DHĀTUVIBHANGASUTTAM

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Majjhima Nikāya, uparipaṇṇāsapāḷi, 4. vibhaṅgavaggo, 10. dhātuvibhaṅgasuttaṃ (MN 140) The Exposition of the Elements

342. evam me sutam.

1. Thus have I heard.

ekam samayam bhagavā magadhesu cārikam caramāno yena rājagaham tadavasari;

On one occasion the Blessed One was wandering in the Magadhan country and eventually arrived at Rājagaha.

yena bhaggavo kumbhakāro tenupasaṅkami; upasaṅkamitvā bhaggavaṃ kumbhakāraṃ etadavoca:

There he went to the potter Bhaggava and said to him:

"sace te, bhaggava, agaru viharemu āvesane ekarattan"ti.

2. "If it is not inconvenient for you, Bhaggava, I will stay one night in your workshop."

"na kho me, bhante, garu. atthi cettha pabbajito pathamam vāsūpagato.

"It is not inconvenient for me, venerable sir, but there is a homeless one already staying there.

sace so anujānāti, viharatha, bhante, yathāsukhan"ti.

If he agrees, then stay as long as you like, venerable sir."

tena kho pana samayena pukkusāti nāma kulaputto bhagavantam uddissa saddhāya agārasmā anagāriyam pabbajito.

3. Now there was a clansman named Pukkusāti who had gone forth from the home life into homelessness out of faith in the Blessed One,

so tasmim kumbhakārāvesane pathamam vāsūpagato hoti.

and on that occasion he was already staying in the potter's workshop.

atha kho bhagavā yenāyasmā pukkusāti tenupasankami; upasankamitvā āyasmantam pukkusātim etadavoca:

Then the Blessed One went to the venerable Pukkusāti and said to him:

"sace te, bhikkhu, agaru viharemu āvesane ekarattan"ti.

"If it is not inconvenient for you, bhikkhu, I will stay one night in the workshop."

"urundam, āvuso, kumbhakārāvesanam.

"The potter's workshop is large enough, friend.

viharatāyasmā yathāsukhan"ti.

Let the venerable one stay as long as he likes."

atha kho bhagavā kumbhakārāvesanam pavisitvā ekamantam tiņasanthārakam paññāpetvā nisīdi pallankam ābhujitvā ujum kāyam paṇidhāya parimukham satim upaṭṭhapetvā.

4. Then the Blessed One entered the potter's workshop, prepared a spread of grass at one end, and sat down, folding his legs crosswise, setting his body erect, and establishing mindfulness in front of him.

atha kho bhagavā bahudeva rattim nisajjāya vītināmesi.

Then the Blessed One spent most of the night seated [in meditation],

āyasmāpi kho pukkusāti bahudeva rattim nisajjāya vītināmesi.

and the venerable Pukkusāti also spent most of the night seated [in meditation].

atha kho bhagavato etadahosi:

Then the Blessed One thought:

"pāsādikam kho ayam kulaputto iriyati.

"This clansman conducts himself in a way that inspires confidence.

yamnūnāham puccheyyan"ti.

Suppose I were to question him."

atha kho bhagavā āyasmantam pukkusātim etadavoca:

So he asked the venerable Pukkusāti:

"kamsi tvam, bhikkhu, uddissa pabbajito?

5. "Under whom have you gone forth, bhikkhu?

ko vā te satthā?

Who is your teacher?

kassa vā tvam dhammam rocesī"ti?

Whose Dhamma do you profess?"

"atthāvuso, samaņo gotamo sakyaputto sakyakulā pabbajito.

"Friend, there is the recluse Gotama, the son of the Sakyans who went forth from a Sakyan clan.

tam kho pana bhagavantam gotamam evam kalyāno kittisaddo abbhuggato:

Now a good report of that Blessed Gotama has been spread to this effect:

'itipi so bhagavā araham sammāsambuddho vijjācaranasampanno sugato lokavidū anuttaro purisadammasārathi satthā devamanussānam buddho bhagavā'ti.

'That Blessed One is accomplished, fully enlightened, perfect in true knowledge and conduct, sublime, knower of worlds, incomparable leader of persons to be tamed, teacher of gods and humans, enlightened, blessed.'

tāham bhagavantam uddissa pabbajito.

I have gone forth under that Blessed One;

so ca me bhagavā satthā.

that Blessed One is my teacher;

tassa cāham bhagavato dhammam rocemī''ti.

I profess the Dhamma of that Blessed One."

"kaham pana, bhikkhu, etarahi so bhagavā viharati araham sammāsambuddho"ti. "But, bhikkhu, where is that Blessed One, accomplished and fully enlightened, now living?"

"atthāvuso, uttaresu janapadesu sāvatthi nāma nagaram.

"There is, friend, a city in the northern country named Sāvatthī.

tattha so bhagavā etarahi viharati araham sammāsambuddho"ti.

The Blessed One, accomplished and fully enlightened, is now living there."

"ditthapubbo pana te, bhikkhu, so bhagavā;

"But, bhikkhu, have you ever seen that Blessed One before?

disvā ca pana jāneyyāsī''ti?

Would you recognise him if you saw him?"

"na kho me, āvuso, ditthapubbo so bhagavā;

"No, friend, I have never seen that Blessed One before,

disvā cāham na jāneyyan"ti.

nor would I recognise him if I saw him."

atha kho bhagavato etadahosi:

6. Then the Blessed One thought:

"mamañca khvāyam kulaputto uddissa pabbajito.

"This clansman has gone forth from the home life into homelessness under me.

yamnunassaham dhammam deseyyan"ti.

Suppose I were to teach him the Dhamma.'

atha kho bhagavā āyasmantam pukkusātim āmantesi:

So the Blessed One addressed the venerable Pukkusāti thus:

"dhammam te, bhikkhu, desessāmi.

"Bhikkhu, I will teach you the Dhamma.

tam sunāhi, sādhukam manasi karohi; bhāsissāmī"ti.

