self.' When walking, they walk right beside the five grasping aggregates. When standing ... sitting ... lying down, they lie down right beside the five grasping aggregates.

So you should regularly check your own mind: 'For a long time 1.14
this mind has been corrupted by greed, hate, and delusion.' Sentient beings are corrupted because the mind is corrupted. Sentient beings are purified because the mind is purified.

- 2.1 Mendicants, have you seen the picture called ‘Conduct’?”
- 2.2 “Yes, sir.”
- 2.3 “That picture was elaborated by the mind, but the mind is even more elaborate than that.
- 2.4 So you should regularly check your own mind: ‘For a long time this mind has been corrupted by greed, hate, and delusion.’ Sentient beings are corrupted because the mind is corrupted. Sentient beings are purified because the mind is purified.
- 3.1 I don’t see any other order of beings as elaborate as the animal realm. The creatures in the animal realm were elaborated by the mind, but the mind is even more elaborate than that.
- 3.3 So you should regularly check your own mind: ‘For a long time this mind has been corrupted by greed, hate, and delusion.’ Sentient beings are corrupted because the mind is corrupted. Sentient beings are purified because the mind is purified.
- 4.1 Suppose an artist or painter had some dye, red lac, turmeric, indigo, or rose madder. And on a polished plank or a wall or a canvas they’d create the form of a woman or a man, whole in its major and minor limbs.
- 4.2 In the same way, when an unlearned ordinary person creates a future life, all they create is form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.
- 4.3 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 4.5 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 4.6 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?” ...
- 4.10 “So you should truly see ... Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.101

The Adze

Vāsiṣaṭṭasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, I say that the ending of defilements is for one who knows and sees, not for one who does not know or see. For one who knows and sees what? ‘Such is form, such is the origin of form, such is the ending of form. Such is feeling ... Such is perception ... Such are choices ... Such is consciousness, such is the origin of consciousness, such is the ending of consciousness.’ The ending of the defilements is for one who knows and sees this. 1.2

When a mendicant is not committed to development, they might wish: ‘If only my mind were freed from the defilements by not grasping!’ Even so, their mind is not freed from defilements by not grasping. Why is that? You should say: ‘It’s because they’re undeveloped.’ Undeveloped in what? Undeveloped in the four kinds of mindfulness meditation, the four right efforts, the four bases of psychic power, the five faculties, the five powers, the seven awakening factors, and the noble eightfold path. 2.1

Suppose there was a chicken with eight or ten or twelve eggs. But she had not properly sat on them to keep them warm and incubated. That chicken might wish: ‘If only my chicks could break out of the eggshell with their claws and beak and hatch safely!’ But they can’t break out and hatch safely. Why is that? Because that chicken with eight or ten or twelve eggs has not properly sat on them to keep them warm and incubated. 3.1

In the same way, when a mendicant is not committed to development, they might wish: ‘If only my mind was freed from the defilements by not grasping!’ Even so, their mind is not freed from defilements by not grasping. Why is that? You should say: ‘It’s because they’re undeveloped.’ Undeveloped in what? Undeveloped in the four kinds of mindfulness meditation, the four right efforts, the 3.9

four bases of psychic power, the five faculties, the five powers, the seven awakening factors, and the noble eightfold path.

- 4.1 When a mendicant is committed to development, they might not wish: ‘If only my mind were freed from the defilements by not grasping!’ Even so, their mind is freed from defilements by not grasping. Why is that? You should say: ‘It’s because they are developed.’ Developed in what? Developed in the four kinds of mindfulness meditation, the four right efforts, the four bases of psychic power, the five faculties, the five powers, the seven awakening factors, and the noble eightfold path.
- 5.1 Suppose there was a chicken with eight or ten or twelve eggs. And she properly sat on them to keep them warm and incubated. That chicken might not wish: ‘If only my chicks could break out of the eggshell with their claws and beak and hatch safely!’ But still they can break out and hatch safely. Why is that? Because that chicken with eight or ten or twelve eggs properly sat on them to keep them warm and incubated.
- 5.9 In the same way, when a mendicant is committed to development, they might not wish: ‘If only my mind were freed from the defilements by not grasping!’ Even so, their mind is freed from defilements by not grasping. Why is that? You should say: ‘It’s because they are developed.’ Developed in what? Developed in the four kinds of mindfulness meditation, the four right efforts, the four bases of psychic power, the five faculties, the five powers, the seven awakening factors, and the noble eightfold path.
- 6.1 Suppose a carpenter or their apprentice sees the marks of his fingers and thumb on the handle of his adze. They don’t know how much of the handle was worn away today, how much yesterday, and how much previously. They just know what has been worn away.
- 6.5 In the same way, when a mendicant is committed to development, they don’t know how much of the defilements were worn away today, how much yesterday, and how much previously. They just know what has been worn away. Suppose there was a sea-faring ship bound together with ropes. For six months they deteriorated in the water.

Then in the cold season it was hauled up on dry land, where the ropes were weathered by wind and sun. When the monsoon clouds soaked it with rain, the ropes would readily collapse and rot away. In the same way, when a mendicant is committed to development their fetters readily collapse and rot away.”

SN 22.102

The Perception of Impermanence

Aniccasaññāsutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, when the perception of impermanence is developed and cultivated it eliminates all desire for sensual pleasures, for rebirth in the realm of luminous form, and for rebirth in a future life. It eliminates all ignorance and eradicates all conceit ‘I am’.

1.2

In the autumn, a farmer ploughing with a large plough shears through all the root networks. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit ‘I am’.

2.1

A reed-cutter, having cut the reeds, grabs them at the top and shakes them down, shakes them about, and shakes them off. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit ‘I am’.

3.1

When the stalk of a bunch of mangoes is cut, all the mangoes attached to the stalk will follow along. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit ‘I am’.

4.1

The rafters of a bungalow all lean to the peak, slope to the peak, and meet at the peak, so the peak is said to be the topmost of them all. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit ‘I am’.

5.1

Of all kinds of fragrant root, spikenard is said to be the best. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit ‘I am’.

6.1

- 7.1 Of all kinds of fragrant heartwood, red sandalwood is said to be the best. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit 'I am'.
- 8.1 Of all kinds of fragrant flower, jasmine is said to be the best. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit 'I am'.
- 9.1 All lesser kings are vassals of a wheel-turning monarch, so the wheel-turning monarch is said to be the foremost of them all. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit 'I am'.
- 10.1 The radiance of all the stars is not worth a sixteenth part of the moon's radiance, so the moon's radiance is said to be the best of them all. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed ... it eradicates all conceit 'I am'.
- 11.1 In the autumn, the heavens are clear and cloudless. And as the sun is rising to the firmament, having dispelled all the darkness of space, it shines and glows and radiates. In the same way, when the perception of impermanence is developed and cultivated it eliminates all desire for sensual pleasures, for rebirth in the realm of luminous form, and for rebirth in a future life. It eliminates all ignorance and eradicates all conceit 'I am'.
- 12.1 And how is the perception of impermanence developed and cultivated so that ... it eradicates all conceit 'I am'? 'Such is form, such is the origin of form, such is the ending of form. Such is feeling ... Such is perception ... Such are choices ... Such is consciousness, such is the origin of consciousness, such is the ending of consciousness.'
- 12.7 That's how the perception of impermanence is developed and cultivated so that it eliminates all desire for sensual pleasures, for rebirth in the realm of luminous form, and for rebirth in a future life. That's how it eliminates all ignorance and eradicates all conceit 'I am'."

THE FINAL FIFTY

The Chapter on Sides

SN 22.103

Sides

Antasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four sides. What four? The side of substantial reality, the side of the origin of substantial reality, the side of the cessation of substantial reality, and the side of the practice that leads to the cessation of substantial reality. And what is the side of substantial reality? It should be said: the five grasping aggregates. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. This is called the side of substantial reality.

2.1 And what is the side of the origin of substantial reality? It’s the craving that leads to future lives, mixed up with relishing and greed, taking pleasure wherever it lands. That is, craving for sensual pleasures, craving to continue existence, and craving to end existence. This is called the side of the origin of substantial reality.

3.1 And what is the side of the cessation of substantial reality? It’s the fading away and cessation of that very same craving with nothing left over; giving it away, letting it go, releasing it, and not clinging to it. This is called the side of the cessation of substantial reality.

4.1 And what is the side of the practice that leads to the cessation of substantial reality? It is simply this noble eightfold path, that is: right

view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right immersion. This is called the side of the practice that leads to the cessation of substantial reality. These are the four sides.”

SN 22.104

Suffering

Dukkhasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, I will teach you suffering, the origin of suffering, the cessation of suffering, and the practice that leads to the cessation of suffering. Listen ...

And what is suffering? It should be said: the five grasping aggregates. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. This is called suffering.

1.4

And what is the origin of suffering? It’s the craving that leads to future lives, mixed up with relishing and greed, taking pleasure wherever it lands. That is, craving for sensual pleasures, craving to continue existence, and craving to end existence. This is called the origin of suffering.

1.9

And what is the cessation of suffering? It’s the fading away and cessation of that very same craving with nothing left over; giving it away, letting it go, releasing it, and not clinging to it. This is called the cessation of suffering.

1.12

And what is the practice that leads to the cessation of suffering? It is simply this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right immersion. This is called the practice that leads to the cessation of suffering.”

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SN 22.105

Substantial Reality

Sakkāyasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, I will teach you substantial reality, the origin of substantial reality, the cessation of substantial reality, and the practice that leads to the cessation of substantial reality. Listen ...

1.4 And what is substantial reality? It should be said: the five grasping aggregates. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. This is called substantial reality.

1.9 And what is the origin of substantial reality? It’s the craving that leads to future lives, mixed up with relishing and greed, taking pleasure wherever it lands. That is, craving for sensual pleasures, craving to continue existence, and craving to end existence. This is called the origin of substantial reality.

1.12 And what is the cessation of substantial reality? It’s the fading away and cessation of that very same craving with nothing left over; giving it away, letting it go, releasing it, and not clinging to it. This is called the cessation of substantial reality.

1.15 And what is the practice that leads to the cessation of substantial reality? It is simply this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right immersion. This is called the practice that leads to the cessation of substantial reality.”

SN 22.106

Should Be Completely Understood

Pariññeyyasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

“Mendicants, I will teach you the things that should be completely understood, complete understanding, and the person who has completely understood. Listen ... 1.2

And what things should be completely understood? Form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. These are called the things that should be completely understood. 1.4

And what is complete understanding? The ending of greed, hate, and delusion. This is called complete understanding. 1.11

And what is the person who has completely understood? It should be said: a perfected one, the venerable of such and such name and clan. This is called the person who has completely understood.” 1.14

SN 22.107

Ascetics (1st)

Samaṇasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. 1.2

There are ascetics and brahmins who don’t truly understand these five grasping aggregates’ gratification, drawback, and escape ... 1.5

There are ascetics and brahmins who do truly understand ...” 1.6

SN 22.108

Ascetics (2nd)

Dutiyasamaṇasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. 1.2

- 1.5 There are ascetics and brahmins who don't truly understand these five grasping aggregates' origin, ending, gratification, drawback, and escape ... Those venerables don't realize the goal of life as an ascetic or brahmin ...
- 1.6 There are ascetics and brahmins who do truly understand ... Those venerables realize the goal of life as an ascetic or brahmin, and live having realized it with their own insight."

SN 22.109

A Stream-Enterer

Sotāpannasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 "Mendicants, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. A noble disciple comes to truly understand these five grasping aggregates' origin, ending, gratification, drawback, and escape. Such a noble disciple is called a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening."

SN 22.110

A Perfected One

Arahantasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 "Mendicants, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. A mendicant comes to be freed by not grasping after truly understanding these five grasping aggregates' origin, ending, gratification, drawback, and escape. Such a mendicant is called a perfected one, with defilements ended, who has completed the spiritual journey, done what had to be done, laid down the burden,

achieved their own true goal, utterly ended the fetter of continued existence, and is rightly freed through enlightenment.”

SN 22.111

Giving Up Desire

Chandappahānasutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, you should give up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for form. Thus that form will be given up, cut off at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future. 1.2

You should give up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness. Thus that consciousness will be given up, cut off at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future.” 1.4

SN 22.112

Giving Up Desire (2nd)

Dutiyachandappahānasutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, you should give up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for form; and any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies. Thus that form will be given up, cut off at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future. 1.2

You should give up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness; and any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies. Thus that consciousness will be given up, cut off at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future.” 1.4

The Chapter on a Dhamma Speaker

SN 22.113

Ignorance

Avijjāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha and said to him:
- 1.4 “Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘ignorance’. What is ignorance? And how is an ignorant person defined?”
- 1.7 “Mendicant, it’s when an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t understand form, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. They don’t understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation.
- 1.12 This is called ignorance. And this is how an ignorant person is defined.”

SN 22.114

Knowledge

Vijjāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘knowledge’. What is knowledge? And how is a knowledgeable person defined?” 1.3

“Mendicant, it’s when a learned noble disciple understands form, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. They understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. 1.6

This is called knowledge. And this is how a knowledgeable person is defined.” 1.11

SN 22.115

A Dhamma speaker

Dhammakathikasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, they speak of a ‘Dhamma speaker’. How is a Dhamma speaker defined?” 1.3

“Mendicant, if a mendicant teaches Dhamma for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form, they’re qualified to be called a ‘mendicant who speaks on Dhamma’. 1.5

If they practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form, they’re qualified to be called a ‘mendicant who practices in line with the teaching’. 1.6

If they’re freed by not grasping by disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form, they’re qualified to be called a ‘mendicant who has attained extinguishment in this very life’. 1.7

If a mendicant teaches Dhamma for disillusionment with feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, for its fading away and cessation, they’re qualified to be called a ‘mendicant who speaks on Dhamma’. 1.8

- 1.12 If they practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding consciousness, they're qualified to be called a 'mendicant who practices in line with the teaching'.
- 1.13 If they're freed by not grasping by disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding consciousness, they're qualified to be called a 'mendicant who has attained extinguishment in this very life.'"

