

Thus I heard: On one occasion the Blessed One was living at Savatthi in the Eastern Park, the Palace of Migara's Mother. Then when it was evening, the venerable Ananda rose from retreat, and he went to the Blessed One, and after paying homage to him, he sat down at one side.

When he had done so, he said to the Blessed One 'Venerable sir, once the Blessed One was living in the Sakyan country. There is a town of the Sakyans called Nagaraka; there I heard and learnt this from the Blessed One's own lips: "Now I abide much in the voiding, Ananda." Venerable sir, was this well heard by me, well apprehended, well attended to and well remembered?"

'Certainly, Ananda, that was well heard by you, well apprehended, well attended to and well remembered. As formerly, so now too, I abide much in the void abiding. 'Ananda, just as the Palace of Migara's Mother is void of elephants, cattle, horses and mares, void of gold and silver, void of the forgoing of women and men, and there is (present) only this non-voidness, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) the community of bhikkhus; so too, without giving attention to perception of village, without giving attention to perception of man, a bhikkhu gives attention to the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of forest. His mind enters into that perception of forest and acquires confidence, steadiness and decision. He understands thus: "Disturbances that would be present dependent on perception of village are not present here, disturbances that would be present on perception of man are not

176. evaṃ me sutam — ekaṃ samayaṃ bhagavā sāvatthiyaṃ viharati pubbārāme migāramātupāsāde. atha kho āyasmā ānando sāyanhasamayaṃ paṭisallānā vuṭṭhito yena bhagavā tenupasaṅkami; upasaṅkamitvā bhagavantaṃ abhivādetvā ekamantaṃ nisīdi.

ekamantaṃ nisinno kho āyasmā ānando bhagavantaṃ etadavoca — "ekamidaṃ, bhante, samayaṃ bhagavā sakkesu viharati nagarakaṃ nāma sakyānaṃ nigamo. tattha me, bhante, bhagavato sammukhā sutam, sammukhā paṭiggahitaṃ — 'suññatāvihārenāhaṃ, ānanda, etarahi bahulaṃ viharāmi'ti. kacci metaṃ, bhante, sussutaṃ suggahitaṃ sumanasikataṃ sūpadhāritaṃ"ti?

"taggha te etaṃ, ānanda, sussutaṃ suggahitaṃ sumanasikataṃ sūpadhāritaṃ. pubbepāhaṃ, ānanda, etarahipi suññatāvihārena bahulaṃ viharāmi. seyyathāpi, ānanda, ayaṃ migāramātupāsādo suñño hatthigavassavaḷavena, suñño jātārūparajātana, suñño itthipurisasaṇṇipātena atthi cevidaṃ asuññataṃ yadidaṃ — bhikkhusaṅghaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ; evameva kho, ānanda, bhikkhu amanasikaritvā gāmasaṅghaṃ, amanasikaritvā manussasaṅghaṃ, araṇṇasaṅghaṃ paṭicca manasi karoti ekattaṃ. tassa araṇṇasaṅghāya cittaṃ pakkhandati paṭi-
dati santiṭṭhati adhimuccati. so evaṃ pajānāti — 'ye assu darathā gāmasaṅghaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, ye assu darathā manussasaṅghaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, atthi cevāyaṃ darathamattā yadidaṃ — araṇṇasaṅghaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ'ti. so 'suññamidaṃ saññāgataṃ gāmasaṅghāya'ti pajānāti, 'suññamidaṃ saññāgataṃ manussasaṅghāya'ti pajānāti, 'atthi cevidaṃ asuññataṃ yadidaṃ — araṇṇasaṅghaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ'ti. iti yañhi kho tattha

na hoti tena taṃ suññaṃ samanupassati, yaṃ pana tattha avasiṭṭhaṃ hoti taṃ ‘santamidaṃ atthi’”ti pajānāti. evampissa esā, ānanda, yathābhuccā avipallatthā parisuddhā suññatāvakkanti bhavati.

present here, and only this measure of disturbance is present, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of forest.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of village.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of man.”, (and he understands): “There is (present) only this non-voidness, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of forest.” So he sees it as void of what is not there, but of what remains there he understands: “There is that still present there.” Now this has been for him an alighting upon voidness that accords with what actually is, without perversion of meaning and is pure.