Listen and attend closely to what I shall say."

"evamāvuso"ti kho āyasmā pukkusāti bhagavato paccassosi.

"Yes, friend," the venerable Pukkusāti replied.

bhagavā etadavoca -

The Blessed One said this:

343. "'chadhāturo ayaṃ, bhikkhu, puriso chaphassāyatano aṭṭhārasamanopavicāro caturādhitthāno:

7. "Bhikkhu, this person consists of six elements, six bases of contact, and eighteen kinds of mental exploration, and he has four foundations.

yattha thitam maññassavā nappavattanti,

The tides of conceiving do not sweep over one who stands upon these [foundations],

maññassave kho pana nappavattamane muni santoti vuccati.

and when the tides of conceiving no longer sweep over him he is called a sage at peace.

paññam nappamajjeyya, saccamanurakkheyya, cāgamanubrūheyya, santimeva so sikkheyyā'ti.

One should not neglect wisdom, should preserve truth, should cultivate relinquishment, and should train for peace.

ayamuddeso dhātuvibhangassa.

This is the summary of the exposition of the six elements.

344. "chadhāturo ayam, bhikkhu, puriso'ti - iti kho panetam vuttam.

8. "'Bhikkhu, this person consists of six elements.' So it was said.

kiñcetam paticca vuttam?

And with reference to what was this said?

(chayimā, bhikkhu, dhātuyo) - pathavīdhātu, āpodhātu, tejodhātu, vāyodhātu, ākāsadhātu, viññānadhātu.

There are the earth element, the water element, the fire element, the air element, the space element, and the consciousness element.

'chadhāturo ayam, bhikkhu, puriso'ti - iti yam tam vuttam, idametam paticca vuttam. So it was with reference to this that it was said: 'Bhikkhu, this person consists of six elements.'

345. "chaphassāyatano ayam, bhikkhu, puriso'ti - iti kho panetam vuttam.

9. "'Bhikkhu, this person consists of six bases of contact.' So it was said.

kiñcetam paticca vuttam?

And with reference to what was this said?

cakkhusamphassāyatanam, sotasamphassāyatanam, ghānasamphassāyatanam, jivhāsamphassāyatanam. kāyasamphassāyatanam, manosamphassāyatanam.

There are the base of eye-contact, the base of ear-contact, the base of nose-contact, the base of tongue-contact, the base of body-contact, and the base of mind-contact.

'chaphassāyatano ayam, bhikkhu, puriso'ti - iti yam tam vuttam, idametam paticca vuttam. So it was with reference to this that it was said: 'Bhikkhu, this person consists of six bases of contact.'

346. "atthārasamanopavicāro ayam, bhikkhu, puriso'ti - iti kho panetam vuttam.

10. "Bhikkhu, this person consists of eighteen kinds of mental exploration." So it was said.

kiñcetam paticca vuttam?

And with reference to what was this said?

cakkhunā rūpam disvā somanassaṭṭhānīyam rūpam upavicarati, domanassaṭṭhānīyam rūpam upavicarati, upekkhāṭṭhānīyam rūpam upavicarati;

On seeing a form with the eye, one explores a form productive of joy, one explores a form productive of grief, one explores a form productive of equanimity.

sotena saddam sutvā somanassaṭṭhānīyam saddam upavicarati, domanassaṭṭhānīyam saddam upavicarati, upekkhāṭṭhānīyam saddam upavicarati;

On hearing a sound with the ear, one explores a sound productive of joy, one explores a sound productive of grief, one explores a sound productive of equanimity.

ghānena gandham ghāyitvā somanassaṭṭhānīyam gandham upavicarati, domanassaṭṭhānīyam gandham upavicarati, upekkhātthānīyam gandham upavicarati;

On smelling an odour with the nose, one explores a odour productive of joy, one explores a odour productive of grief, one explores a odour productive of equanimity.

jivhāya rasam sāyitvā somanassaṭṭhānīyam rasam upavicarati, domanassaṭṭhānīyam rasam upavicarati, upekkhāṭṭhānīyam rasam upavicarati;

On tasting a flavour with the tongue, one explores a flavour productive of joy, one explores a flavour productive of grief, one explores a flavour productive of equanimity.

kāyena photthabbam phusitvā somanassatthānīyam photthabbam upavicarati,

domanassatthānīyam photthabbam upavicarati, upekkhātthānīyam photthabbam upavicarati; On touching a tangible with the body, one explores a tangible productive of joy, one explores a tangible productive of grief, one explores a tangible productive of equanimity.

manasā dhammam viññāya somanassaṭṭhānīyam dhammam upavicarati, domanassaṭṭhānīyam dhammam upavicarati, upekkhāṭṭhānīyam dhammam upavicarati - iti cha somanassupavicārā, cha domanassupavicārā, cha upekkhupavicārā.

On cognizing a mind-object with the mind, one explores a mind-object productive of joy, one explores a mind-object productive of grief, one explores a mind-object productive of equanimity.

ʻaṭṭhārasamanopavicāro ayaṃ, bhikkhu, purisoʻti - iti yaṃ taṃ vuttaṃ, idametaṃ paṭicca vuttam.

So it was with reference to this that it was said: 'Bhikkhu, this person consists of eighteen kinds of mental exploration.'

347. "caturādhitthāno ayam, bhikkhu, puriso'ti - iti kho panetam vuttam.

11. "'Bhikkhu, this person has four foundations.' So it was said.

kiñcetam paticca vuttam?

And with reference to what was this said?

paññadhitthano, saccadhitthano, cagadhitthano, upasamadhitthano.

There are the foundation of wisdom, the foundation of truth, the foundation of relinquishment, and the foundation of peace.

'caturādhiṭṭhāno ayam, bhikkhu, puriso'ti - iti yam tam vuttam idametam paṭicca vuttam. So it was with reference to this that it was said: 'Bhikkhu, this person has four foundations.'

348. "'paññaṃ nappamajjeyya, saccamanurakkheyya, cāgamanubrūheyya, santimeva so sikkheyyā'ti - iti kho panetaṃ vuttaṃ.