SN 22.116

A Dhamma speaker (2nd)

Dutiyaḍḍhammakathikasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 "Sir, they speak of a 'Dhamma speaker'. How is a Dhamma speaker defined? How is a mendicant who practices in line with the teaching defined? And how is a mendicant who has attained extinguishment in this very life defined?"
- 1.6 "Mendicant, if a mendicant teaches Dhamma for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form, they're qualified to be called a 'mendicant who speaks on Dhamma'.
- 1.7 If they practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form, they're qualified to be called a 'mendicant who practices in line with the teaching'.
- 1.8 If they're freed by not grasping by disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding form, they're qualified to be called a 'mendicant who has attained extinguishment in this very life'.
- 1.9 If a mendicant teaches Dhamma for disillusionment with feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, for its fading away and cessation, they're qualified to be called a 'mendicant who speaks on Dhamma'.
- 1.13 If they practice for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding consciousness, they're qualified to be called a 'mendicant who practices in line with the teaching'.

If they're freed by not grasping by disillusionment, dispassion, 1.14
and cessation regarding consciousness, they're qualified to be called
a 'mendicant who has attained extinguishment in this very life.'"

SN 22.117

Shackles

Bandhanasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

"Mendicants, take an unlearned ordinary person who has not 1.2
seen the noble ones, and is neither skilled nor trained in the teaching
of the noble ones. They've not seen true persons, and are neither
skilled nor trained in the teaching of the true persons. They regard
form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self in form. They're
called an unlearned ordinary person who is bound to form, inside
and out. They see neither the near shore nor the far shore. They're
born in bonds and die in bonds, and in bonds they go from this
world to the next.

They regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness 1.5
as self. They're called an unlearned ordinary person who is bound to
consciousness, inside and out. They see neither the near shore nor
the far shore. They're born in bonds and die in bonds, and in bonds
they go from this world to the next.

A learned noble disciple has seen the noble ones, and is skilled and 2.1
trained in the teaching of the noble ones. They've seen true persons,
and are skilled and trained in the teaching of the true persons. They
don't regard form as self, self as having form, form in self, or self
in form. They're called a learned noble disciple who is not bound
to form, inside or out. They see the near shore and the far shore.
They're exempt from suffering, I say.

They don't regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... conscious- 2.4
ness as self. They're called a learned noble disciple who is not bound

to consciousness, inside or out. They see the near shore and the far shore. They're exempt from suffering, I say."

SN 22.118

Questioning

Paripucchitasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 "What do you think, mendicants? Do you regard form like this: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self'?"
- 1.4 "No, sir."
- 1.5 "Good, mendicants! Form should be truly seen with right understanding like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.' Do you regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness like this: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self'?"
- 1.11 "No, sir."
- 1.12 "Good, mendicants! Consciousness should be truly seen with right understanding like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.'"
- 1.14 Seeing this ... They understand: '... there is nothing further for this place.'"

SN 22.119

Questioning (2nd)

Dutiyaparipucchitasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 "What do you think, mendicants? Do you regard form like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self'?"
- 1.4 "Yes, sir."
- 1.5 "Good, mendicants! Form should be truly seen with right understanding like this: 'This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.'"

Do you regard feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self?’”

“Yes, sir.” 1.11

“Good, mendicants! Consciousness should be truly seen with right understanding like this: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.14

SN 22.120

Things Prone To Being Fettered

Samyojaniyasutta

At Sāvattḥi. 1.1

“Mendicants, I will teach you the things that are prone to being fettered, and the fetter. Listen ... 1.2

What are the things that are prone to being fettered? And what is the fetter? 1.4

Form is something that’s prone to being fettered. The desire and greed for it is the fetter. 1.5

Feeling ... 1.7

Perception ... 1.8

Choices ... 1.9

Consciousness is something that’s prone to being fettered. The desire and greed for it is the fetter. 1.10

These are called the things that are prone to being fettered, and this is the fetter.” 1.12

SN 22.121

Things Prone to Fuel Grasping

Upādāniyasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, I will teach you the things that fuel grasping, and the grasping. Listen ...
- 1.4 What are the things that fuel grasping? And what is the grasping?
- 1.5 Form is something that’s prone to fuel grasping. The desire and greed for it is the grasping.
- 1.7 Feeling ...
- 1.8 Perception ...
- 1.9 Choices ...
- 1.10 Consciousness is something that’s prone to fuel grasping. The desire and greed for it is the grasping.
- 1.12 These are called the things that fuel grasping, and this is the grasping.”

SN 22.122

An Ethical Mendicant

Sīlavantasutta

- 1.1 At one time Venerable Sāriputta and Venerable Mahākoṭṭhita were staying near Varanasi, in the deer park at Isipatana. Then in the late afternoon, Venerable Mahākoṭṭhita came out of retreat, went to Venerable Sāriputta, and said:
- 1.3 “Reverend Sāriputta, what things should an ethical mendicant rationally apply the mind to?”
- 1.4 “Reverend Koṭṭhita, an ethical mendicant should rationally apply the mind to the five grasping aggregates as impermanent, as suffering, as diseased, as a boil, as a dart, as misery, as an affliction, as alien, as falling apart, as empty, as not-self. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.

An ethical mendicant should rationally apply the mind to these five grasping aggregates as impermanent, as suffering, as diseased, as a boil, as a dart, as misery, as an affliction, as alien, as falling apart, as empty, as not-self. It's possible that an ethical mendicant who rationally applies the mind to the five grasping aggregates will realize the fruit of stream-entry."

"But Reverend Sāriputta, what things should a mendicant stream- 2.1
enterer rationally apply the mind to?"

"A mendicant stream-enterer should also rationally apply the mind 2.2
to these five grasping aggregates as impermanent ... as not-self. It's possible that a mendicant stream-enterer who rationally applies the mind to the five grasping aggregates will realize the fruit of once-return."

"But Reverend Sāriputta, what things should a mendicant once- 3.1
returner rationally apply the mind to?"

"A mendicant once-returner should also rationally apply the mind 3.2
to these five grasping aggregates as impermanent ... as not-self. It's possible that a mendicant once-returner who rationally applies the mind to the five grasping aggregates will realize the fruit of non-return."

"But Reverend Sāriputta, what things should a mendicant non- 4.1
returner rationally apply the mind to?"

"A mendicant non-returner should also rationally apply the mind 4.2
to these five grasping aggregates as impermanent ... as not-self. It's possible that a mendicant non-returner who rationally applies the mind to the five grasping aggregates will realize perfection."

"But Reverend Sāriputta, what things should a perfected one ra- 5.1
tionally apply the mind to?"

"Reverend Koṭṭhita, a perfected one should also rationally apply 5.2
the mind to the five grasping aggregates as impermanent, as suffering, as diseased, as a boil, as a dart, as misery, as an affliction, as alien, as falling apart, as empty, as not-self. A perfected one has nothing more to do, and nothing that needs improvement. Still, these things,

when developed and cultivated, lead to blissful meditation in this life, and also to mindfulness and situational awareness.”

SN 22.123

Learned

Sutavantasutta

- 1.1 At one time Venerable Sāriputta and Venerable Mahākoṭṭhita were staying near Varanasi, in the deer park at Isipatana. Then in the late afternoon, Venerable Mahākoṭṭhita came out of retreat, went to Venerable Sāriputta, bowed, sat down to one side, and said:
- 2.1 “Reverend Sāriputta, what things should a learned mendicant rationally apply the mind to?”
- 2.2 “A learned mendicant should rationally apply the mind to these five grasping aggregates as impermanent ... as not-self. What five? That is, the grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. A learned mendicant should rationally apply the mind to these five grasping aggregates as impermanent ... as not-self. It’s possible that a learned mendicant who rationally applies the mind to the five grasping aggregates will realize the fruit of stream-entry.”
- 3.1 “But Reverend Sāriputta, what things should a mendicant stream-enterer rationally apply the mind to?”
- 3.2 “A mendicant stream-enterer should also rationally apply the mind to these five grasping aggregates as impermanent ... as not-self. It’s possible that a mendicant stream-enterer who rationally applies the mind to the five grasping aggregates will realize the fruit of once-return.” ... “It’s possible that a mendicant once-returner who rationally applies the mind to the five grasping aggregates will realize the fruit of non-return.” ... “It’s possible that a mendicant non-returner who rationally applies the mind to the five grasping aggregates will realize the fruit of perfection.”
- 4.1 “But Reverend Sāriputta, what things should a perfected one rationally apply the mind to?”

“Reverend Koṭṭhita, a perfected one should rationally apply the mind to the five grasping aggregates as impermanent, as suffering, as diseased, as a boil, as a dart, as misery, as an affliction, as alien, as falling apart, as empty, as not-self. A perfected one has nothing more to do, and nothing that needs improvement. Still, these things, when developed and cultivated, lead to blissful meditation in this life, and also to mindfulness and situational awareness.” 4.2

SN 22.124

With Kappa

Kappasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Then Venerable Kappa went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him: 1.2

“Sir, how does one know and see so that there’s no I-making, mine-making, or underlying tendency to conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli?” 1.3

“Kappa, one truly sees any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ 2.1

One truly sees any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ 2.2

That’s how to know and see so that there’s no I-making, mine-making, or underlying tendency to conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli.” 2.6

SN 22.125

With Kappa (2nd)

Dutiyakappasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Kappa said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, how does one know and see so that the mind is rid of I-making, mine-making, and conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli; and going beyond discrimination, it’s peaceful and well freed?”
- 2.1 “Kappa, one is freed by not grasping having truly seen any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’
- 2.2 One is freed by not grasping having truly seen any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’
- 2.6 That’s how to know and see so that the mind is rid of I-making, mine-making, and conceit for this conscious body and all external stimuli; and going beyond discrimination, it’s peaceful and well freed.”

The Chapter on Ignorance

SN 22.126

Liab! To Originate

Samudayadhammasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him:

1.2

“Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘ignorance’. What is ignorance? And how is an ignorant person defined?”

1.3

“Mendicant, it’s when an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t truly understand form, which is liable to originate, as form which is liable to originate. They don’t truly understand form, which is liable to vanish, as form which is liable to vanish. They don’t truly understand form, which is liable to originate and vanish, as form which is liable to originate and vanish.

2.1

They don’t truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, which is liable to originate, as consciousness which is liable to originate. They don’t truly understand consciousness, which is liable to vanish, as consciousness which is liable to vanish. They don’t truly understand consciousness, which is liable to originate and vanish, as consciousness which is liable to originate and vanish.

2.4

This is called ignorance. And this is how an ignorant person is defined.”

2.14

When he said this, the mendicant said to the Buddha:

3.1

- 3.2 “Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘knowledge’. What is knowledge? And how is a knowledgeable person defined?”
- 4.1 “Mendicant, it’s when a learned noble disciple truly understands form, which is liable to originate, as form which is liable to originate. They truly understand form, which is liable to vanish, as form which is liable to vanish. They truly understand form, which is liable to originate and vanish, as form which is liable to originate and vanish.
- 4.4 They truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, which is liable to originate, as consciousness which is liable to originate. They truly understand consciousness, which is liable to vanish, as consciousness which is liable to vanish. They truly understand consciousness, which is liable to originate and vanish, as consciousness which is liable to originate and vanish.
- 4.14 This is called knowledge. And this is how a knowledgeable person is defined.”

SN 22.127

LiabLe To Originate (2nd)

Dutiyasamudayadhammasutta

- 1.1 At one time Venerable Sāriputta and Venerable Mahākoṭṭhita were staying near Varanasi, in the deer park at Isipatana. ...
- 1.2 Mahākoṭṭhita said to Sāriputta:
- 1.3 “Reverend Sāriputta, they speak of this thing called ‘ignorance’. What is ignorance? And how is an ignorant person defined?”
- 2.1 “Reverend, it’s when an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t truly understand form, which is liable to originate ... liable to vanish ... liable to originate and vanish, as form which is liable to originate and vanish.
- 2.2 They don’t truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, which is liable to originate ... liable to vanish ... liable to originate and vanish, as consciousness which is liable to originate and vanish.

This is called ignorance. And this is how an ignorant person is defined.” 2.6

SN 22.128

Liabable To Originate (3rd)

Tatīyasamudayaḍhammasutta

At one time Venerable Sāriputta and Venerable Mahākoṭṭhita were staying near Varanasi, in the deer park at Isipatana. ... 1.1

Mahākoṭṭhita said to Sāriputta: 1.2

“Reverend Sāriputta, they speak of this thing called ‘knowledge’. What is knowledge? And how is a knowledgeable person defined?” 1.3

“Reverend, it’s when a learned noble disciple truly understands form, which is liable to originate ... liable to vanish ... liable to originate and vanish, as form which is liable to originate and vanish. 2.1

They truly understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, which is liable to originate ... liable to vanish ... liable to originate and vanish, as consciousness which is liable to originate and vanish. 2.2

This is called knowledge. And this is how a knowledgeable person is defined.” 2.6

SN 22.129

Gratification

Assāḍasutta

At Varanasi. Mahākoṭṭhita said to Sāriputta: 1.1

“Reverend Sāriputta, they speak of this thing called ‘ignorance’. What is ignorance? And how is an ignorant person defined?” 1.3

“Reverend, an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t truly understand the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. 2.1

- 2.6 This is called ignorance. And this is how an ignorant person is defined.”

SN 22.130

Gratification (2nd)

Dutiyaassādasutta

- 1.1 At Varanasi.
- 1.2 “Reverend Sāriputta, they speak of this thing called ‘knowledge’. What is knowledge? And how is a knowledgeable person defined?”
- 2.1 “Reverend, a learned noble disciple truly understands the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.
- 2.6 This is called knowledge. And this is how a knowledgeable person is defined.”

SN 22.131

Origin

Samudayasutta

- 1.1 At Varanasi.
- 1.2 “Reverend Sāriputta, they speak of this thing called ‘ignorance’. What is ignorance? And how is an ignorant person defined?”
- 2.1 “Reverend, an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t truly understand the origin, the ending, the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.
- 2.6 This is called ignorance. And this is how an ignorant person is defined.”

Origin (2nd)

Dutiyasamudayasutta

At Varanasi. Mahākotṭhita said to Sāriputta: 1.1

“Reverend Sāriputta, they speak of this thing called ‘knowledge’. 1.3
What is knowledge? And how is a knowledgeable person defined?”

“Reverend, a learned noble disciple truly understands the origin, 2.1
the ending, the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it
comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.

This is called knowledge. And this is how a knowledgeable person 2.6
is defined.”

With Koṭṭhita

Koṭṭhikasutta

At Varanasi. Sāriputta said to Mahākotṭhita: 1.1

“Reverend Koṭṭhita, they speak of this thing called ‘ignorance’. 1.4
What is ignorance? And how is an ignorant person defined?”

“Reverend, an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t truly under- 2.1
stand the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes
to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.

