

samyutta nikāya 32

Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga

1. Gods of the Clouds

1. suddhikasutta

1. Plain Version

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

At Sāvatthī.

“valāhakakāyike vo, bhikkhave, deve desessāmi.

“Mendicants, I will teach you about the gods of the clouds.

taṃ suṇātha.

Listen ...

katame ca, bhikkhave, valāhakakāyikā devā?

And what are the gods of the clouds?

santi, bhikkhave, sītavalāhakā devā;

There are gods of the cool clouds,

santi uṇhavalāhakā devā;

warm clouds,

santi abbhavalāhakā devā;

thunder clouds,

santi vātavalāhakā devā;

windy clouds,

santi vassavalāhakā devā—

and rainy clouds.

ime vuccanti, bhikkhave, ‘valāhakakāyikā devā’”ti.

These are called the gods of the clouds.”

paṭhamam.

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Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga

1. Gods of the Clouds

2. sucaritasutta

2. Good Conduct

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

At Sāvatthī.

ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṃ etadavoca:

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

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedā paraṃ maraṇā valāhakakāyikānaṃ devānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati”ti?

“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 the clouds?”

“idha, bhikkhu, ekacco kāyena sucariṭaṃ carati, vācāya sucariṭaṃ carati, manasā sucariṭaṃ carati.

“Mendicant, it's when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind.

tassa sutam hoti:

And they've heard:

‘valāhakakāyikā devā dīghāyukā vaṇṇavanto sukhabahulā’ti.

‘The gods of the clouds are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’

tassa evaṃ hoti:

They think:

‘aho vatāhaṃ kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā valāhakakāyikānaṃ devānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjeyyaṃ’ti.

‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods of the clouds!’

so kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā valāhakakāyikānaṃ devānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati.

When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the gods of the clouds.

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā valāhakakāyikānaṃ devānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati’ti.

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.”

dutiyaṃ.

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Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga

1. Gods of the Clouds

3–12. sītavalāhakadānūpakārasuttadasaka

3–12. Ten Discourses On How Giving Helps to Become a Cool Cloud God

sāvattthinidānaṃ.

At Sāvattthī.

ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṃ etadavoca:

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

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā sītavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati’ti?

“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?”

“idha, bhikkhu, ekacco kāyena sucariṭaṃ carati, vācāya sucariṭaṃ carati, manasā sucariṭaṃ carati.

“Mendicant, it’s when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind.

tassa sutāṃ hoti:

And they’ve heard:

‘sītavalāhakā devā dīghāyukā vaṇṇavanto sukhabahulā’ti.

‘The gods of cool clouds are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’

tassa evaṃ hoti:

They think:

‘aho vatāhaṃ kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā sītavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjeyyaṃ’ti.

‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the cool clouds!’

so annaṃ deti ... pe ...

They give food ...

padīpeyyaṃ deti.

a lamp.

so kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā sītavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ saṃsāraṃ upapajjati.
When their body breaks up, after death, they're reborn in the company of the gods of cool clouds.

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā sītavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ saṃsāraṃ upapajjati”ti.
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.”

dvādasamaṃ.

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Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga
1. Gods of the Clouds

13–52. uṇhavalāhakadānūpakārasutta
13–52. How Giving Helps to Become a Warm Cloud God, Etc.

sāvattihinidānaṃ.
At Sāvatti.

ekamantaṃ nisinna kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṃ etaḍavoca:
Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā uṇhavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ ... pe ...
“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 ...

abbhavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ ... pe ...
thunder clouds ...

vātavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ ... pe ...
windy clouds ...

vassavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ saṃsāraṃ upapajjati”ti?
rainy clouds?”

“idha, bhikkhu, ekacco kāyena sucaritaṃ carati, vācāya sucaritaṃ carati, manasā sucaritaṃ carati.
“Mendicant, it's when someone does good things by way of body, speech, and mind.

tassa suttaṃ hoti:
And they've heard:

‘vassavalāhakā devā dīghāyukā vannaṃvanto sukhābhulā’ti.
‘The gods of rainy clouds are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’

tassa evaṃ hoti:
They think:

‘aho vatāhaṃ kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā vassavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ saṃsāraṃ upapajjeyyā’mi.
‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the gods of rainy clouds!’

so annaṃ deti ... pe ...
They give food ...

padīpeyyaṃ deti.
a lamp.

so kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā vassavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ saṃsāraṃ upapajjati.
When their body breaks up, after death, they're reborn in the company of the gods of rainy clouds.