12. "One should not neglect wisdom, should preserve truth, should cultivate relinquishment, and should train for peace.' So it was said.

kiñcetam paticca vuttam?

And with reference to what was this said?

kathañca, bhikkhu, paññam nappamajjati?

13. "How, bhikkhu, does one not neglect wisdom?

chayimā, bhikkhu, dhātuyo - pathavīdhātu, āpodhātu, tejodhātu, vāyodhātu, ākāsadhātu, viññānadhātu.

There are these six elements: the earth element, the water element, the fire element, the air element, the space element, and the consciousness element.

349. "katamā ca, bhikkhu, pathavīdhātu?

14. "What, bhikkhu, is the earth element?

pathavīdhātu siyā ajjhattikā siyā bāhirā.

The earth element may be either internal or external.

katamā ca, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā pathavīdhātu? What is the internal earth element?

yam ajjhattam paccattam kakkhalam kharigatam upādinnam,

Whatever internally, belonging to oneself, is solid, solidified, and clung-to,

seyyathidam - kesā lomā nakhā dantā taco maṃsaṃ nhāru aṭṭhi aṭṭhimiñjaṃ vakkaṃ hadayaṃ yakanaṃ kilomakaṃ pihakaṃ papphāsaṃ antaṃ antaguṇaṃ udariyaṃ karīsaṃ, that is, head-hairs, body-hairs, nails, teeth, skin, flesh, sinews, bones, bone-marrow, kidneys, heart, liver, diaphragm, spleen, lungs, intestines, mesentery, contents of the stomach, feces,

yam vā panaññampi kiñci ajjhattam paccattam kakkhaļam kharigatam upādinnam - or whatever else internally, belonging to oneself, is solid, solidified, and clung-to:

ayam vuccati, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā pathavīdhātu.

this is called the internal earth element.

yā ceva kho pana ajjhattikā pathavīdhātu yā ca bāhirā pathavīdhātu pathavīdhāturevesā.

Now both the internal earth element and the external earth element are simply earth element.

'taṃ netaṃ mama nesohamasmi na meso attā'ti - evametaṃ yathābhūtaṃ sammappaññāya datthabbam.

And that should be seen as it actually is with proper wisdom thus: 'This is not mine, this I am not, this is not my self.'

evametam yathābhūtam sammappaññāya disvā pathavīdhātuyā nibbindati, pathavīdhātuyā cittam virājeti.

When one sees it thus as it actually is with proper wisdom, one becomes disenchanted with the earth element and makes the mind dispassionate towards the earth element.

350. "katamā ca, bhikkhu, āpodhātu?

15. "What, bhikkhu, is the water element?

āpodhātu siyā ajjhattikā siyā bāhirā.

The water element may be either internal or external.

katamā ca, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā āpodhātu?

What is the internal water element?

yam ajjhattam paccattam āpo āpogatam upādinnam,

Whatever internally, belonging to oneself, is water, watery, and clung-to,

seyyathidam - pittam semham pubbo lohitam sedo medo assu vasā kheļo singhānikā lasikā muttam,

that is, bile, phlegm, pus, blood, sweat, fat, tears, grease, spittle, snot, oil-of-the-joints, urine,

yam vā panaññampi kiñci ajjhattam paccattam āpo āpogatam upādinnam - or whatever else internally, belonging to oneself, is water, watery, and clung-to:

ayam vuccati, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā āpodhātu.

this is called the internal water element.

yā ceva kho pana ajjhattikā āpodhātu yā ca bāhirā āpodhātu āpodhāturevesā.

Now both the internal water element and the external water element are simply water element.

'taṃ netaṃ mama, nesohamasmi, na meso attā'ti - evametaṃ yathābhūtaṃ sammappaññāya datthabbam.

And that should be seen as it actually is with proper wisdom thus: 'This is not mine, this I am not, this is not my self.'

evametam yathābhūtam sammappaññāya disvā āpodhātuyā nibbindati, āpodhātuyā cittam virājeti.

When one sees it thus as it actually is with proper wisdom, one becomes disenchanted with the water element and makes the mind dispassionate towards the water element.

351. "katamā ca, bhikkhu, tejodhātu?

16. "What, bhikkhu, is the fire element?

tejodhātu siyā ajjhattikā siyā bāhirā.

The fire element may be either internal or external.

katamā ca, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā tejodhātu?

What is the internal fire element?

yam ajjhattam paccattam tejo tejogatam upādinnam,

Whatever internally, belonging to oneself, is fire, fiery, and clung-to,

seyyathidam - yena ca santappati, yena ca jīrīyati, yena ca paridayhati, yena ca asitapītakhāyitasāyitam sammā pariņāmam gacchati, yam vā panaññampi kiñci ajjhattam paccattam tejo tejogatam upādinnam -

that is, that by which one is warmed, ages, and is consumed, and that by which what is eaten, drunk, consumed, and tasted gets completely digested, or whatever else internally, belonging to oneself, is fire, fiery, and clung-to:

ayam vuccati, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā tejodhātu.

this is called the internal fire element.

yā ceva kho pana ajjhattikā tejodhātu yā ca bāhirā tejodhātu tejodhāturevesā.

Now both the internal fire element and the external fire element are simply fire element.

'taṃ netaṃ mama, nesohamasmi, na meso attā'ti - evametaṃ yathābhūtaṃ sammappaññāya datthabbam.

And that should be seen as it actually is with proper wisdom thus: 'This is not mine, this I am not, this is not my self.'

evametam yathābhūtam sammappaññāya disvā tejodhātuyā nibbindati, tejodhātuyā cittam virājeti.

When one sees it thus as it actually is with proper wisdom, one becomes disenchanted with the fire element and makes the mind dispassionate towards the fire element.

352. "katamā ca, bhikkhu, vāyodhātu?

17. "What, bhikkhu, is the air element?

vāyodhātu siyā ajjhattikā siyā bāhirā.