This is called ignorance. And this is how an ignorant person is 2.6
defined.”

When he said this, Venerable Sāriputta said to him: 3.1

“Reverend Koṭṭhita, they speak of this thing called ‘knowledge’. 3.2
What is knowledge? And how is a knowledgeable person defined?”

“Reverend, a learned noble disciple truly understands the gratifi- 4.1
cation, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling,
perception, choices, and consciousness.

This is called knowledge. And this is how a knowledgeable person 4.6
is defined.”

SN 22.134

With Koṭṭhita (2nd)

Dutiyakoṭṭhikasutta

- 1.1 At Varanasi.
- 1.2 “Reverend Koṭṭhita, they speak of this thing called ‘ignorance’. What is ignorance? And how is an ignorant person defined?”
- 2.1 “Reverend, an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t truly understand the origin, the ending, the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.
- 2.6 This is called ignorance. And this is how an ignorant person is defined.”
- 3.1 When he said this, Venerable Sāriputta said to him:
- 3.2 “Reverend Koṭṭhita, they speak of this thing called ‘knowledge’. What is knowledge? And how is a knowledgeable person defined?”
- 4.1 “Reverend, a learned noble disciple truly understands the origin, the ending, the gratification, the drawback, and the escape when it comes to form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.
- 4.6 This is called knowledge. And this is how a knowledgeable person is defined.”

SN 22.135

With Koṭṭhita (3rd)

Tatīyakōṭṭhikasutta

- 1.1 The same setting. Sāriputta said to Mahākoṭṭhita:
- 1.3 “Reverend Koṭṭhita, they speak of this thing called ‘ignorance’. What is ignorance? And how is an ignorant person defined?”
- 2.1 “Reverend, it’s when an unlearned ordinary person doesn’t understand form, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation. They don’t understand feeling ... perception ... choices

... consciousness, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation.

This is called ignorance. And this is how an ignorant person is defined.” 2.6

When he said this, Venerable Sāriputta said to him: 3.1

“Reverend Kotṭhita, they speak of this thing called ‘knowledge’. 3.2
What is knowledge? And how is a knowledgeable person defined?”

“Reverend, it’s when a learned noble disciple understands form, 4.1
its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation.
They understand feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness,
its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation.

This is called knowledge. And this is how a knowledgeable person 4.6
is defined.”

The Chapter on Burning Chaff

SN 22.136

Burning Chaff

Kukkuḷasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are burning chaff.
- 1.3 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed.
- 1.5 They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.137

Impermanence

Aniccāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, you should give up desire for what is impermanent.

And what is impermanent? Form is impermanent; you should give up desire for it.	1.3
Feeling ...	1.5
Perception ...	1.6
Choices ...	1.7
Consciousness is impermanent; you should give up desire for it.	1.8
You should give up desire for what is impermanent.”	1.9

SN 22.138

Impermanence (2nd)

Dutiyaanicasutta

At Sāvatthī.	1.1
“Mendicants, you should give up greed for what is impermanent.	1.2
And what is impermanent?	
Form is impermanent; you should give up greed for it.	1.4
Feeling ...	1.5
Perception ...	1.6
Choices ...	1.7
Consciousness is impermanent; you should give up greed for it.	1.8
You should give up greed for what is impermanent.”	1.9

SN 22.139

Impermanence (3rd)

Tatiyaanicasutta

At Sāvatthī.	1.1
“Mendicants, you should give up desire and greed for what is impermanent. And what is impermanent?	1.2
Form is impermanent; you should give up desire and greed for it.	1.4
Feeling ...	1.5
Perception ...	1.6

- 1.7 Choices ...
- 1.8 Consciousness is impermanent; you should give up desire and greed for it.
- 1.9 You should give up desire and greed for what is impermanent.”

SN 22.140

Suffering

Dukkhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, you should give up desire for what is suffering. ...”

SN 22.141

Suffering (2nd)

Dutiyadukkhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, you should give up greed for what is suffering. ...”

SN 22.142

Suffering (3rd)

Tatiyadukkhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, you should give up desire and greed for what is suffering. ...”

SN 22.143

Not-Self

Anattasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, you should give up desire for what is not-self. ...” 1.2

SN 22.144

Not-Self (2nd)

Dutiyaanattasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, you should give up greed for what is not-self. ...” 1.2

SN 22.145

Not-Self (3rd)

Tatiyaanattasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, you should give up desire and greed for what is not-self. ...” 1.2

SN 22.146

Full of Disillusionment

Nibbidābahulasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, when a gentleman has gone forth out of faith, this is what’s in line with the teachings. They should live full of disillusionment for form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Living in this way, they completely understand form, feeling, percep- 1.2

tion, choices, and consciousness. Completely understanding form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness, they’re freed from these things. They’re freed from rebirth, old age, and death, from sorrow, lamentation, pain, sadness, and distress. They’re freed from suffering, I say.”

SN 22.147

Observing Impermanence

Aniccānupassīutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, when a gentleman has gone forth out of faith, this is what’s in line with the teachings. They should live observing impermanence in form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. ... They’re freed from suffering, I say.”

SN 22.148

Observing Suffering

Dukkhānupassīutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, when a gentleman has gone forth out of faith, this is what’s in line with the teachings. They should live observing suffering in form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. ... They’re freed from suffering, I say.”

SN 22.149

Observing Not-Self

Anattānupassīutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

“Mendicants, when a gentleman has gone forth out of faith, this is 1.2
what’s in line with the teachings. They should live observing not-self
in form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. ... They’re
freed from suffering, I say.”

The Chapter on Views

SN 22.150

In Oneself

Ajjhattasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what, do pleasure and pain arise in oneself?”
- 1.3 “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”
- 1.4 “When form exists, because of grasping form, pleasure and pain arise in oneself. When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness, pleasure and pain arise in oneself.
- 1.9 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 1.11 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 1.12 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 1.13 “Suffering, sir.”
- 1.14 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would pleasure and pain arise in oneself?”
- 1.15 “No, sir.”
- 1.16 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 1.20 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 1.21 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”

- “Suffering, sir.” 1.22
- “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would pleasure and pain arise in oneself?” 1.23
- “No, sir.” 1.24
- “Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.25

SN 22.151

This Is Mine

Ētaṇṇamamasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does someone regard things like this: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?” 1.2
- “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.4
- “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form ... When consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, someone regards it like this: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self.’” 1.5
- What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?” 1.8
- “Impermanent, sir.” ... 1.10
- “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would you regard it like this: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?” 1.11
- “No, sir.” 1.12
- “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?” 1.13
- “Impermanent, sir.” ... 1.17
- “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would you regard it like this: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?” 1.18

1.19 “No, sir.”

1.20 “Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.152

This Is My Self

Soattāsutta

1.1 At Sāvathī.

1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable’?”

1.4 “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”

1.5 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable.’

2.1 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”

2.3 “Impermanent, sir.”

2.4 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”

2.5 “Suffering, sir.”

2.6 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable’?”

2.8 “No, sir.”

- “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?” 2.9
- “Impermanent, sir.” 2.13
- “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?” 2.14
- “Suffering, sir.” 2.15
- “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable?’” 2.16
- “No, sir.” 2.18
- “Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 2.19

SN 22.153

It Might Not Be Mine

Nocamesiyāsutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘I might not be, and it might not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine?’” 1.2
- “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.4
- “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘I might not be, and it might not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘I might not be, and it might not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine.’” 1.5
- What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?” 1.12
- “Impermanent, sir.” 1.14
- “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?” 1.15
- “Suffering, sir.” 1.16

- 1.17 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: ‘I might not be, and it might not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine?’”
- 1.19 “No, sir.”
- 1.20 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 1.24 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 1.25 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 1.26 “Suffering, sir.”
- 1.27 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: ‘I might not be, and it might not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine?’”
- 1.29 “No, sir.”
- 1.30 “Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.154

Wrong View

Micchādiṭṭhisutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥi.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does wrong view arise?”
- 1.3 “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”
- 1.4 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, wrong view arises. When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, wrong view arises.
- 1.9 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 1.11 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 1.12 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would wrong view arise?”

“No, sir.”	1.14
“Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”	1.15
“Impermanent, sir.”	1.19
“But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”	1.20
“Suffering, sir.”	1.21
“But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would wrong view arise?”	1.22
“No, sir.”	1.23
“Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”	1.24

SN 22.155

Substantialist View

Sakkāyadiṭṭhisutta

At Sāvatthī.	1.1
“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does substantialist view arise?”	1.2
“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”	1.3
“When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, substantialist view arises. When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, substantialist view arises.	1.4
What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”	1.9
“Impermanent, sir.” ...	1.11
“But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would substantialist view arise?”	1.12
“No, sir.”	1.14
“Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”	1.15
“Impermanent, sir.” ...	1.19

- 1.20 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would substantialist view arise?”
- 1.22 “No, sir.”
- 1.23 “Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.156

View of Self

Attānudiṭṭhisutta

- 1.1 At Sāvathī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does view of self arise?”
- 1.3 “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”
- 1.4 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, view of self arises. When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, view of self arises.
- 1.9 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 1.11 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 1.12 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would view of self arise?”
- 1.14 “No, sir.”
- 1.15 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 1.19 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 1.20 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would view of self arise?”
- 1.22 “No, sir.”
- 1.23 “Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.157

Insistence

Abhinivesasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and 1.2
insisting on what, do fetters, insistence, and shackles arise?”
- “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.3
- “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on 1.4
form, fetters, insistence, and shackles arise. When feeling ... per-
ception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping
consciousness and insisting on consciousness, fetters, insistence,
and shackles arise.
- What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or imper- 1.9
manent?”
- “Impermanent, sir.” ... 1.11
- “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perish- 1.12
able, would fetters, insistence, and shackles arise?”
- “No, sir.” ... 1.14
- “Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for 1.15
this place.’”

SN 22.158

Insistence (2nd)

Dutiyaabhinivesasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and 1.2
insisting on what, do fetters, insistence, shackles, and attachments
arise?”
- “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.3
- “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on 1.4
form, fetters, insistence, shackles, and attachments arise. When

feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, fetters, insistence, shackles, and attachments arise.

- 1.9 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 1.11 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 1.12 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would fetters, insistence, shackles, and attachments arise?”
- 1.14 “No, sir.”
- 1.15 “Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 22.159

With Ānanda

Ānandasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvathī.
- 1.2 Then Venerable Ānanda went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him:
- 1.3 “Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”
- 2.1 “What do you think, Ānanda? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 2.3 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 2.4 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 2.5 “Suffering, sir.”
- 2.6 “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?”
- 2.8 “No, sir.”
- 2.9 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 2.13 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 2.14 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”

“Suffering, sir.” 2.15

“But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?” 2.16

“No, sir.” ... 2.18

“Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 2.19

The Linked Discourses on the aggregates are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES WITH
RĀDHA

First Chapter About Māra

SN 23.1

About Māra

Mārasutta

- At Sāvattthī. 1.1
- Then Venerable Rādhā went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down 1.2
to one side, and said to him:
- “Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘Māra.’ How is Māra defined?” 2.1
- “When there is form, Rādhā, there may be Māra, or the murderer, 2.3
or the murdered. So you should see form as Māra, the murderer,
the murdered, the diseased, the boil, the dart, the misery, the mis-
erable. Those who see it like this see rightly. When there is feeling
... perception ... choices ... consciousness, there may be Māra, or
the murderer, or the murdered. So you should see consciousness as
Māra, the murderer, the murdered, the diseased, the boil, the dart,
the misery, the miserable. Those who see it like this see rightly.”
- “But sir, what’s the purpose of seeing rightly?” 3.1
- “Disillusionment is the purpose of seeing rightly.” 3.2
- “But what’s the purpose of disillusionment?” 3.3
- “Dispersion is the purpose of disillusionment.” 3.4
- “But what’s the purpose of dispersion?” 3.5
- “Freedom is the purpose of dispersion.” 3.6
- “But what’s the purpose of freedom?” 3.7
- “Extinguishment is the purpose of freedom.” 3.8

- 3.9 “But sir, what is the purpose of extinguishment?”
- 3.10 “Your question goes too far, Rādhā. You couldn’t figure out the limit of questions. For extinguishment is the culmination, destination, and end of the spiritual life.”

SN 23.2

Sentient Beings

Sattasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, they speak of this thing called a ‘sentient being’. How is a sentient being defined?”
- 1.5 “Rādhā, when you cling, strongly cling, to desire, greed, relishing, and craving for form, then a being is spoken of. When you cling, strongly cling, to desire, greed, relishing, and craving for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, then a being is spoken of.
- 2.1 Suppose some boys or girls were playing with sandcastles. As long as they’re not rid of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for those sandcastles, they cherish them, fancy them, treasure them, and treat them as their own. But when they are rid of greed, desire, fondness, thirst, passion, and craving for those sandcastles, they scatter, smash, and destroy them with their hands and feet, making them unplayable.
- 2.4 In the same way, you should scatter, smash, and destroy form, making it unplayable. And you should practice for the ending of craving. You should scatter, smash, and destroy feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness, making it unplayable. And you should practice for the ending of craving. For the ending of craving is extinguishment.”

SN 23.3

The Conduit To Rebirth

Bhavanettisutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha: 1.2
- “Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘the cessation of the conduit to rebirth.’ What is the conduit to rebirth? And what is the cessation of the conduit to rebirth?” 1.3
- “Rādhā, any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for form; and any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies—this is called the conduit to rebirth. Their cessation is the cessation of the conduit to rebirth. 1.5
- Any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness; and any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies—this is called the conduit to rebirth. Their cessation is the cessation of the conduit to rebirth.” 1.8

SN 23.4

Should Be Completely Understood

Pariññeyyasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- Then Venerable Rādhā went up to the Buddha, bowed, and sat down to one side. The Buddha said to him: 1.2
- “Rādhā, I will teach you the things that should be completely understood, complete understanding, and the person who has completely understood. Listen and apply your mind well, I will speak.” 2.1
- “Yes, sir,” Rādhā replied. The Buddha said this: 2.3
- “And what things should be completely understood? Form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. These are called the things that should be completely understood. 2.5

- 2.8 And what is complete understanding? The ending of greed, hate, and delusion. This is called complete understanding.
- 2.11 And what is the person who has completely understood? It should be said: a perfected one, the venerable of such and such name and clan. This is called the person who has completely understood.”