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedā paraṃ maraṇā vassavalāhakānaṃ devānaṃ sahaḃyataṃ upapajjati”ti.

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.”

dvepaññāsamaṃ.

saṃyutta nikāya 32

Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga

1. Gods of the Clouds

53. sītavalāhakasutta

53. Gods of the Cool Clouds

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

At Sāvatthī.

ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṃ etadavoca:

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

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yenekadā sītaṃ hoti”ti?

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it becomes cool?”

“santi, bhikkhu, sītavalāhakā nāma devā.

“Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the cool clouds.

tesaṃ yadā evaṃ hoti:

Sometimes they think:

‘yannūna mayaṃ sakāya ratiyā vaseyyāma’ti, tesaṃ taṃ cetopanīdhiṃanvāya sītaṃ hoti.

‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes cool.

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yenekadā sītaṃ hoti”ti.

This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it becomes cool.”

tepaññāsamaṃ.

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Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga

1. Gods of the Clouds

54. uṇhavalāhakasutta

54. Gods of the Warm Clouds

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

At Sāvatthī.

ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṃ etadavoca:

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

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yenekadā uṇhaṃ hoti”ti?

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it becomes warm?”

“santi, bhikkhu, uṇhavalāhakā nāma devā.

“Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the warm clouds.

tesaṃ yadā evaṃ hoti:

Sometimes they think:

‘yannūna mayam sakāya ratiyā vaseyyāmā’ti, tesam tam cetopanidhimanvāya uṇham hoti.

‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes warm.

ayam kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayam paccayo, yenekadā uṇham hoti’ti.

This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it becomes warm.”

catupaññāsamaṃ.

saṃyutta nikāya 32

Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga

1. Gods of the Clouds

55. abbhavalāhakasutta

55. Gods of the Storm Clouds

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

At Sāvatthī.

ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṃ etadavoca:

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

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yenekadā abbhamaṃ hoti’ti?”

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it becomes stormy?”

“santi, bhikkhu, abbhavalāhakā nāma devā.

“Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the storm clouds.

tesam yadā evaṃ hoti:

Sometimes they think:

‘yannūna mayam sakāya ratiyā vaseyyāmā’ti, tesam tam cetopanidhimanvāya abbhamaṃ hoti.

‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes stormy.

ayam kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayam paccayo, yenekadā abbhamaṃ hoti’ti.

This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it becomes stormy.”

pañcapaññāsamaṃ.

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Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga

1. Gods of the Clouds

56. vātavalāhakasutta

56. Gods of the Windy Clouds

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

At Sāvatthī.

ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṃ etadavoca:

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

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yenekadā vāto hoti’ti?”

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it becomes windy?”

“santi, bhikkhu, vātavalāhakā nāma devā.

“Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the windy clouds.

tesam yadā evaṃ hoti:

Sometimes they think:

‘yannūna mayam sakāya ratiyā vaseyyāmā’ti, tesam tam cetopanidhimanvāya vāto hoti.

‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes windy.

ayam kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayam paccayo, yenekadā vāto hoti”ti.

This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it becomes windy.”

chappaññāsamaṃ.

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Linked Discourses 32

1. valāhakavagga

1. Gods of the Clouds

57. vassavalāhakasutta

57. Gods of the Rainy Clouds

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

At Sāvatthi.

ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṃ etadavoca:

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

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yenekadā devo vassatī”ti?

“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why sometimes it rains?”

“santi, bhikkhu, vassavalāhakā nāma devā.

“Mendicant, there are what are called gods of the rainy clouds.

tesaṃ yadā evaṃ hoti:

Sometimes they think:

‘yannūna mayam sakāya ratiyā vaseyyāmā’ti, tesam tam cetopanidhimanvāya devo vassatī.

‘Why don’t we revel in our own kind of enjoyment?’ Then, in accordance with their wish, it becomes rainy.

ayam kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayam paccayo, yenekadā devo vassatī”ti.

This is the cause, this is the reason why sometimes it rains.”

sattapaññāsamaṃ.

sattapaññāsasuttantaṃ niṭṭhitaṃ.

valāhakavaggo paṭhamo.

suddhikaṃ sucaritaṇca,

dānūpakārapaññāsaṃ;

sītaṃ uṇhaṇca abbhaṇca,

vātavassavalāhakāti.

valāhakasamyuttaṃ samattaṃ.

The Linked Discourses on gods of the clouds are complete.