The air element may be either internal or external.

katamā ca, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā vāyodhātu?

What is the internal air element?

yam ajjhattam paccattam vāyo vāyogatam upādinnam,

Whatever internally, belonging to oneself, is air, airy, and clung-to,

seyyathidam - uddhangamā vātā adhogamā vātā kucchisayā vātā kotthāsayā vātā angamangānusārino vātā assāso passāso iti, yam vā panaññampi kinci ajjhattam paccattam vāyo vāyogatam upādinnam -

that is, up-going winds, down-going winds, winds in the belly, winds in the bowels, winds that course through the limbs, in-breath and out-breath, or whatever else internally, belonging to oneself, is air, airy, and clung-to:

ayam vuccati, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā vāyodhātu.

this is called the internal air element.

yā ceva kho pana ajjhattikā vāyodhātu yā ca bāhirā vāyodhātu vāyodhāturevesā.

Now both the internal air element and the external air element are simply air element.

'tam netam mama, nesohamasmi, na meso attā'ti - evametam yathābhūtam sammappaññāya datthabbam.

. And that should be seen as it actually is with proper wisdom thus: 'This is not mine, this I am not, this is not my self'

evametam yathābhūtam sammappaññāya disvā vāyodhātuyā nibbindati, vāyodhātuyā cittam virājeti.

When one sees it thus as it actually is with proper wisdom, one becomes disenchanted with the air element and makes the mind dispassionate towards the air element.

353. "katamā ca, bhikkhu, ākāsadhātu? 18. "What, bhikkhu, is the space element?

ākāsadhātu siyā ajjhattikā siyā bāhirā.

The space element may be either internal or external.

katamā ca, bhikkhu, ajjhattikā ākāsadhātu?

What is the internal space element?

yam ajjhattam paccattam ākāsam ākāsagatam upādinnam,

Whatever internally, belonging to oneself, is space, spatial, and clung-to,

seyyathidam - kannacchiddam nāsacchiddam mukhadvāram yena ca asitapītakhāyitasāyitam ajjhoharati, yattha ca asitapītakhāyitasāyitam santitthati, yena ca asitapītakhāyitasāyitam adhobhāgam nikkhamati, yam vā panaññampi kiñci ajjhattam paccattam ākāsam ākāsagatam agham aghagatam vivaram vivaragatam asamphuttham mamsalohitehi upādinnam -

that is, the holes of the ears, the nostrils, the door of the mouth, and that [aperture] whereby what is eaten, drunk, consumed, and tasted gets swallowed, and where it collects, and whereby it is excreted from below, or whatever else internally, belonging to oneself, is space, spatial, and clung-to.

ayam vuccati bhikkhu ajjhattikā ākāsadhātu.

this is called the internal space element.

yā ceva kho pana ajjhattikā ākāsadhātu yā ca bāhirā ākāsadhātu ākāsadhāturevesā.

Now both the internal space element and the external space element are simply space element.

'taṃ netaṃ mama, nesohamasmi, na meso attā'ti - evametaṃ yathābhūtaṃ sammappaññāya datthabbam.

And that should be seen as it actually is with proper wisdom thus: 'This is not mine, this I am not, this is not my self'

evametam yathābhūtam sammappaññāya disvā ākāsadhātuyā nibbindati, ākāsadhātuyā cittam virājeti.

When one sees it thus as it actually is with proper wisdom, one becomes disenchanted with the space element and makes the mind dispassionate towards the space element.

354. "athāparam viññānamyeva avasissati parisuddham pariyodātam.

19. "Then there remains only consciousness, purified and bright.

tena ca viññānena kim vijānāti?

What does one cognize with that consciousness?

'sukhan'tipi vijānāti,

One cognizes: '[This is] pleasant';

'dukkhan'tipi vijānāti,

one cognizes: '[This is] painful';

'adukkhamasukhan'tipi vijānāti.

one cognizes: '[This is] neither-painful-nor-pleasant.'

sukhavedaniyam, bhikkhu, phassam paţicca uppajjati sukhā vedanā.

In dependence on a contact to be felt as pleasant there arises a pleasant feeling.

so sukham vedanam vedayamāno 'sukham vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti.

When one feels a pleasant feeling, one understands: 'I feel a pleasant feeling.'

'tasseya sukhayedaniyassa phassassa nirodhā yam tajjam yedayitam sukhaye

'tasseva sukhavedaniyassa phassassa nirodhā yam tajjam vedayitam sukhavedaniyam phassam paticca uppannā sukhā vedanā sā nirujjhati, sā vūpasammatī'ti pajānāti.

One understands: With the cessation of that same contact to be felt as pleasant, its corresponding feeling—the pleasant feeling that arose in dependence on that contact to be felt as pleasant—ceases and subsides.'

355. "dukkhavedaniyam, bhikkhu, phassam paticca uppajjati dukkhā vedanā. In dependence on a contact to be felt as painful there arises a painful feeling.

so dukkham vedanam vedayamāno 'dukkham vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti.
When one feels a painful feeling, one understands: 'I feel a painful feeling.'

'tasseva dukkhavedaniyassa phassassa nirodhā yam tajjam vedayitam dukkhavedaniyam phassam paticca uppannā dukkhā vedanā sā nirujjhati, sā vūpasammatī'ti pajānāti.

One understands: With the cessation of that same contact to be felt as painful, its corresponding feeling—the painful feeling that arose in dependence on that contact to be felt as painful—ceases and subsides.'

356. "adukkhamasukhavedaniyam, bhikkhu, phassam paṭicca uppajjati adukkhamasukhā vedanā.

In dependence on a contact to be felt as neither-painful-nor-pleasant there arises a neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling.

so adukkhamasukham vedanam vedayamāno 'adukkhamasukham vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti.

When one feels a neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling, one understands: 'I feel a neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling'

'tasseva adukkhamasukhavedaniyassa phassassa nirodhā yam tajjam vedayitam adukkhamasukhavedaniyam phassam paticca uppannā adukkhamasukhā vedanā sā nirujjhati, sā vūpasammatī'ti pajānāti.