SN 23.5

Ascetics and Brahmins

Samañasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 When Venerable Rādhā was seated to one side, the Buddha said to him:
- 1.3 “Rādhā, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? The grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.
- 1.6 There are ascetics and brahmins who don’t truly understand these five grasping aggregates’ gratification, drawback, and escape. I don’t deem them as true ascetics and brahmins. Those venerables don’t realize the goal of life as an ascetic or brahmin, and don’t live having realized it with their own insight.
- 1.8 There are ascetics and brahmins who do truly understand these five grasping aggregates’ gratification, drawback, and escape. I deem them as true ascetics and brahmins. Those venerables realize the goal of life as an ascetic or brahmin, and live having realized it with their own insight.”

SN 23.6

Ascetics and Brahmins (2nd)

Dutiyasamañasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.

When Venerable Rādhā was seated to one side, the Buddha said 1.2
to him:

“Rādhā, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? The 1.3
grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness.

There are ascetics and brahmins who don’t truly understand these 1.6
five grasping aggregates’ origin, ending, gratification, drawback, and escape ... Those venerables don’t realize the goal of life as an ascetic or brahmin ...

There are ascetics and brahmins who do truly understand ... 1.7
Those venerables realize the goal of life as an ascetic or brahmin, and live having realized it with their own insight.”

SN 23.7

A Stream-Enterer

Sotāpannasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

When Venerable Rādhā was seated to one side, the Buddha said 1.2
to him:

“Rādhā, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? The 1.3
grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. When a noble disciple truly understands these five grasping aggregates’ origin, ending, gratification, drawback, and escape, they’re called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.”

SN 23.8

A Perfected One

Arahantasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

1.2 When Venerable Rādhā was seated to one side, the Buddha said to him:

1.3 “Rādhā, there are these five grasping aggregates. What five? The grasping aggregates of form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. A mendicant comes to be freed by not grasping after truly understanding these five grasping aggregates’ origin, ending, gratification, drawback, and escape. Such a mendicant is called a perfected one, with defilements ended, who has completed the spiritual journey, done what had to be done, laid down the burden, achieved their own true goal, utterly ended the fetter of continued existence, and is rightly freed through enlightenment.”

SN 23.9

Desire and Greed

Chandarāgasutta

1.1 At Sāvattī.

1.2 When Venerable Rādhā was seated to one side, the Buddha said to him:

1.3 “Rādhā, you should give up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for form. Thus that form will be given up, cut off at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future.

1.5 You should give up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness. Thus that consciousness will be given up, cut off at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future.”

SN 23.10

Desire and Greed (2nd)

Dutiyachandarāgasutta

1.1 At Sāvattī.

When Venerable Rādhā was seated to one side, the Buddha said 1.2
to him:

“Rādhā, you should give up any desire, greed, relishing, and crav- 1.3
ing for form; and any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence,
and underlying tendencies. Thus that form will be given up, cut off
at the root, made like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise
in the future.

You should give up any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for feel- 1.5
ing ... perception ... choices ... consciousness; and any attraction,
grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies.
Thus that consciousness will be given up, cut off at the root, made
like a palm stump, obliterated, and unable to arise in the future.”

Second Chapter About Māra

SN 23.11

About Māra

Mārasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘Māra’. How is Māra defined?”
- 1.5 “Rādhā, form is Māra, feeling is Māra, perception is Māra, choices are Māra, consciousness is Māra.
- 1.6 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed.
- 1.8 They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 23.12

Susceptible to Māra

Māradhammasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:

“Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘susceptible to Māra.’ What is susceptible to Māra?” 1.3

“Rādhā, form is susceptible to Māra. Feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are susceptible to Māra. 1.5

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.6

SN 23.13

Impermanence

Aniccasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘impermanence.’ What is impermanence?” 1.3

“Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are impermanent. 1.5

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.6

SN 23.14

Liable to Impermanence

Aniccadhammasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘liable to impermanence.’ What is liable to impermanence? 1.3

“Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are liable to impermanence. 1.5

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’” 1.6

SN 23.15

Suffering

Dukkhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
1.3 “Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘suffering’. What is suffering?”
1.5 “Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are suffering.
1.6 Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 23.16

Liabie to Suffering

Dukkhadhammasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
1.3 “Sir, they speak of ‘liabie to suffering’. What is liabie to suffering?”
1.5 “Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are liabie to suffering.
1.6 Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 23.17

Not-Self

Anattasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
1.3 “Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘not-self’. What is not-self?”

“Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are 1.5
not-self.

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for 1.6
this place.’”

SN 23.18

Naturally Not-Self

Anattadhammasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘liable to not-self’. What is 1.3
liable to not-self?”

“Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are 1.5
liable to not-self.

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for 1.6
this place.’”

SN 23.19

Liable To End

Khayadhammasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, they speak of ‘liable to end’. What is liable to end?” 1.3

“Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are 1.5
liable to end.

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for 1.6
this place.’”

SN 23.20

Liabable To Vanish

Vayadhammasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
1.3 “Sir, they speak of ‘liable to vanish’. What is liable to vanish?”
1.5 “Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are liable to vanish.
1.6 Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 23.21

Liabable To Originate

Samudayadhammasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
1.3 “Sir, they speak of ‘liable to originate’. What is liable to originate?”
1.5 “Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are liable to originate.
1.6 Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 23.22

Liabable To Cease

Nirodhadhammasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
1.3 “Sir, they speak of ‘liable to cease’. What is liable to cease?”

“Rādhā, form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are 1.5
liable to cease.

Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for 1.6
this place.’”

The Chapter on Aspiration

SN 23.23–33

Eleven Discourses on Māra, Etc.

Mārādisuttaekādasaka

- 1.1 At Sāvattī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”
- 2.1 “Rādhā, you should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is Māra. And what is Māra? Form is Māra. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for it.
- 2.4 Feeling ...
- 2.5 Perception ...
- 2.6 Choices ...
- 2.7 Consciousness is Māra. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for it. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is Māra.”
- 1.1 “You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is susceptible to Māra ...”
- 1.1 “... impermanent ...”
- 1.1 “... liable to impermanence ...”
- 1.1 “... suffering ...”
- 1.1 “... liable to suffering ...”
- 1.1 “... not-self ...”

“... liable to not-self ...”	1.1
“... liable to end ...”	1.1
“... liable to vanish ...”	1.1
“... liable to originate ...”	1.1

SN 23.34

Liabable To Cease

Nirodhadhammasutta

At Sāvatthī.	1.1
Venerable Rādhā said to the Buddha:	1.2
“Sir, may the Buddha please teach me Dhamma in brief. When I’ve heard it, I’ll live alone, withdrawn, diligent, keen, and resolute.”	1.3
“Rādhā, you should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is liable to cease. And what is liable to cease? Form is liable to cease. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for it.	2.1
Feeling ...	2.4
Perception ...	2.5
Choices ...	2.6
Consciousness is liable to cease. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for it. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is liable to cease.”	2.7

The Chapter on Sitting Close

SN 23.35–45

Eleven Discourses on Māra, Etc.

Mārādisuttaekādasaka

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
- 1.2 When Venerable Rādhā was seated to one side, the Buddha said to him:
- 1.3 “Rādhā, you should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is Māra. And what is Māra? Form is Māra. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for it. ...
- 1.6 Consciousness is Māra. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for it. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is Māra.”
- 1.1 “You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is susceptible to Māra ...”
- 1.1 “... impermanent ...”
- 1.1 “... liable to impermanence ...”
- 1.1 “... suffering ...”
- 1.1 “... liable to suffering ...”
- 1.1 “... not-self ...”
- 1.1 “... liable to not-self ...”
- 1.1 “... liable to end ...”
- 1.1 “... liable to vanish ...”
- 1.1 “... liable to originate ...”

SN 23.46

Liabable To Cease

Nirodhadhammasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

When Venerable Rādhā was seated to one side, the Buddha said to him:

1.2

“Rādhā, you should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is liable to cease. And what is liable to cease? Form is liable to cease. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for it.

1.3

Feeling ...

1.6

Perception ...

1.7

Choices ...

1.8

Consciousness is liable to cease. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for it. You should give up any desire, any greed, any desire and greed for whatever is liable to cease.”

1.9

The Linked Discourses with Rādhā are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON VIEWS

The Chapter on Stream-Entry

SN 24.1

Winds

Vātasutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Sāvattthī in Jeta's Grove. 1.1
The Buddha said this:

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and 1.3
insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers
don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars
neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’?”

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. He is our guide and our 2.1
refuge. Sir, may the Buddha himself please clarify the meaning of
this. The mendicants will listen and remember it.”

“Well then, mendicants, listen and apply your mind well, I will 2.2
speak.”

“Yes, sir,” they replied. The Buddha said this: 2.3

“When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on 3.1
form, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant
women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set,
but stand firm like a pillar.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices
... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and in-
sisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers

don't flow; pregnant women don't give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.'

3.8 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?"

3.10 "Impermanent, sir."

3.11 "But if it's impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?"

3.12 "Suffering, sir."

3.13 "But by not grasping what's impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: 'Winds don't blow; rivers don't flow; pregnant women don't give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar'?"

3.15 "No, sir."

4.1 "Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?"

4.5 "Impermanent, sir."

4.6 "But if it's impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?"

4.7 "Suffering, sir."

4.8 "But by not grasping what's impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: 'Winds don't blow; rivers don't flow; pregnant women don't give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar'?"

4.10 "No, sir."

4.11 "That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?"

4.12 "Impermanent, sir."

4.13 "But if it's impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?"

4.14 "Suffering, sir."

4.15 "But by not grasping what's impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: 'Winds don't blow; rivers don't flow; pregnant women don't give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar'?"

4.17 "No, sir."

5.1 "When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the

practice that leads to its cessation, they're called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening."

SN 24.2

This Is Mine

Ētaṇṇamamasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- "Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self'?" 1.2
- "Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ... " 1.4
- "When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self. When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self.' 1.5
- What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?" 2.1
- "Impermanent, sir." ... 2.3
- "Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?" 2.4
- "Impermanent, sir." ... 2.8
- "That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?" 2.12
- "Impermanent, sir." 2.13
- "But if it's impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?" 2.14
- "Suffering, sir." 2.15
- "But by not grasping what's impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: 'This is mine, I am this, this is my self'?" 2.16
- "No, sir." 2.18

- 3.1 “When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.”

SN 24.3

This Is My Self

Soattāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable’?”
- 1.4 “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”
- 2.1 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘The self and the cosmos are one and the same. After death I will be that, permanent, everlasting, eternal, and imperishable.’
- 3.1 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.3 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.8 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.12 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.17 “That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.18 “Impermanent, sir.” ...

“But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perish- 3.19
able, would such a view arise?”

“No, sir.” 3.21

“When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, 4.1
and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the
practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who
is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound
for awakening.”

SN 24.4

It Might Not Be Mine

Nocamesiyāsutta

At Sāvattḥi. 1.1

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and 1.2
insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘I might not be, and it might
not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine?’”

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.4

“When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on 2.1
form, the view arises: ‘I might not be, and it might not be mine. I
will not be, and it will not be mine.’ When feeling ... perception ...
choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness
and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘I might not be, and
it might not be mine. I will not be, and it will not be mine.’

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or imper- 3.1
manent?”

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.3

“Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent 3.7
or impermanent?”

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.11

“That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and 3.15
explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?”

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.16

- 3.17 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?”
- 3.19 “No, sir.”
- 4.1 “When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.”

SN 24.5

There’s No Meaning in Giving

Natthidinnasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥi.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘There’s no meaning in giving, sacrifice, or offerings. There’s no fruit or result of good and bad deeds. There’s no afterlife. There’s no such thing as mother and father, or beings that are reborn spontaneously. And there’s no ascetic or brahmin who is rightly comported and rightly practiced, and who describes the afterlife after realizing it with their own insight. This person is made up of the four principal states. When they die, the earth in their body merges and coalesces with the substance of earth. The water in their body merges and coalesces with the substance of water. The fire in their body merges and coalesces with the substance of fire. The air in their body merges and coalesces with the substance of air. The faculties are transferred to space. Four men with a bier carry away the corpse. Their footprints show the way to the cemetery. The bones become bleached. Offerings dedicated to the gods end in ashes. Giving is a doctrine of morons. When anyone affirms a positive teaching it’s just baseless, false nonsense. Both the foolish and the astute are annihilated and destroyed when their body breaks up, and don’t exist after death?’”

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.13

“When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘There’s no meaning in giving, sacrifice, or offerings. ... Both the foolish and the astute are annihilated and destroyed when their body breaks up, and don’t exist after death.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘There’s no meaning in giving, sacrifice, or offerings. ... Both the foolish and the astute are annihilated and destroyed when their body breaks up, and don’t exist after death.’” 2.1

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?” 3.1

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.3

“Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?” 3.8

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.12

“That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?” 3.17

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.18

“But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?” 3.19

“No, sir.” 3.23

“When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.” 4.1

SN 24.6

Acting

Karotosutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The one who acts does nothing wrong when they punish, mutilate, torture, aggrieve, oppress, intimidate, or when they encourage others to do the same. Nothing bad is done when they kill, steal, break into houses, plunder wealth, steal from isolated buildings, commit highway robbery, commit adultery, and lie. If you were to reduce all the living creatures of this earth to one heap and mass of flesh with a razor-edged chakram, no evil comes of that, and no outcome of evil. If you were to go along the south bank of the Ganges killing, mutilating, and torturing, and encouraging others to do the same, no evil comes of that, and no outcome of evil. If you were to go along the north bank of the Ganges giving and sacrificing and encouraging others to do the same, no merit comes of that, and no outcome of merit. In giving, self-control, restraint, and truthfulness there is no merit or outcome of merit?’”
- 1.8 “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”
- 2.1 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘The one who acts does nothing wrong ... there is no merit or outcome of merit.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘The one who acts does nothing wrong ... there is no merit or outcome of merit.’
- 3.1 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.3 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.8 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.12 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.17 “That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.18 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.19 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?”
- 3.22 “No, sir.”

“When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, 4.1
and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the
practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who
is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound
for awakening.”

SN 24.7

Cause

Hetusutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and 1.2
insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘There is no cause or reason
for the corruption of sentient beings. Sentient beings are corrupted
without cause or reason. There’s no cause or reason for the purifica-
tion of sentient beings. Sentient beings are purified without cause or
reason. There is no power, no energy, no human strength or vigor. All
sentient beings, all living creatures, all beings, all souls lack control,
power, and energy. Molded by destiny, circumstance, and nature,
they experience pleasure and pain in the six classes of rebirth?’”