One understands: 'With the cessation of that same contact to be felt as neither-painful-nor-pleasant, its corresponding feeling—the neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling that arose in dependence on that contact to be felt as neither-painful-nor-pleasant—ceases and subsides.'

357. "seyyathāpi, bhikkhu, dvinnam kaṭṭhānam saṅghaṭṭā samodhānā usmā jāyati, tejo abhinibbattati, tesaṃyeva dvinnam kaṭṭhānam nānābhāvā vikkhepā yā tajjā usmā sā nirujjhati, sā vūpasammati:

Bhikkhu, just as from the contact and friction of two fire-sticks heat is generated and fire is produced, and with the separation and disjunction of those two fire-sticks the corresponding heat ceases and subsides;

evameva kho, bhikkhu, sukhavedaniyam phassam paticca uppajjati sukhā vedanā.

so too, in dependence on a contact to be felt as pleasant there arises a pleasant feeling.

so sukham vedanam vedayamā
no 'sukham vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti.

When one feels a pleasant feeling, one understands: 'I feel a pleasant feeling.'

'tasseva sukhavedaniyassa phassassa nirodhā yam tajjam vedayitam sukhavedaniyam phassam paticca uppannā sukhā vedanā sā nirujjhati, sā vūpasammatī'ti pajānāti.

One understands: 'With the cessation of that same contact to be felt as pleasant, its corresponding feeling—the pleasant feeling that arose in dependence on that contact to be felt as pleasant—ceases and subsides.'

358. "dukkhavedaniyam, bhikkhu, phassam paţicca uppajjati dukkhā vedanā.

In dependence on a contact to be felt as painful there arises a painful feeling.

so dukkham vedanam vedayamāno 'dukkham vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti. When one feels a painful feeling, one understands: 'I feel a painful feeling.

'tasseva dukkhavedaniyassa phassassa nirodhā yam tajjam vedayitam dukkhavedaniyam phassam paticca uppannā dukkhā vedanā sā nirujjhati, sā vūpasammatī'ti pajānāti.

One understands: 'With the cessation of that same contact to be felt as painful, its corresponding feeling—the painful feeling that arose in dependence on that contact to be felt as painful—ceases and subsides.

359. "adukkhamasukhavedaniyam, bhikkhu, phassam paticca uppajjati adukkhamasukhā vedanā.

In dependence on a contact to be felt as neither-painful-nor-pleasant there arises a neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling.

so adukkhamasukham vedanam vedavamāno 'adukkhamasukham vedanam vedavāmī'ti pajānāti.

When one feels a neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling, one understands: 'I feel a neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling.

'tasseva adukkhamasukhavedaniyassa phassassa nirodhā yam tajjam vedayitam adukkhamasukhayedaniyam phassam paticca uppannā adukkhamasukhā vedanā sā nirujjhati, sā vūpasammatī'ti pajānāti.

One understands: 'With the cessation of that same contact to be felt as neither-painful-nor-pleasant, its corresponding feeling—the neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling that arose in dependence on that contact to be felt as neither-painful-nor-pleasant-ceases and subsides."

360. "athāparam upekkhāyeva avasissati parisuddhā pariyodātā mudu ca kammaññā ca pabhassarā ca.

20. "Then there remains only equanimity, purified and bright, malleable, wieldy, and radiant.

seyyathāpi, bhikkhu, dakkho suvannakāro vā suvannakārantevāsī vā ukkam bandheyya, ukkam bandhitvā ukkāmukham ālimpeyya, ukkāmukham ālimpetvā sandāsena jātarūpam gahetvā ukkāmukhe pakkhipeyya,

Suppose, bhikkhu, a skilled goldsmith or his apprentice were to prepare a furnace, heat up the crucible, take some gold with tongs, and put it into the crucible.

tamenam kālena kālam abhidhameyya, kālena kālam udakena paripphoseyya, kālena kālam ajjhupekkheyya,

From time to time he would blow on it, from time to time he would sprinkle water over it, and from time to time he would just look on.

tam hoti jātarūpam sudhantam niddhantam nīhatam ninnītakasāvam mudu ca kammaññañca pabhassarañca.

That gold would become refined, well refined, completely refined, faultless, rid of dross, malleable, wieldy, and radiant

yassā yassā ca pilandhanavikatiyā ākankhati -

Then whatever kind of ornament he wished to make from it,

yadi pattikāya yadi kundalāya yadi gīveyyakāya yadi suvannamālāya tañcassa attham anubhoti:

whether a golden chain or earrings or a necklace or a golden garland, it would serve his purpose.

evameva kho, bhikkhu, athāparam upekkhāyeva avasissati parisuddhā parivodātā mudu ca kammaññā ca pabhassarā ca.

So too, bhikkhu, then there remains only equanimity, purified and bright, malleable, wieldy, and radiant.

361. "so evam pajānāti -

21. "He understands thus:

'imañce aham upekkham evam parisuddham evam pariyodātam ākāsānañcāyatanam upasamharevvam.