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”

1.9

“When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on 2.1
form, the view arises: ‘There is no cause or reason ... they experience
pleasure and pain in the six classes of rebirth.’ When feeling ...
perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping
consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘There
is no cause or reason ... they experience pleasure and pain in the six
classes of rebirth.’

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or imper- 3.1
manent?”

“Impermanent, sir.” ...

3.3

“Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent 3.8
or impermanent?”

- 3.12 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.17 “That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.18 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.19 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?”
- 3.22 “No, sir.”
- 4.1 “When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.”

SN 24.8

The Extensive View

Mahādiṭṭhisutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘There are these seven substances that are not made, not derived, not created, without a creator, barren, steady as a mountain peak, standing firm like a pillar. They don’t move or deteriorate or obstruct each other. They’re unable to cause pleasure, pain, or both pleasure and pain to each other. What seven? The substances of earth, water, fire, air; pleasure, pain, and the soul is the seventh. These seven substances are not made, not derived, not created, without a creator, barren, steady as a mountain peak, standing firm like a pillar. They don’t move or deteriorate or obstruct each other. They’re unable to cause pleasure, pain, or both pleasure and pain to each other. If you chop off someone’s head with a sharp sword, you don’t take anyone’s life. The sword simply passes through the gap between the seven substances. There are 1.4 million main wombs, and 6,000, and 600. There are 500 deeds, and five, and

three. There are deeds and half-deeds. There are 62 paths, 62 sub-eons, six classes of rebirth, and eight stages in a person's life. There are 4,900 Ājīvaka ascetics, 4,900 wanderers, and 4,900 naked ascetics. There are 2,000 faculties, 3,000 hells, and 36 realms of dust. There are seven percipient embryos, seven non-percipient embryos, and seven knotless embryos. There are seven gods, seven humans, and seven goblins. There are seven lakes, seven rivers, 700 rivers, seven cliffs, and 700 cliffs. There are seven dreams and 700 dreams. There are 8.4 million great eons through which the foolish and the astute transmigrate before making an end of suffering. And here there is no such thing as this: "By this precept or observance or fervent austerity or spiritual life I shall force unripened deeds to bear their fruit, or eliminate old deeds by experiencing their results little by little"—for that cannot be. Pleasure and pain are allotted. Transmigration lasts only for a limited period, so there's no increase or decrease, no getting better or worse. It's like how, when you toss a ball of string, it rolls away unraveling. In the same way, after transmigrating the foolish and the astute will make an end of suffering'?"

"Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ..." 1.16

"When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: 'There are these seven substances that are not made ... the foolish and the astute will make an end of suffering.' When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: 'There are these seven substances that are not made ... the foolish and the astute will make an end of suffering.' 2.1

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?" 3.1

"Impermanent, sir." ... 3.3

"That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?" 3.8

"Impermanent, sir." ... 3.9

"But by not grasping what's impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?" 3.10

3.13 “No, sir.”

4.1 “When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.”

SN 24.9

The Cosmos is Eternal

Sassatadiṭṭhisutta

1.1 At Sāvattḥi.

1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The cosmos is eternal?’”

1.4 “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”

2.1 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘The cosmos is eternal.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘The cosmos is eternal.’

3.1 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”

3.3 “Impermanent, sir.” ...

3.19 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?”

3.21 “No, sir.”

4.1 “When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.”

SN 24.10

The Cosmos Is Not Eternal

Asassatadiṭṭhisutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and 1.2
insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The cosmos is not eternal’?”
- “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.4
- “When form exists ...” ... 2.1
- “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perish- 2.9
able, would such a view arise?”
- “No, sir.” 2.11
- “When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, 3.1
and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the
practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who
is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound
for awakening.”

SN 24.11

The Cosmos is Finite

Antavāsutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and 1.2
insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The cosmos is finite’?” ...

SN 24.12

The Cosmos is Infinite

Anantavāsutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1

- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The cosmos is infinite?’” ...

SN 24.13

The Soul and the Body Are Identical

Tamjīvaṁtaṁsarīraṁsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The soul and the body are identical?’” ...

SN 24.14

The Soul and the Body Are Different Things

Aññamjīvaṁaññasarīraṁsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The soul and the body are different things?’” ...

SN 24.15

A Realized One Still Exists

Hotitathāgatosutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘A realized one still exists after death?’” ...

SN 24.16

A Realized One No Longer Exists

Nahotitathāgatosutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘A realized one no longer exists after death?’” ... 1.2

SN 24.17

A Realized One Both Still Exists and No Longer Exists

Hoticanacahotitathāgatosutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘A realized one both still exists and no longer exists after death?’” ... 1.2

SN 24.18

A Realized One Neither Still Exists Nor No Longer Exists

Nevahotinana-hotitathāgatosutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘A realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death?’” 1.2

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”

1.4

- 2.1 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘A realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death’ . . .
- 3.1 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.3 “Impermanent, sir.” . . . “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: ‘A realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death’?”
- 3.6 “No, sir.”
- 3.7 “That which is seen, heard, thought, known, attained, sought, and explored by the mind: is that permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.8 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 3.9 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 3.10 “Suffering, sir.”
- 3.11 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: ‘A realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death’?”
- 3.13 “No, sir.”
- 4.1 “When a noble disciple has given up doubt in these six cases, and has given up doubt in suffering, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation, they’re called a noble disciple who is a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.”

The Chapter on the Second Round

SN 24.19

Winds

Vātasutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar?’”

1.2

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”

1.4

“When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’”

2.1

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”

3.1

“Impermanent, sir.” ...

3.3

- 3.4 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would the view arise: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar’?”
- 3.6 “No, sir.”
- 3.7 “And so, when suffering exists, because of grasping suffering and insisting on suffering, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’ Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.13 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.14 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?”
- 3.16 “No, sir.”
- 3.17 “And so, when suffering exists, because of grasping suffering and insisting on suffering, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’”

SN 24.20–35

This Is Mine, Etc.

Etaṁmamādisutta

(Tell these in full as in discourses 2 through 17 of the previous chapter.)

SN 24.36

Neither Still Exists Nor No Longer Exists

Nevahotinanahotisutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘A realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death?’” 1.2

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.4

“When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘A realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘a realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death.’” 2.1

What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?” 3.1

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.3

“And so, when suffering exists, because of grasping suffering and insisting on suffering, the view arises: ‘A realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death.’” ... 3.7

“Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?” 3.9

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.13

“But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?” 3.14

“No, sir.” 3.16

“And so, when suffering exists, because of grasping suffering and insisting on suffering, the view arises: ‘A realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists after death.’” 3.17

SN 24.37

The Self is Formed

Rūpīattāsutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The self is formed and is healthy after death?’” ...

SN 24.38

The Self Is Formless

Arūpiattāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.

- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The self is formless and healthy after death?’” ...

SN 24.39

The Self is Formed and Formless

Rūpīcaarūpīcaattāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.

- 1.2 “‘The self is formed and formless, and is healthy after death?’” ...

SN 24.40

The Self is Neither Formed Nor Formless

Nevarūpīnārūpiattāsutta

- 1.1 “‘The self is neither formed nor formless, and is healthy after death?’”
...

SN 24.41

The Self Is Perfectly Happy

Ekantasukkhīsutta

“‘The self is perfectly happy, and is free of disease after death?’” ... 1.1

SN 24.42

Exclusively Suffering

Ekantadukkhīsutta

“‘The self is exclusively suffering, and is healthy after death?’” ... 1.1

SN 24.43

The Self Is Happy and Suffering

Sukhadukkhīsutta

“‘The self is happy and suffering, and is healthy after death?’” ... 1.1

SN 24.44

The Self Is Neither Happy Nor Suffering

Adukkhamasukkhīsutta

“‘The self is neither happy nor suffering, and is healthy after death?’” 1.1
...

The Chapter on the Third Round

SN 24.45

Winds

Navātasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar?’”
- 1.4 “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”
- 2.1 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’”
- 3.1 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.3 “Impermanent, sir.” ...

“But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perish- 3.4
able, would the view arise: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow;
pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise
nor set, but stand firm like a pillar?’”

“No, sir.” 3.6

“And so, what’s impermanent is suffering. When this exists, grasp- 3.7
ing at this, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow;
pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise
nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’ Is feeling ... perception ... choices
... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”

“Impermanent, sir.” ... 3.14

“And so, what’s impermanent is suffering. When this exists, grasp- 3.18
ing at this, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow;
pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise
nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’”

SN 24.46–69

This Is Mine, etc.

Etamamamādisutta

(Tell in full as in discourses 20 through 43 of the second chapter.)

SN 24.70

The Self Is Neither Happy Nor Suffering

Adukkhamasukhīsutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and 1.2
insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The self is neither happy nor
suffering, and healthy after death?’”

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...” 1.4

- 2.1 “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘The self is neither happy nor suffering, and is healthy after death.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘The self is neither happy nor suffering, and healthy after death.’
- 3.1 What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.3 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.7 “And so, what’s impermanent is suffering. When this exists, grasping at this, the view arises: ‘The self is neither happy nor suffering, and is healthy after death.’ Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 3.14 “Impermanent, sir.” ...
- 3.15 “But by not grasping what’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, would such a view arise?”
- 3.17 “No, sir.”
- 3.18 “And so, what’s impermanent is suffering. When this exists, grasping at this, the view arises: ‘The self is neither happy nor suffering, and healthy after death.’”

The Chapter on the Fourth Round

SN 24.71

Winds

Navātasutta

At Sāvattḥī.

1.1

“Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar?’”

1.2

“Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. ...”

1.4

“When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’ When feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘Winds don’t blow; rivers don’t flow; pregnant women don’t give birth; the moon and stars neither rise nor set, but stand firm like a pillar.’ What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?”

2.1

“Impermanent, sir.”

2.10

“But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”

2.11

“Suffering, sir.”

2.12

- 2.13 “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?”
- 2.15 “No, sir.”
- 2.16 “Is feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness permanent or impermanent?”
- 2.20 “Impermanent, sir.”
- 2.21 “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?”
- 2.22 “Suffering, sir.”
- 2.23 “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self’?”
- 2.25 “No, sir.”
- 3.1 “So you should truly see any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ You should truly see any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’
- 4.1 Seeing this ... They understand: ‘... there is nothing further for this place.’”

SN 24.72–95

This Is Mine, Etc.

Etaṁmamādisutta

(Tell in full as in the 24 discourses of the second chapter.)

SN 24.96

The Self Is Neither Happy Nor Suffering

Adukkhamasukhīsutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, when what exists, because of grasping what and insisting on what, does the view arise: ‘The self is neither happy nor suffering, and is healthy after death?’” 1.2
- “Our teachings are rooted in the Buddha. . . .” 1.4
- “When form exists, because of grasping form and insisting on form, the view arises: ‘The self is neither happy nor suffering, and healthy after death.’ When feeling . . . perception . . . choices . . . consciousness exists, because of grasping consciousness and insisting on consciousness, the view arises: ‘The self is neither happy nor suffering, and is healthy after death.’” 2.1
- What do you think, mendicants? Is form permanent or impermanent?” 3.1
- “Impermanent, sir.” 3.3
- “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?” 3.4
- “Suffering, sir.” 3.5
- “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self?’” 3.6
- “No, sir.” 3.8
- “Is feeling . . . perception . . . choices . . . consciousness permanent or impermanent?” 3.9
- “Impermanent, sir.” 3.13
- “But if it’s impermanent, is it suffering or happiness?” 3.14
- “Suffering, sir.” 3.15
- “But if it’s impermanent, suffering, and perishable, is it fit to be regarded thus: ‘This is mine, I am this, this is my self?’” 3.16
- “No, sir.” 3.18
- “So you should truly see any kind of form at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far

or near: *all* form—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’ You should truly see any kind of feeling ... perception ... choices ... consciousness at all—past, future, or present; internal or external; solid or subtle; inferior or superior; far or near: *all* consciousness—with right understanding: ‘This is not mine, I am not this, this is not my self.’

- 5.1 Seeing this, a learned noble disciple grows disillusioned with form, feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness. Being disillusioned, desire fades away. When desire fades away they’re freed. When they’re freed, they know they’re freed.
- 5.3 They understand: ‘Rebirth is ended, the spiritual journey has been completed, what had to be done has been done, there is nothing further for this place.’”

The Linked Discourses on views are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON
ARRIVAL AT THE TRUTH

The Chapter on the Eye

SN 25.1

The Eye

Cakkhusutta

1.1 At Sāvattī.

1.2 “Mendicants, the eye is impermanent, decaying, and perishing. The ear, nose, tongue, body, and mind are impermanent, decaying, and perishing.

1.8 Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. They’ve arrived at surety in the right way, they’ve arrived at the level of the true person, and they’ve transcended the level of the untrue person. They can’t do any deed which would make them be reborn in hell, the animal realm, or the ghost realm. They can’t die without realizing the fruit of stream-entry.

2.1 Someone who accepts these teachings after deliberating them with a degree of wisdom is called a follower of teachings. They’ve arrived at surety in the right way, they’ve arrived at the level of the true person, and they’ve transcended the level of the untrue person. They can’t do any deed which would make them be reborn in hell, the animal realm, or the ghost realm. They can’t die without realizing the fruit of stream-entry.

2.4 Someone who understands and sees these principles is called a stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for awakening.”

SN 25.2

Sights

Rūpasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, sights are impermanent, decaying, and perishing. 1.2
Sounds, smells, tastes, touches, and ideas are impermanent, decay-
ing, and perishing.

Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called 1.8
a follower by faith. They’ve arrived at surety in the right way, they’ve
arrived at the level of the true person, and they’ve transcended the
level of the untrue person. They can’t do any deed which would
make them be reborn in hell, the animal realm, or the ghost realm.
They can’t die without realizing the fruit of stream-entry.

Someone who accepts these teachings after deliberating them 2.1
with a degree of wisdom is called a follower of teachings. They’ve
arrived at surety in the right way, they’ve arrived at the level of the
true person, and they’ve transcended the level of the untrue person.
They can’t do any deed which would make them be reborn in hell,
the animal realm, or the ghost realm. They can’t die without realizing
the fruit of stream-entry.

Someone who understands and sees these principles is called a 2.4
stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for
awakening.”

SN 25.3

Consciousness

Viññāṇasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, eye consciousness is impermanent, decaying, and 1.2
perishing. Ear consciousness, nose consciousness, tongue con-

sciousness, body consciousness, and mind consciousness are impermanent, decaying, and perishing.