'If I were to direct this equanimity, so purified and bright, to the base of infinite space

tadanudhammañca cittam bhāvevvam.

and to develop my mind accordingly,

evam me ayam upekkhā tamnissitā tadupādānā ciram dīghamaddhānam tittheyya. then this equanimity of mine, supported by that base, clinging to it, would remain for a very long time.

imañce aham upekkham evam parisuddham evam pariyodātam viññānañcāyatanam

upasamhareyyam,

If I were to direct this equanimity, so purified and bright, to the base of infinite consciousness

tadanudhammañca cittam bhāveyyam.

and to develop my mind accordingly,

evam me ayam upekkhā tamnissitā tadupādānā ciram dīghamaddhānam tittheyya. then this equanimity of mine, supported by that base, clinging to it, would remain for a very long time.

imañce aham upekkham evam parisuddham evam pariyodātam ākiñcaññāyatanam upasamhareyyam,

If I were to direct this equanimity, so purified and bright, to the base of nothingness

tadanudhammañca cittam bhāveyyam.

and to develop my mind accordingly,

evam me ayam upekkhā tamnissitā tadupādānā ciram dīghamaddhānam tittheyya.

then this equanimity of mine, supported by that base, clinging to it, would remain for a very long time.

imañce aham upekkham evam parisuddham evam pariyodātam nevasaññānāsaññāyatanam upasamhareyyam,

If I were to direct this equanimity, so purified and bright, to the base of neither-perception-nor-non-perception tadanudhammañca cittam bhāveyyam.

and to develop my mind accordingly,

evam me ayam upekkhā tamnissitā tadupādānā ciram dīghamaddhānam tittheyyā'''ti.

then this equanimity of mine, supported by that base, clinging to it, would remain for a very long time.'

362. "so evam pajānāti -

22. "He understands thus:

'imañce aham upekkham evam parisuddham evam pariyodātam ākāsānañcāyatanam upasamhareyyam,

'If I were to direct this equanimity, so purified and bright, to the base of infinite space

tadanudhammañca cittam bhāveyyam; sankhatametam.

and to develop my mind accordingly, this would be conditioned.

imañce aham upekkham evam parisuddham evam pariyodātam viññāṇañcāyatanam upasamhareyyam,

If I were to direct this equanimity, so purified and bright, to the base of infinite consciousness

tadanudhammañca cittam bhāveyyam; sankhatametam.

and to develop my mind accordingly, this would be conditioned.

imañce aham upekkham evam parisuddham evam pariyodātam ākiñcaññāyatanam upasamhareyyam,

If I were to direct this equanimity, so purified and bright, to the base of nothingness

tadanudhammañca cittam bhāveyyam; sankhatametam.

and to develop my mind accordingly, this would be conditioned.

imañce aham upekkham evam parisuddham evam pariyodātam nevasaññānāsaññāyatanam upasamhareyyam,

If I were to direct this equanimity, so purified and bright, to the base of neither-perception-nor-non-perception tadanudhammañca cittam bhāveyyam; sankhatametan'''ti.

and to develop my mind accordingly, this would be conditioned."

"so neva tam abhisankharoti, na abhisancetayati bhavaya va vibhavaya va.

He does not form any condition or generate any volition tending towards either being or non-being.

so anabhisankharonto anabhisancetayanto bhavāya vā vibhavāya vā na kinci loke upādiyati, Since he does not form any condition or generate any volition tending towards either being or non-being, he does not cling to anything in this world.

anupādiyam na paritassati,

When he does not cling, he is not agitated.

aparitassam paccattamyeva parinibbāyati.

When he is not agitated, he personally attains Nibbāna.

'khīṇā jāti, vusitam brahmacariyam, katam karaṇīyam, nāparam itthattāyā'ti pajānāti. He understands thus: 'Birth is destroyed, the holy life has been lived, what had to be done has been done, there is no more coming to any state of being.'

363. "so sukhañce vedanam vedeti,

23. "If he feels a pleasant feeling,

'sā aniccā'ti pajānāti,

he understands: 'It is impermanent;

'anajjhositā'ti pajānāti,

there is no holding to it;

'anabhinanditā'ti pajānāti.

there is no delight in it.'

dukkhañce vedanam vedeti,

If he feels a painful feeling,

'sā aniccā'ti pajānāti,

he understands: 'It is impermanent;

'anajjhositā'ti pajānāti, there is no holding to it;

'anabhinanditā'ti pajānāti.

there is no delight in it.'

adukkhamasukhañce vedanam vedeti,

If he feels a neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling,

'sā aniccā'ti pajānāti,

he understands: 'It is impermanent;

'anajjhositā'ti pajānāti,

there is no holding to it;

'anabhinanditā'ti pajānāti.

there is no delight in it.'

364. "so sukhañce vedanam vedeti,

24. "If he feels a pleasant feeling,

visamyutto nam vedeti;

he feels it detached;

dukkhañce vedanam vedeti,

if he feels a painful feeling,

visamyutto nam vedeti;

he feels it detached;

adukkhamasukhañce vedanam vedeti,

if he feels a neither-painful-nor-pleasant feeling,

visamyutto nam vedeti.

he feels it detached.

so kāyapariyantikam vedanam vedayamāno When he feels a feeling terminating with the body,

'kāyapariyantikam vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti, he understands: 'I feel a feeling terminating with the body.'

jīvitapariyantikam vedanam vedayamāno When he feels a feeling terminating with life,

'jīvitapariyantikam vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti,

he understands: 'I feel a feeling terminating with life.'

'kāyassa bhedā param maraṇā uddham jīvitapariyādānā idheva sabbavedayitāni anabhinanditāni sītībhavissantī'ti pajānāti.

He understands: 'On the dissolution of the body, with the ending of life, all that is felt, not being delighted in, will become cool right here.'

365. "seyyathāpi, bhikkhu, telañca paticca vattiñca paticca telappadīpo jhāyati; Bhikkhu, just as an oil-lamp burns in dependence on oil and a wick,

tasseva telassa ca vaṭṭiyā ca pariyādānā aññassa ca anupahārā anāhāro nibbāyati; and when the oil and wick are used up, if it does not get any more fuel, it is extinguished from lack of fuel;

evameva kho, bhikkhu, kāyapariyantikam vedanam vedayamāno

so too when he feels a feeling terminating with the body, 'kāyapariyantikam vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti.

'kayapariyantikam vedanam vedayami'ti pajanati he understands: 'I feel a feeling terminating with the body.'

jīvitapariyantikam vedanam vedayamāno

a feeling terminating with life, he understands: 'jīvitapariyantikam vedanam vedayāmī'ti pajānāti,

'I feel a feeling terminating with life.'

'kāyassa bhedā param maranā uddham jīvitapariyādānā idheva sabbavedayitāni anabhinanditāni sītībhavissantī'ti pajānāti.