- 1.8 Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. ...”

SN 25.4

Contact

Samphassasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.

- 1.2 “Mendicants, eye contact is impermanent, decaying, and perishing. Ear contact, nose contact, tongue contact, body contact, and mind contact are impermanent, decaying, and perishing.

- 1.8 Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. ...”

SN 25.5

Feeling

Samphassajasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.

- 1.2 “Mendicants, feeling born of eye contact is impermanent, decaying, and perishing. Feeling born of ear contact, feeling born of nose contact, feeling born of tongue contact, feeling born of body contact, and feeling born of mind contact are impermanent, decaying, and perishing.

- 1.8 Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. ...”

SN 25.6

Perception

Rūpasaññāsutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, perception of sights is impermanent, decaying, and perishing. Perception of sounds, perception of smells, perception of tastes, perception of touches, and perception of ideas are impermanent, decaying, and perishing. 1.2

Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. ...” 1.8

SN 25.7

Intention

Rūpasañcetanāsutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, intention regarding sights is impermanent, decaying, and perishing. Intention regarding sounds, intention regarding smells, intention regarding tastes, intention regarding touches, and intentions regarding ideas are impermanent, decaying, and perishing. 1.2

Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. ...” 1.8

SN 25.8

Craving For Sights

Rūpataṇhāsutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, craving for sights is impermanent, decaying, and perishing. Craving for sounds, craving for smells, craving for tastes, 1.2

craving for touches, and craving for ideas are impermanent, decaying, and perishing.

- 1.8 Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. ...”

SN 25.9

Elements

Pathavīdhātusutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.

- 1.2 “Mendicants, the earth element is impermanent, decaying, and perishing. The water element, the fire element, the air element, the space element, and the consciousness element are impermanent, decaying, and perishing.

- 1.8 Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. ...”

SN 25.10

The Aggregates

Khandhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.

- 1.2 “Mendicants, form is impermanent, decaying, and perishing. Feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness are impermanent, decaying, and perishing.

- 1.7 Someone who has faith and confidence in these teachings is called a follower by faith. They’ve arrived at surety in the right way, they’ve arrived at the level of the true person, and they’ve transcended the level of the untrue person. They can’t do any deed which would make them be reborn in hell, the animal realm, or the ghost realm. They can’t die without realizing the fruit of stream-entry.

Someone who accepts these teachings after deliberating them 2.1
 with a degree of wisdom is called a follower of teachings. They've
 arrived at surety in the right way, they've arrived at the level of the
 true person, and they've transcended the level of the untrue person.
 They can't do any deed which would make them be reborn in hell,
 the animal realm, or the ghost realm. They can't die without realizing
 the fruit of stream-entry.

Someone who understands and sees these principles is called a 2.4
 stream-enterer, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, bound for
 awakening."

The Linked Discourses on arrival are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON ARISING

The Chapter on Arising

SN 26.1

The Eye

Cakkhusutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, the arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of the eye is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and the manifestation of old age and death. The arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of the ear, nose, tongue, body, and mind is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and the manifestation of old age and death. The cessation, settling, and ending of the eye is the cessation of suffering, the settling of diseases, and the ending of old age and death. The cessation, settling, and ending of the ear, nose, tongue, body, and mind is the cessation of suffering, the settling of diseases, and the ending of old age and death.”

1.2

SN 26.2

Sights

Rūpasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, the arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of sights is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and

1.2

the manifestation of old age and death. The arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of sounds, smells, tastes, touches, and ideas is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and the manifestation of old age and death. The cessation, settling, and ending of sights, sounds, smells, tastes, touches, and ideas is the cessation of suffering, the settling of diseases, and the ending of old age and death.”

SN 26.3

Consciousness

Viññāṇasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, the arising of eye consciousness ... mind consciousness ... is the manifestation of old age and death. The cessation of eye consciousness ... mind consciousness ... is the ending of old age and death.”

SN 26.4

Contact

Samphassasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, the arising of eye contact ... mind contact ... is the manifestation of old age and death. The cessation of eye contact ... mind contact ... is the ending of old age and death.”

SN 26.5

Feeling

Samphassajasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

“Mendicants, the arising of feeling born of eye contact ... 1.2
 the arising of feeling born of mind contact ... is the manifestation 2.1
 of old age and death. The cessation of feeling born of eye contact ...
 the cessation of feeling born of mind contact ... is the ending of old
 age and death.”

SN 26.6

Perception

Saññāsutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1
 “Mendicants, the arising of perception of sights ... perception of 1.2
 ideas ... is the manifestation of old age and death. The cessation of
 perception of sights ... perception of ideas ... is the ending of old
 age and death.”

SN 26.7

Intention

Saṅcetanāsutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1
 “Mendicants, the arising of intentions regarding sights ... in- 1.2
 tentions regarding ideas ... is the manifestation of old age and death.
 The cessation of intentions regarding sights ... intentions regarding
 ideas ... is the ending of old age and death.”

SN 26.8

Craving

Taṇhāsutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

- 1.2 “Mendicants, the arising of craving for sights ... craving for ideas ... is the manifestation of old age and death. The cessation of craving for sights ... craving for ideas ... is the ending of old age and death.”

SN 26.9

Elements

Dhātusutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.

- 1.2 “Mendicants, the arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of the earth element, the water element, the fire element, the air element, the space element, and the consciousness element is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and the manifestation of old age and death. The cessation of the earth element, the water element, the fire element, the air element, the space element, and the consciousness element is the cessation of suffering, the settling of diseases, and the ending of old age and death.”

SN 26.10

The Aggregates

Khandhasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥī.

- 1.2 “Mendicants, the arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of form is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and the manifestation of old age and death. The arising, continuation, rebirth, and manifestation of feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness is the arising of suffering, the continuation of diseases, and the manifestation of old age and death. The cessation, settling, and ending of form is the cessation of suffering, the settling of diseases, and the ending of old age and death. The cessation, settling, and ending of feeling, perception, choices, and consciousness is the

cessation of suffering, the settling of diseases, and the ending of old age and death.”

The Linked Discourses on arising are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON CORRUPTIONS

The Chapter on Corruptions

SN 27.1

The Eye

Cakkhusutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, desire and greed for the eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, 1.2
or mind is a corruption of the mind. When a mendicant has given
up mental corruption in these six cases, their mind inclines to renun-
ciation. A mind imbued with renunciation is declared to be capable
of directly knowing anything that can be realized.”

SN 27.2

Sights

Rūpasutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, desire and greed for sights, sounds, smells, tastes, 1.2
touches, or ideas is a corruption of the mind. When a mendicant has
given up mental corruption in these six cases, their mind inclines to
renunciation. A mind imbued with renunciation is declared to be
capable of directly knowing anything that can be realized.”

SN 27.3

Consciousness

Viññāṇasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, desire and greed for eye consciousness, ear consciousness, nose consciousness, tongue consciousness, body consciousness, or mind consciousness is a corruption of the mind. When a mendicant has given up mental corruption in these six cases, their mind inclines to renunciation. A mind imbued with renunciation is declared to be capable of directly knowing anything that can be realized.”

SN 27.4

Contact

Samphassasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, desire and greed for eye contact, ear contact, nose contact, tongue contact, body contact, or mind contact is a corruption of the mind. ...”

SN 27.5

Feeling

Samphassajasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, desire and greed for feeling born of eye contact, feeling born of ear contact, feeling born of nose contact, feeling born of tongue contact, feeling born of body contact, or feeling born of mind contact is a defilement of the mind. ...”

SN 27.6

Perception

Saññāsutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, desire and greed for perception of sights, perception 1.2
of sounds, perception of smells, perception of tastes, perception of
touches, or perception of ideas is a corruption of the mind. ...”

SN 27.7

Intention

Sañcetanāsutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, desire and greed for intention regarding sights, in- 1.2
tention regarding sounds, intention regarding smells, intention re-
garding tastes, intention regarding touches, or intention regarding
ideas is a corruption of the mind. ...”

SN 27.8

Craving

Taṇhāsutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Mendicants, desire and greed for craving for sights, craving for 1.2
sounds, craving for smells, craving for tastes, craving for touches, or
craving for ideas is a corruption of the mind. ...”

SN 27.9

Elements

Dhātusutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, desire and greed for the earth element, the water element, the fire element, the air element, the space element, or the consciousness element is a corruption of the mind. ...”

SN 27.10

The Aggregates

Khandhasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, desire and greed for form, feeling, perception, choices, or consciousness is a corruption of the mind. When a mendicant has given up mental corruption in these five cases, their mind inclines to renunciation. A mind imbued with renunciation is declared to be capable of directly knowing anything that can be realized.”

The Linked Discourses on corruptions are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES WITH SĀRIPUTTA

The Chapter with Sāriputta

SN 28.1

Born of Seclusion

Vivekajasutta

- 1.1 At one time Venerable Sāriputta was staying near Sāvattthī in Jeta’s Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika’s monastery. Then Venerable Sāriputta robed up in the morning and, taking his bowl and robe, entered Sāvattthī for alms. He wandered for alms in Sāvattthī. After the meal, on his return from almsround, he went to the Dark Forest for the day’s meditation, plunged deep into it, and sat at the root of a tree to meditate.
- 2.1 Then in the late afternoon, Sāriputta came out of retreat and went to Jeta’s Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika’s monastery. Venerable Ānanda saw him coming off in the distance, and said to him:
- 2.4 “Reverend Sāriputta, your faculties are so very clear, and your complexion is pure and bright. What meditation were you practicing today?”
- 3.1 “Reverend, quite secluded from sensual pleasures, secluded from unskillful qualities, I entered and remained in the first absorption, which has the rapture and bliss born of seclusion, while placing the mind and keeping it connected. But it didn’t occur to me: ‘I am entering the first absorption’ or ‘I have entered the first absorption’ or ‘I am emerging from the first absorption.’”
- 3.4 “That must be because Venerable Sāriputta has long ago totally eradicated I-making, mine-making, and the underlying tendency to

conceit. That's why it didn't occur to you: 'I am entering the first absorption' or 'I have entered the first absorption' or 'I am emerging from the first absorption.'"

SN 28.2

Without Placing the Mind

Avitakkasutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Venerable Ānanda saw Venerable Sāriputta and said to him: 1.2

"Reverend Sāriputta, your faculties are so very clear, and your complexion is pure and bright. What meditation were you practicing today?" 1.3

"Reverend, as the placing of the mind and keeping it connected were stilled, I entered and remained in the second absorption, which has the rapture and bliss born of immersion, with internal clarity and mind at one, without placing the mind and keeping it connected. But it didn't occur to me: 'I am entering the second absorption' or 'I have entered the second absorption' or 'I am emerging from the second absorption.'" 2.1

"That must be because Venerable Sāriputta has long ago totally eradicated I-making, mine-making, and the underlying tendency to conceit. That's why it didn't occur to you: 'I am entering the second absorption' or 'I have entered the second absorption' or 'I am emerging from the second absorption.'" 2.4

SN 28.3

Rapture

Pītisutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Venerable Ānanda saw Venerable Sāriputta and said to him: 1.2

- 1.3 “Reverend Sāriputta, your faculties are so very clear, and your complexion is pure and bright. What meditation were you practicing today?”
- 2.1 “Reverend, with the fading away of rapture, I entered and remained in the third absorption, where I meditated with equanimity, mindful and aware, personally experiencing the bliss of which the noble ones declare, ‘Equanimous and mindful, one meditates in bliss.’ But it didn’t occur to me: ‘I am entering the third absorption’ or ‘I have entered the third absorption’ or ‘I am emerging from the third absorption.’”
- 2.4 “That must be because Venerable Sāriputta has long ago totally eradicated I-making, mine-making, and the underlying tendency to conceit. That’s why it didn’t occur to you: ‘I am entering the third absorption’ or ‘I have entered the third absorption’ or ‘I am emerging from the third absorption.’”

SN 28.4

Equanimity

Upekkhāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattḥi.
- 1.2 Venerable Ānanda saw Venerable Sāriputta and said to him:
- 1.3 “Reverend Sāriputta, your faculties are so very clear, and your complexion is pure and bright. What meditation were you practicing today?”
- 2.1 “Reverend, with the giving up of pleasure and pain, and the ending of former happiness and sadness, I entered and remained in the fourth absorption, without pleasure or pain, with pure equanimity and mindfulness. But it didn’t occur to me: ‘I am entering the fourth absorption’ or ‘I have entered the fourth absorption’ or ‘I am emerging from the fourth absorption.’”
- 2.4 “That must be because Venerable Sāriputta has long ago totally eradicated I-making, mine-making, and the underlying tendency

to conceit. That’s why it didn’t occur to you: ‘I am entering the fourth absorption’ or ‘I have entered the fourth absorption’ or ‘I am emerging from the fourth absorption.’”

SN 28.5

The Dimension of Infinite Space

Ākāśānañcāyatanasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- Venerable Ānanda saw Venerable Sāriputta ... 1.2
- “Reverend, going totally beyond perceptions of form, with the 1.3
ending of perceptions of impingement, not focusing on perceptions
of diversity, aware that ‘space is infinite’, I entered and remained in
the dimension of infinite space. ...” ...

SN 28.6

The Dimension of Infinite Consciousness

Viññāṇañcāyatanasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- Venerable Ānanda saw Venerable Sāriputta ... 1.2
- “Reverend, going totally beyond the dimension of infinite space, 1.3
aware that ‘consciousness is infinite’, I entered and remained in the
dimension of infinite consciousness. ...” ...

SN 28.7

The Dimension of Nothingness

Ākiñcaṇṇāyatanasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- Venerable Ānanda saw Venerable Sāriputta ... 1.2

- 1.3 “Reverend, going totally beyond the dimension of infinite consciousness, aware that ‘there is nothing at all’, I entered and remained in the dimension of nothingness. ...” ...

SN 28.8

The Dimension of Neither Perception Nor Non-Perception

Nevasaññānāsaññāyatanasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvathī.
 1.2 Venerable Ānanda saw Venerable Sāriputta ...
 1.3 “Reverend, going totally beyond the dimension of nothingness, I entered and remained in the dimension of neither perception nor non-perception. ...” ...

SN 28.9

The Attainment of Cessation

Nirodhasamāpattisutta

- 1.1 At Sāvathī.
 1.2 Venerable Ānanda saw Venerable Sāriputta ...
 1.3 “Reverend, going totally beyond the dimension of neither perception nor non-perception, I entered and remained in the cessation of perception and feeling. But it didn’t occur to me: ‘I am entering the cessation of perception and feeling’ or ‘I have entered the cessation of perception and feeling’ or ‘I am emerging from the cessation of perception and feeling.’”
 1.6 “That must be because Venerable Sāriputta has long ago totally eradicated I-making, mine-making, and the underlying tendency to conceit. That’s why it didn’t occur to you: ‘I am entering the cessation of perception and feeling’ or ‘I have entered the cessation

of perception and feeling’ or ‘I am emerging from the cessation of perception and feeling.’”

SN 28.10

With Sucimukhī

Sucimukhīsutta

At one time Venerable Sāriputta was staying near Rājagaha, in the 1.1
Bamboo Grove, the squirrels’ feeding ground. Then he robed up
in the morning and, taking his bowl and robe, entered Rājagaha for
alms. After wandering indiscriminately for almsfood in Rājagaha, he
ate his almsfood by a wall.

Then the wanderer Sucimukhī went up to Venerable Sāriputta 1.4
and said to him:

“Ascetic, do you eat facing downwards?” 2.1

“No, sister.” 2.2

“Well then, do you eat facing upwards?” 2.3

“No, sister.” 2.4

“Well then, do you eat facing the cardinal directions?” 2.5

“No, sister.” 2.6

“Well then, do you eat facing the intermediate directions?” 2.7

“No, sister.” 2.8

“When asked if you eat facing all these directions, you answer ‘no, 3.1
sister’. How exactly do you eat, ascetic?”

“Sister, those ascetics and brahmins who earn a living by geo- 4.2
mancy—a low lore, a wrong livelihood—are said to eat facing down-
wards.

Those ascetics and brahmins who earn a living by astrology—a 4.3
low lore, a wrong livelihood—are said to eat facing upwards.

Those ascetics and brahmins who earn a living by running er- 4.4
rands and messages—a wrong livelihood—are said to eat facing the
cardinal directions.

- 4.5 Those ascetics and brahmins who earn a living by palmistry—a low lore, a wrong livelihood—are said to eat facing the intermediate directions.
- 5.1 I don't earn a living by any of these means. I seek alms in a principled manner, and I eat it in a principled manner."
- 6.1 Then Sucimukhī the wanderer went around Rājagaha from street to street and from square to square, and announced: "The ascetics who follow the Sakyan eat food in a principled manner! The ascetics who follow the Sakyan eat food blamelessly! Give almsfood to the ascetics who follow the Sakyan!"

The Linked Discourses on Sāriputta are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON DRAGONS

The Chapter on Dragons

SN 29.1

Plain Version

Suddhikasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, dragons reproduce in these four ways. What four? Dragons are born from eggs, from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously. These are the four ways that dragons reproduce.”

SN 29.2

Better

Paṇītatarasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, dragons reproduce in these four ways. What four? Dragons are born from an egg, from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously. Of these, dragons born from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously are better than those born from an egg. Dragons born from moisture or spontaneously are better than those born from an egg or from a womb. Dragons born spontaneously are better than those born from an egg, from a womb, or from moisture. These are the four ways that dragons reproduce.”

SN 29.3

Sabbath

Uposathasutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Sāvattḥi in Jeta’s Grove, A- 1.1
nāthapiṇḍika’s monastery. Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha,
sat down to one side, and said to him:

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why some egg-born 1.3
dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies?”

“Mendicant, it’s when some egg-born dragons think: ‘In the past 2.1
we did both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind. When the
body broke up, after death, we were reborn in the company of the
egg-born dragons. If today we do good things by body, speech, and
mind, when the body breaks up, after death, we may be reborn in a
good place, a heavenly realm. Come, let us do good things by way
of body, speech, and mind.’ This is the cause, this is the reason why
some egg-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their
bodies.”

SN 29.4

Sabbath (2nd)

Dutiyauposathasutta

At Sāvattḥi. 1.1

Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him, “Sir, 1.2
what is the cause, what is the reason why some womb-born dragons
keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies?”

(Tell all in full.)

SN 29.5

Sabbath (3rd)

Tatiyauposathasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why some moisture-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies?”

(Tell all in full.)

SN 29.6

Sabbath (4th)

Catutthauposathasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why some spontaneously-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies?”

2.1 “Mendicant, it’s when some spontaneously-born dragons think: ‘In the past we did both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind. When the body broke up, after death, we were reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons. If today we do good things by body, speech, and mind, when the body breaks up, after death, we may be reborn in a good place, a heavenly realm. Come, let us do good things by way of body, speech, and mind.’ This is the cause, this is the reason why some spontaneously-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies.”

SN 29.7

They've Heard

Sutasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons?”

1.3

“Mendicant, it's when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind. And they've heard: ‘The egg-born dragons are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons!’ When their body breaks up, after death, they're reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons.”

2.1

SN 29.8

They've Heard (2nd)

Dutiyasutasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the womb-born dragons?”

1.3

(Tell all in full.)

SN 29.9

They've Heard (3rd)

Tatīyasutasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the moisture-born dragons?”
(*Tell all in full.*)

SN 29.10

They've Heard (4th)

Catutthasutasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons?”

2.1 “Mendicant, it's when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind. And they've heard: ‘The spontaneously-born dragons are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons!’ When their body breaks up, after death, they're reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons.”

SN 29.11–20

Ten Discourses On How Giving Helps to Become Egg-Born

Aṇḍajadānūpakārasuttadasaka

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.1

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when 1.2
their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons?”

“Mendicant, it’s when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, 2.1
speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The egg-born dragons are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons!’ They give food ... drink ... clothing ... a vehicle ... a garland ... fragrance ... makeup ... a bed ... a house ... a lamp. When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons.”

SN 29.21–50

Thirty Discourses On How Giving Helps to Become Womb-Born, Etc.

Jalābujādīdānūpakārasuttattimsaka

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when 1.3
their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the womb-born dragons ... moisture-born dragons ... spontaneously-born dragons?”

- 2.1 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The spontaneously-born dragons are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons!’ They give food ... drink ... a lamp. When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons.”

(Each set of ten discourses of this series should be told in full the same way.)

The Linked Discourses on dragons are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON PHOENIXES

The Chapter on Phoenixes

SN 30.1

Plain Version

Suddhikasutta

1.1 At Sāvattḥī.

1.2 “Mendicants, phoenixes reproduce in these four ways. What four? Phoenixes are born from eggs, from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously. These are the four ways that phoenixes reproduce.”

SN 30.2

They Carry Off

Harantisutta

1.1 At Sāvattḥī.

1.2 “Mendicants, phoenixes reproduce in these four ways. What four? Phoenixes are born from eggs, from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously. These are the four ways that phoenixes reproduce. Of these, phoenixes born from an egg can only carry off dragons born from an egg, not those born from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously. Phoenixes born from a womb can carry off dragons born from an egg or from a womb, but not those born from moisture or spontaneously. Phoenixes born from moisture can carry off dragons born from an egg, from a womb, or from moisture, but not those

born spontaneously. Phoenixes born spontaneously can carry off dragons born from an egg, from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously. These are the four ways that phoenixes reproduce.”

SN 30.3

Both Kinds of Deeds

Dvayakārīsutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him: 1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the egg-born phoenixes?” 1.3

“Mendicant, it’s when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The egg-born phoenixes are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the egg-born phoenixes!’ When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the egg-born phoenixes. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the egg-born phoenixes.” 1.4

SN 30.4–6

Both Kinds of Deeds (2nd–4th)

Dutiyādidvayakārīsuttattika

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the 1.3

womb-born phoenixes ...” “... moisture-born phoenixes ...” “... or spontaneously-born phoenixes?”

- 1.6 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The spontaneously-born phoenixes are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born phoenixes!’ When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born phoenixes. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born phoenixes.”

SN 30.7–16

Ten Discourses On How Giving Helps to Become Egg-Born

Aṇḍajadānūpakārasuttadasaka

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the egg-born phoenixes?”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The egg-born phoenixes are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the egg-born phoenixes!’ They give food ...” “... drink ...” “... clothing ...” “... a vehicle ...” “... a garland ...” “... fragrance ...” “... makeup ...” “... a bed ...” “... a house ...” “... a lamp. When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the egg-born phoenixes. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the egg-born phoenixes.”

SN 30.17–46

How Giving Helps to Become Womb-Born, Etc.

Jalābujadānūpakārasutta

At Sāvattthī.

1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the womb-born phoenixes ... moisture-born phoenixes ... or spontaneously-born phoenixes?”

1.3

(Tell all in full.)

The Linked Discourses on phoenixes are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON CENTAURS

The Chapter on Centaurs

SN 31.1

Plain Version

Suddhikasutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Sāvattthī in Jeta’s Grove, 1.1
Anāthapiṇḍika’s monastery. ... The Buddha said this:

“Mendicants, I will teach you about the gods of the centaur realm. 1.3
Listen ...

And what are the gods of the centaur realm? There are gods who 1.5
live in fragrant roots, fragrant heartwood, fragrant softwood, fragrant
bark, fragrant shoots, fragrant leaves, fragrant flowers, fragrant fruit,
fragrant sap, and fragrant scents. These are called the gods of the
centaur realm.”

SN 31.2

Good Conduct

Sucaritasutta

At Sāvattthī. 1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when 1.3
their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the
gods of the centaur realm?”

- 1.4 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The gods of the centaur realm are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods of the centaur realm!’ When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the gods of the centaur realm. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods of the centaur realm.”

SN 31.3

A Giver of Fragrant Roots

Mūlagandhadātāsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvattī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant roots?”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The gods who live in fragrant roots are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant roots!’ They give gifts of fragrant roots. When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant roots. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant roots.”

SN 31.4–12

Nine Discourses On Givers of Fragrant Heartwood, Etc.

Sāragandhādīdātāsuttanavaka

At Sāvattḥī.

1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when 1.3
their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the
gods who live in fragrant heartwood ... softwood ... bark ... sprouts
... leaves ... flowers ... fruit ... sap ... fragrant scents?”

“Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, 1.12
speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The gods who live in fra-
grant heartwood ... fragrant scents are long-lived, beautiful, and
very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after
death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods who live in
fragrant heartwood ... fragrant scents!’ They give gifts of fragrant
heartwood ... fragrant scents. When their body breaks up, after
death, they’re reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant
scents. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their
body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods
who live on fragrant scents.”

SN 31.13–22

Ten Discourses On How Giving Helps Rebirth in Fragrant Roots

Mūlagandhadānūpakārasuttadasaka

At Sāvattḥī.

1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.2

- 1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant roots?”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The gods who live in fragrant roots are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant roots!’ They give food ... drink ... clothing ... a vehicle ... a garland ... fragrance ... makeup ... a bed ... a house ... a lamp. When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant roots. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant roots.”

SN 31.23–112

Ninety Discourses On How Giving Helps Rebirth in Fragrant Heartwood, etc.

Sāragandhādidānūpakārasuttanavutika

- 1.1 At Sāvattī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant heartwood ... softwood ... bark ... sprouts ... leaves ... flowers ... fruit ... sap ... fragrant scents?”
- 1.12 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The gods who live in fragrant scents are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant scents!’ They give food ... drink ... clothing ... a vehicle ... a garland ... fragrance ... makeup ... a bed ... a house ... a lamp. When their body breaks up, after

death, they're reborn in the company of the gods who live in fragrant scents. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods who live on fragrant scents."

The Linked Discourses on the centaur realm are completed.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON CLOUD GODS

The Chapter on Gods of the Clouds

SN 32.1

Plain Version

Suddhikasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, I will teach you about the gods of the clouds. Listen 1.2
- ...
- And what are the gods of the clouds? There are gods of the 1.4
cool clouds, warm clouds, thunder clouds, windy clouds, and rainy
clouds. These are called the gods of the clouds.”

SN 32.2

Good Conduct

Sucaritasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2
- “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when 1.3
their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the
gods of the clouds?”

- 1.4 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The gods of the clouds are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods of the clouds!’ When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the gods of the clouds. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods of the clouds.”

SN 32.3–12

Ten Discourses On How Giving Helps to Become a Cool Cloud God

Sītavalāhakatādānūpakārasuttadasaka

- 1.1 At Sāvattthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods of cool clouds?”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The gods of cool clouds are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods of the cool clouds!’ They give food ... a lamp. When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the gods of cool clouds. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods of cool clouds.”

SN 32.13–52

How Giving Helps to Become a Warm Cloud God, Etc.

Uṇhavalāhakatānūpakārasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods of warm clouds ... thunder clouds ... windy clouds ... rainy clouds?”

1.3

“Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind. And they’ve heard: ‘The gods of rainy clouds are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’ They think: ‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods of rainy clouds!’ They give food ... a lamp. When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the gods of rainy clouds. This is the cause, this is the reason why someone, when their body breaks up, after death, is reborn in the company of the gods of rainy clouds.”

1.7

SN 32.53

Gods of the Cool Clouds

Sītavalāhakasutta

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

1.2

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it becomes cool?”

1.3

“Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the cool clouds. Sometimes they think: ‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of

1.4

enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes cool.
This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it becomes cool.”

SN 32.54

Gods of the Warm Clouds

Uṇhavalāhakasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it becomes warm?”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the warm clouds. Sometimes they think: ‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes warm. This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it becomes warm.”

SN 32.55

Gods of the Storm Clouds

Abbhavalāhakasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:
- 1.3 “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it becomes stormy?”
- 1.4 “Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the storm clouds. Sometimes they think: ‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes stormy. This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it becomes stormy.”

SN 32.56

Gods of the Windy Clouds

Vātavalāhakasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2
- “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it be- 1.3
comes windy?”
- “Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the windy clouds. 1.4
Sometimes they think: ‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of
enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes windy.
This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it becomes windy.”

SN 32.57

Gods of the Rainy Clouds

Vassavalāhakasutta

- At Sāvattḥī. 1.1
- Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha: 1.2
- “Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes the 1.3
heavens rain?”
- “Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the rainy clouds. 1.4
Sometimes they think: ‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of
enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, the heavens rain
down. This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes the heavens
rain.”

The Linked Discourses on gods of the clouds are complete.