He understands: 'On the dissolution of the body, with the ending of life, all that is felt, not being delighted in, will become cool right here.'

tasmā evam samannāgato bhikkhu iminā paramena paññādhiṭṭhānena samannāgato hoti.

25. "Therefore a bhikkhu possessing [this wisdom] possesses the supreme foundation of wisdom. esä hi, bhikkhu, paramä ariyä paññā yadidam - sabbadukkhakkhaye ñānam.

For this, bhikkhu, is the supreme noble wisdom, namely, the knowledge of the destruction of all suffering.

- 366. "tassa sā vimutti sacce thitā akuppā hoti.
 - 26. "His deliverance, being founded upon truth, is unshakeable.
- tañhi, bhikkhu, musā yaṃ mosadhammaṃ, taṃ saccaṃ yaṃ amosadhammaṃ nibbānaṃ. For that is false, bhikkhu, which has a deceptive nature, and that is true which has an undeceptive nature—Nibbāna.
- tasmā evam samannāgato bhikkhu iminā paramena saccādhitthānena samannāgato hoti. Therefore a bhikkhu possessing [this truth] possesses the supreme foundation of truth.
- etañhi, bhikkhu, paramam ariyasaccam yadidam amosadhammam nibbānam. For this, bhikkhu, is the supreme noble truth, namely, Nibbāna, which has an undeceptive nature.
- 367. "tasseva kho pana pubbe aviddasuno upadhī honti samattā samādinnā.
 - 27. "Formerly, when he was ignorant, he undertook and accepted acquisitions;
- tyāssa pahīnā honti ucchinnamūlā tālāvatthukatā anabhāvaṃkatā āyatiṃ anuppādadhammā. now he has abandoned them, cut them off at the root, made them like a palm stump, done away with them so that they are no longer subject to future arising.
- tasmā evam samannāgato bhikkhu iminā paramena cāgādhitthānena samannāgato hoti. Therefore a bhikkhu possessing [this relinquishment] possesses the supreme foundation of relinquishment.
- eso hi, bhikkhu, paramo ariyo cāgo yadidam sabbūpadhipatinissaggo.

 For this, bhikkhu, is the supreme noble relinquishment, namely, the relinquishing of all acquisitions.
- 368. "tasseva kho pana pubbe aviddasuno abhijjhā hoti chando sārāgo. 28. "Formerly, when he was ignorant, he experienced covetousness, desire, and lust;
- svässa pahīno hoti ucchinnamūlo tālāvatthukato anabhāvamkato āyatim anuppādadhammo.

 now he has abandoned them, cut them off at the root, made them like a palm stump, done away with them so
 that they are no longer subject to future arising.
- tasseva kho pana pubbe aviddasuno āghāto hoti byāpādo sampadoso. Formerly, when he was ignorant, he experienced anger, ill will, and hate;
- svāssa pahīno hoti ucchinnamūlo tālāvatthukato anabhāvaṃkato āyatiṃ anuppādadhammo. now he has abandoned them, cut them off at the root, made them like a palm stump, done away with them so that they are no longer subject to future arising.
- tasseva kho pana pubbe aviddasuno avijjā hoti sammoho.

 Formerly, when he was ignorant, he experienced ignorance and delusion;
- svässa pahīno hoti ucchinnamūlo tālāvatthukato anabhāvaṃkato āyatiṃ anuppādadhammo. now he has abandoned them, cut them off at the root, made them like a palm stump, done away with them so that they are no longer subject to future arising.
- tasmā evam samannāgato bhikkhu iminā paramena upasamādhitthānena samannāgato hoti.

 Therefore a bhikkhu possessing [this peace] possesses the supreme foundation of peace.
- eso hi, bhikkhu, paramo ariyo upasamo yadidam rāgadosamohānam upasamo.

 For this, bhikkhu, is the supreme noble peace, namely, the pacification of lust, hate, and delusion.
- 'paññam nappamajjeyya, saccamanurakkheyya, cāgamanubrūheyya, santimeva so sikkheyyā'ti iti yam tam vuttam, idametam paticca vuttam.
 - 29. "So it was with reference to this that it was said: 'One should not neglect wisdom, should preserve truth, should cultivate relinquishment, and should train for peace.'
- 369. "'yattha thitam maññassavā nappavattanti, maññassave kho pana nappavattamāne muni santoti vuccatī'ti -
 - 30. "The tides of conceiving do not sweep over one who stands upon these [foundations], and when the tides of conceiving no longer sweep over him he is called a sage at peace."
- iti kho panetam vuttam.

So it was said.

kiñcetam paticca vuttam?

And with reference to what was this said?

- 'asmī'ti, bhikkhu, maññitametam,
 - 31. "Bhikkhu, 'I am' is a conceiving;
- 'ayamahamasmī'ti maññitametam, 'I am this' is a conceiving;
- 'bhavissan'ti maññitametam, 'I shall be' is a conceiving;
- 'na bhavissan'ti maññitametam, 'I shall not be' is a conceiving;
- 'rūpī bhavissan'ti maññitametam,
 'I shall be possessed of form' is a conceiving;
- 'arūpī bhavissan'ti maññitametam, 'I shall be formless' is a conceiving;

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'saññī bhavissan'ti maññitametam,

'I shall be percipient' is a conceiving;

'asaññī bhavissan'ti maññitametam,

'I shall be non-percipient' is a conceiving;

'nevasaññīnāsaññī bhavissan'ti maññitametam.

'I shall be neither-percipient-nor-non-percipient' is a conceiving.

maññitam, bhikkhu, rogo

Conceiving is a disease,

maññitam gando

conceiving is a tumour,

maññitam sallam.

conceiving is a dart.

sabbamaññitānam tveva, bhikkhu, samatikkamā muni santoti vuccati.

By overcoming all conceivings, bhikkhu, one is called a sage at peace.

muni kho pana, bhikkhu, santo na jāyati,

And the sage at peace is not born,

na jīyati,

does not age,

na mīyati,

does not die;

na kuppati,

he is not shaken

na piheti.

and does not yearn.

tañhissa, bhikkhu, natthi yena jāyetha,

For there is nothing present in him by which he might be born.

ajāyamāno kim jīvissati,

Not being born, how could he age?

ajīyamāno kim mīyissati,

Not ageing, how could he die?

amīyamāno kim kuppissati,

Not dying, how could he be shaken?

akuppamāno kissa pihessati?

Not being shaken, why should he yearn?

'yattha thitam maññassavā nappavattanti, maññassave kho pana nappavattamāne muni santoti vuccatī'ti - iti yam tam vuttam, idametam paticca vuttam.

32. "So it was with reference to this that it was said: The tides of conceiving do not sweep over one who stands upon these [foundations], and when the tides of conceiving no longer sweep over him he is called a sage at peace.'

imam kho me tvam, bhikkhu, samkhittena chadhātuvibhangam dhārehī"ti.

Bhikkhu, bear in mind this brief exposition of the six elements."

370. atha kho āyasmā pukkusāti:

33. Thereupon the venerable Pukkusāti thought:

"satthā kira me anuppatto,

"Indeed, the Teacher has come to me!

sugato kira me anuppatto

The Sublime One has come to me!

sammāsambuddho kira me anuppatto"ti

The Fully Enlightened One has come to me!"

uṭṭhāyāsanā ekaṃsaṃ cīvaraṃ katvā bhagavato pādesu sirasā nipatitvā bhagavantaṃ etadavoca:

Then he rose from his seat, arranged his upper robe over one shoulder, and prostrating himself with his head at the Blessed One's feet, he said:

"accayo mam, bhante, accagamā yathābālam yathāmūļham yathāakusalam, yoham bhagavantam āvusovādena samudācaritabbam amaññissam.

"Venerable sir, a transgression overcame me, in that like a fool, confused and blundering, I presumed to address the Blessed One as 'friend.'

tassa me, bhante, bhagavā accayam accayato paţigganhātu āyatim samvarāyā"ti.

Venerable sir, may the Blessed One forgive my transgression seen as such for the sake of restraint in the future."

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"taggha tvam, bhikkhu, accayo accagamā yathābālam yathāmūļham yathāakusalam, yam mam tvam āvusovādena samudācaritabbam amaññittha.

"Surely, bhikkhu, a transgression overcame you, in that like a fool, confused and blundering, you presumed to address me as 'friend.'

yato ca kho tvam, bhikkhu, accayam accayato disvā yathādhammam paṭikarosi, tam te mayam patigganhāma.

But since you see your transgression as such and make amends in accordance with the Dhamma, we forgive you.

vuddhihesā, bhikkhu, ariyassa vinaye yo accayam accayato disvā yathādhammam paṭikaroti, āyatim samvaram āpajjatī"ti.

For it is growth in the Noble One's Discipline when one sees one's transgression as such, makes amends in accordance with the Dhamma, and undertakes restraint in the future."

"labheyyāham, bhante, bhagavato santike upasampadan"ti.

34. "Venerable sir, I would receive the full admission under the Blessed One."

"paripuṇṇaṃ pana te, bhikkhu, pattacīvaran"ti?

"But are your bowl and robes complete, bhikkhu?"

"na kho me, bhante, paripunnam pattacīvaran"ti.

"Venerable sir, my bowl and robes are not complete."

"na kho, bhikkhu, tathāgatā aparipunnapattacīvaram upasampādentī"ti.

"Bhikkhu, Tathāgatas do not give the full admission to anyone whose bowl and robes are not complete."

atha kho āyasmā pukkusāti bhagavato bhāsitam abhinanditvā anumoditvā uṭṭhāyāsanā bhagavantam abhivādetvā padakkhinam katvā pattacīvarapariyesanam pakkāmi.

35. Then the venerable Pukkusāti, having delighted and rejoiced in the Blessed One's words, rose from his seat, and after paying homage to the Blessed One, keeping him on his right, he departed in order to search for a bowl and robes.

atha kho āyasmantam pukkusātim pattacīvarapariyesanam carantam vibbhantā gāvī jīvitā voropesi.

Then, while the venerable Pukkusāti was searching for a bowl and robes, a stray cow killed him.

atha kho sambahulā bhikkhū yena bhagavā tenupasaṅkamiṃsu; upasaṅkamitvā bhagavantaṃ abhivādetvā ekamantaṃ nisīdiṃsu. ekamantaṃ nisinnā kho te bhikkhū bhagavantaṃ etadavocum:

36. Then a number of bhikkhus went to the Blessed One, and after paying homage to him, they sat down at one side and told him:

"yo so, bhante, pukkusāti nāma kulaputto bhagavatā saṃkhittena ovādena ovadito so kālankato.

"Venerable sir, the clansman Pukkusāti, who was given brief instruction by the Blessed One, has died."

tassa kā gati,

What is his destination?

ko abhisamparāyo"ti?

What is his future course?"

"paṇḍito, bhikkhave, pukkusāti kulaputto paccapādi dhammassānudhammaṃ, na ca maṃ dhammādhikaraṇaṃ vihesesi.

"Bhikkhus, the clansman Pukkusāti was wise. He practised in accordance with the Dhamma and did not trouble me in the interpretation of the Dhamma.

pukkusāti, bhikkhave, kulaputto pañcannam orambhāgiyānam samyojanānam parikkhayā opapātiko tattha parinibbāyī anāvattidhammo tasmā lokā"ti.

With the destruction of the five lower fetters, the clansman Pukkusāti has reappeared spontaneously [in the Pure Abodes] and will attain final Nibbāna there without ever returning from that world."

idamavoca bhagavā.

That is what the Blessed One said.

attamanā te bhikkhū bhagavato bhāsitam abhinandunti.

The bhikkhus were satisfied and delighted in the Blessed One's words.

dhātuvibhangasuttam nitthitam dasamam