LINKED DISCOURSES WITH VACCHAGOTTA

The Chapter with Vacchagotta

SN 33.1

Not Knowing Form

Rūpaaññāṇasutta

At one time the Buddha was staying near Sāvattthī in Jeta’s Grove, 1.1
Anāthapiṇḍika’s monastery. Then the wanderer Vacchagotta went
up to the Buddha and exchanged greetings with him. When the
greetings and polite conversation were over, he sat down to one side
and said to the Buddha:

“What is the cause, worthy Gotama, what is the reason why these 1.4
various misconceptions arise in the world? That is: the cosmos is
eternal, or not eternal, or finite, or infinite; the soul and the body are
the same thing, or they are different things; after death, a realized
one still exists, or no longer exists, or both still exists and no longer
exists, or neither still exists nor no longer exists.”

“Vaccha, it is because of not knowing form, its origin, its cessation, 1.6
and the practice that leads to its cessation that these various miscon-
ceptions arise in the world. This is the cause, this is the reason.”

SN 33.2

Not Knowing Feeling

Vedanāaññānasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 Then the wanderer Vacchagotta said to the Buddha:

1.3 “What is the cause, worthy Gotama, what is the reason why these various misconceptions arise in the world? That is: the cosmos is eternal, or not eternal ... after death, a realized one neither still exists nor no longer exists.”

1.6 “Vaccha, it is because of not knowing feeling, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation that these various misconceptions arise in the world. This is the cause, this is the reason.”

SN 33.3

Not Knowing Perception

Saññāaññānasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 Then the wanderer Vacchagotta said to the Buddha:

1.3 “What is the cause, worthy Gotama, what is the reason why these various misconceptions arise in the world? ...”

1.6 “Vaccha, it is because of not knowing perception, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation ...”

SN 33.4

Not Knowing Choices

Saṅkhāraaññānasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 Then the wanderer Vacchagotta said to the Buddha:

“What is the cause, worthy Gotama, what is the reason why these 1.3
various misconceptions arise in the world? ...”

“Vaccha, it is because of not knowing choices, their origin, their 1.6
cessation, and the practice that leads to their cessation ...”

SN 33.5

Not Knowing Consciousness

Viññāṇaāññāsutta

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Then the wanderer Vacchagotta said to the Buddha: 1.2

“What is the cause, worthy Gotama, what is the reason why these 1.3
various misconceptions arise in the world? ...”

“Vaccha, it is because of not knowing consciousness, its origin, its 1.6
cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation ...”

SN 33.6–10

Five Discourses on Not Seeing Form, Etc.

Rūpaadassanādisuttapañcaka

At Sāvatthī. 1.1

Then the wanderer Vacchagotta said to the Buddha: 1.2

“What is the cause, worthy Gotama, what is the reason why these 1.3
various misconceptions arise in the world? ...”

“Vaccha, it is because of not seeing form ...” “... feeling ...” “... 1.6
perception ...” “... choices ...” “... consciousness, its origin, its ces-
sation, and the practice that leads to its cessation ...”

SN 33.11–15

Five Discourses on Not Comprehending Form, Etc.

Rūpaanabhisamayādisuttapañcaka

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Vaccha, it is because of not comprehending form ...
- 1.1 feeling ...
- 1.1 perception ...
- 1.1 choices ...
- 1.1 consciousness ...”

SN 33.16–20

Five Discourses on Not Understanding Form, Etc.

Rūpaananubodhādisuttapañcaka

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Vaccha, it is because of not understanding form ...
- 1.1 feeling ...
- 1.1 perception ...
- 1.1 choices ...
- 1.1 consciousness ...”

SN 33.21–25

Five Discourses on Not Penetrating Form, Etc.

Rūpaappaṭivedhādisuttapañcaka

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Vaccha, it is because of not penetrating form ...”

SN 33.26–30

Five Discourses on Not Distinguishing Form, Etc.

Rūpaasallakkhaṇādisuttapañcaka

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Vaccha, it is because of not distinguishing form ...”

1.2

SN 33.31–35

Five Discourses on Not Detecting Form, Etc.

Rūpaanupalakkhaṇādisuttapañcaka

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Vaccha, it is because of not detecting form ...”

1.2

SN 33.36–40

Five Discourses on Not Differentiating Form, Etc.

Rūpaappaccupalakkhaṇādisuttapañcaka

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Vaccha, it is because of not differentiating form ...”

1.2

SN 33.41–45

Five Discourses on Not Examining Form, Etc.

Rūpaasamapekkhaṇādisuttapañcaka

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“Vaccha, it is because of not examining form ...”

1.2

SN 33.46–50

Five Discourses on Not Scrutinizing Form, Etc.

Rūpaappaccupekkhaṇādisuttapañcaka

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Vaccha, it is because of not scrutinizing form ...”

SN 33.51–54

Four Discourses on Not Directly Experiencing Form, Etc.

Rūpaappaccakkhakammādisuttacatukka

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 Then the wanderer Vacchagotta went up to the Buddha and exchanged greetings with him. When the greetings and polite conversation were over, he sat down to one side, and said to the Buddha:

1.4 “What is the cause, worthy Gotama, what is the reason why these various misconceptions arise in the world? ...”

1.7 “Vaccha, it is because of not directly experiencing form ...

1.1 feeling ...

1.1 perception ...

1.1 choices ...”

SN 33.55

Not Directly Experiencing Consciousness

Viññāṇaappaccakkhakammasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Vaccha, it is because of not directly experiencing consciousness, its origin, its cessation, and the practice that leads to its cessation that these various misconceptions arise in the world. This is the cause, this is the reason.”

The Linked Discourses with Vacchagotta are completed.

LINKED DISCOURSES ON ABSORPTION

The Chapter on Absorption

SN 34.1

Entering Immersion

Samādhimūlakasamāpattisutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
- “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
- One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in entering it. 1.4
- One meditator is not skilled in immersion but is skilled in entering 1.5
- it.
- One meditator is skilled neither in immersion nor in entering it. 1.6
- One meditator is skilled both in immersion and in entering it. 1.7
- Of these, the meditator skilled in immersion and in entering it is 1.8
- the foremost, best, chief, highest, and finest of the four.
- From a cow comes milk, from milk comes curds, from curds come 1.9
- butter, from butter comes ghee, and from ghee comes cream of ghee.
- And the cream of ghee is said to be the best of these.
- In the same way, the meditator skilled in immersion and entering 1.10
- it is the foremost, best, leading, highest, and finest of the four.”

SN 34.2

Remaining in Immersion

Samādhimūlakāṭhīsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?
- 1.4 One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in remaining in it.
- 1.5 One meditator is skilled in remaining in immersion but is not skilled in immersion.
- 1.6 One meditator is skilled neither in immersion nor in remaining in it.
- 1.7 One meditator is skilled both in immersion and in remaining in it.
- 1.8 Of these, the meditator skilled in immersion and in remaining in it is the foremost, best, leading, highest, and finest of the four.
- 1.9 From a cow comes milk, from milk comes curds, from curds come butter, from butter comes ghee, and from ghee comes cream of ghee. And the cream of ghee is said to be the best of these.
- 1.10 In the same way, the meditator skilled in immersion and remaining in it is the foremost, best, leading, highest, and finest of the four.”

SN 34.3

Emerging From Immersion

Samādhimūlakavutṭhānasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?
- 1.4 One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in emerging from it. ...”

SN 34.4

Gladdening for Immersion

Samādhimūlakakallitasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in gladdening the 1.4
mind for immersion. ...”

SN 34.5

Supports For Immersion

Samādhimūlakaārammaṇasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in the supports for 1.4
immersion. ...”

SN 34.6

Meditation Subjects For Immersion

Samādhimūlakagocarasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in the meditation 1.4
subjects for immersion. ...”

SN 34.7

Projecting the Mind Purified by Immersion

Samādhimūlakaabhinīhārasutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?

1.4 One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in projecting the mind purified by immersion. ...”

SN 34.8

Carefulness in Immersion

Samādhimūlakasakkaccakārīsutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?

1.4 One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in practicing carefully for it. ...”

SN 34.9

Persistence in Immersion

Samādhimūlakasātaccakārīsutta

1.1 At Sāvatthī.

1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?

1.4 One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in practicing persistently for it. ...”

SN 34.10

Conductive to Immersion

Samādhimūlakasappāyakārīsutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in immersion but not in doing what’s 1.4
conductive to it. ...”

SN 34.11

Entering and Remaining

Samāpattimūlakaṭṭhisutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in remain- 1.4
ing in it. ...”

SN 34.12

Entering and Emerging

Samāpattimūlakavuṭṭhānasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in emerg- 1.4
ing from it. ...”

SN 34.13

Entering and Gladdening

Samāpattimūlakakallitasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?
- 1.4 One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in gladdening the mind for immersion. ...”

SN 34.14

Entering and Supports

Samāpattimūlakaārammaṇasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?
- 1.4 One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in the supports for it. ...”

SN 34.15

Entering and Meditation Subjects

Samāpattimūlakagocarasutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?
- 1.4 One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in the meditation subjects for immersion. ...”

SN 34.16

Entering and Projecting

Samāpattimūlakaabhinihārasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in project- 1.4
ing the mind purified by immersion. ...”

SN 34.17

Entering and Carefulness

Samāpattimūlakasakkaccasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in practic- 1.4
ing carefully for it. ...”

SN 34.18

Entering and Persistence

Samāpattimūlakasātaccasutta

- At Sāvatthī. 1.1
“Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four? 1.2
One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in practic- 1.4
ing persistently for it. ...”

SN 34.19

Entering and What's Conducive

Samāpattimūlakasappāyakārīsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?
- 1.4 One meditator is skilled in entering immersion but not in doing what's conducive to it. ...”

SN 34.20–27

Eight on Remaining and Emergence, Etc.

Ṭhitimūlakavutṭhānasuttādiatṭhaka

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?
- 1.4 One meditator is skilled in remaining in immersion but not in emerging from it. ...”
(*These eight discourses should be told in full as the previous set.*)

SN 34.28–34

Seven on Emergence and Gladdening, Etc.

Vutṭhānamūlakakallitasuttādisattaka

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
- 1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?
- 1.4 One meditator is skilled in emerging from immersion but not in gladdening the mind for immersion. ...”
(*These seven discourses should be told in full as the previous set.*)

SN 34.35–40

Six on Gladdening and Support, Etc.

Kallitamūlakaārammaṇasuttādichakka

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“One meditator is skilled in gladdening the mind for immersion 1.2
but not in the supports for immersion. ...”

(These six discourses should be told in full as the previous set.)

SN 34.41–45

Five on Support and Subjects, Etc.

Ārammaṇamūlakagocarasuttādipaṇcaka

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“One meditator is skilled in the supports for immersion but not 1.2
in the meditation subjects for immersion. ...”

(These five discourses should be told in full as the previous set.)

SN 34.46–49

Four on Subjects and Projection, Etc.

Gocaramūlakaabhinihārasuttādicatukka

At Sāvatthī.

1.1

“One meditator is skilled in the mindfulness meditation subjects 1.2
for immersion but not in projecting the mind purified by immersion.
...”

“One meditator is skilled in the mindfulness meditation subjects 1.1
for immersion but not in practicing carefully for it. ...”

(These four discourses should be told in full as the previous set.)

“One meditator is skilled in the mindfulness meditation subjects 1.1
for immersion but not in practicing persistently for it. ...”

- 1.1 “One meditator is skilled in the mindfulness meditation subjects for immersion but not in doing what’s conducive to it. ...”

SN 34.50–52

Three on Projection and Carefulness

Abhinīhāramūlakasakkaccasuttāditika

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 “One meditator is skilled in projecting the mind purified by immersion but not in practicing carefully for it. ...”
1.1 “One meditator is skilled in projecting the mind purified by immersion but not in practicing persistently for it. ...”
1.1 “One meditator is skilled in projecting the mind purified by immersion but not in doing what’s conducive to it. ...”

SN 34.53–54

Two on Carefulness and Persistence

Sakkaccamūlakasātaccakārīsuttadukādi

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 “One meditator is skilled in practicing carefully for immersion but not in practicing persistently for it. ...”
1.1 “One meditator is skilled in practicing carefully for immersion but not in doing what’s conducive to it. ...”

SN 34.55

Persistence and What’s Conducive

Sātaccamūlakasappāyakārīsutta

- 1.1 At Sāvatthī.
1.2 “Mendicants, there are these four meditators. What four?”

One meditator is skilled in practicing persistently for immersion 1.4
but not in doing what's conducive to it.

One meditator is skilled in doing what's conducive to immersion 1.5
but not in practicing persistently for it.

One meditator is skilled neither in practicing persistently for im- 1.6
mersion nor in doing what's conducive to it.

One meditator is skilled both in practicing persistently for immer- 1.7
sion and in doing what's conducive to it.

Of these, the meditator skilled both in practicing persistently for 1.8
immersion and in doing what's conducive to it is the foremost, best,
leading, highest, and finest of the four.

From a cow comes milk, from milk comes curds, from curds come 1.9
butter, from butter comes ghee, and from ghee comes cream of ghee.
And the cream of ghee is said to be the best of these.

In the same way, the meditator skilled both in practicing per- 1.10
sistently for immersion and in doing what's conducive to it is the
foremost, best, leading, highest, and finest of the four."

That is what the Buddha said. Satisfied, the mendicants approved 1.11
what the Buddha said.

(All should be told in full as per the fifty-fifth discourse.)

The Linked Discourses on Absorption are complete.

THE BOOK OF THE AGGREGATES IS FINISHED.

Colophon

The Translator

Bhikkhu Sujato was born as Anthony Aidan Best on 4/11/1966 in Perth, Western Australia. He grew up in the pleasant suburbs of Mt Lawley and Attadale alongside his sister Nicola, who was the good child. His mother, Margaret Lorraine Huntsman née Pinder, said “he’ll either be a priest or a poet”, while his father, Anthony Thomas Best, advised him to “never do anything for money”. He attended Aquinas College, a Catholic school, where he decided to become an atheist. At the University of WA he studied philosophy, aiming to learn what he wanted to do with his life. Finding that what he wanted to do was play guitar, he dropped out. His main band was named Martha’s Vineyard, which achieved modest success in the indie circuit.

A seemingly random encounter with a roadside joey took him to Thailand, where he entered his first meditation retreat at Wat Ram Poeng, Chiang Mai in 1992. Feeling the call to the Buddha’s path, he took full ordination in Wat Pa Nanachat in 1994, where his teachers were Ajahn Pasanno and Ajahn Jayasaro. In 1997 he returned to Perth to study with Ajahn Brahm at Bodhinyana Monastery.

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