177. “puna caparaṃ, ānanda, bhikkhu amanasikaritvā manussasaññaṃ, amanasikaritvā araññasaññaṃ, pathavisaññaṃ paṭicca manasi karoti ekattaṃ. tassa pathavisaññāya cittaṃ pakkhandati pasīdati santiṭṭhati adhimuccati. seyyathāpi, ānanda, āsabhaṇamāṃ saṅkusatena suvihataṃ vigatavaliṃ; evameva kho, ānanda, bhikkhu yaṃ imissā pathaviyā ukkūlavikkūlaṃ nadīviduggaṃ khāṇukaṇṭakattāṇaṃ pabbatavisamaṃ taṃ sabbaṃ amanasikaritvā pathavisaññaṃ paṭicca manasi karoti ekattaṃ. tassa pathavisaññāya cittaṃ pakkhandati pasīdati santiṭṭhati adhimuccati. so evaṃ pajānāti — ‘ye assu darathā manussasaññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, ye assu darathā araññasaññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, atthi cevāyaṃ darathamattā yadidaṃ — pathavisaññaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ’ti. so ‘suññaṃ idaṃ saññāgatamāṃ manussasaññāyā’ti pajānāti, ‘suññaṃ idaṃ saññāgatamāṃ araññasaññāyā’ti pajānāti, ‘atthi cevidaṃ asuññataṃ yadidaṃ —

‘Again, Ananda, without giving attention to perception of man, without giving attention to perception of forest, a bhikkhu gives attention to the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of earth. His mind enters into that perception of earth and acquires confidence, steadiness and decision. Just as though a bull’s hide were freed from folds by stretching it with a hundred pegs, so too, without giving attention to all the ridges and hollows, the river ravines, the tracts of stumps and thorns, the rocky inequalities, on this earth, a bhikkhu gives attention to the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of earth. His mind enters into the perception of earth and acquires confidence, steadiness and decision. He understands thus: “Disturbances that would have been present dependent on perception of man are not present here, disturbances that would be present de-

pendent on perception of forest are not present here, and only this measure of disturbance is present, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of earth." He understands: "This field of perception is void of perception of man." He understands: "This field of perception is void of perception of forest.", (and he understands): "There is (present) only this non-voidness, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of earth." So he sees it as void of what is not there, but of what remains there he understands: "There is that still present there." Now this too has been for him an alighting upon voidness, that accords with what actually is, without perversion of meaning, and is pure.

'Again, Ananda, without giving attention to perception of forest, without giving attention to perception of earth, a bhikkhu gives attention to the single state (on non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of infinite space. His mind enters into that perception of the base consisting of infinite space and acquires confidence, steadiness and decision. He understands thus: "Disturbances that would be present dependent on perception of forest are not present here, disturbances that would be present on perception of earth are not present here, and only this measure of disturbance is present, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of infinite space." He understands: "This field of perception is void of perception of forest." He understands: "This field of perception is void of perception of

pathavīsaññaṃ paṭicca ekattan'ti. iti yañhi kho tattha na hoti tena taṃ suññaṃ samanupassati, yaṃ pana tattha avasiṭṭhaṃ hoti taṃ 'santamidaṃ atthi'ti pajānāti. evampissa esā, ānanda, yathābhuccā avipallatthā parisuddhā suññatāvakkanti bhavati.

178. "puna caparaṃ, ānanda, bhikkhu amanasikaritvā araññaśāññaṃ, amanasikaritvā pathavīsaññaṃ, ākāśānañcāyatanasaññaṃ paṭicca manasi karoti ekattaṃ. tassa ākāśānañcāyatanasaññāya cittaṃ pakkhandati paṣīdati santiṭṭhati adhimuccati. so evaṃ pajānāti — 'ye assu darathā araññaśāññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, ye assu darathā pathavīsaññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, atthi cevāyaṃ darathamattā yadidaṃ — ākāśānañcāyatanasaññaṃ paṭicca ekattan'ti. so 'suññaṃ idaṃ saññāgataṃ araññaśāññāyā'ti pajānāti, 'suññaṃ idaṃ saññāgataṃ pathavīsaññāyā'ti pajānāti, 'atthi cevidaṃ asuññataṃ yadidaṃ — ākāśānañcāyatanasaññaṃ paṭicca ekattan'ti. iti yañhi kho tattha na hoti tena taṃ suññaṃ samanupassati, yaṃ pana tattha avasiṭṭhaṃ hoti taṃ 'santamidaṃ atthi'ti pajānāti. evampissa esā, ānanda, yathābhuccā avipallatthā parisuddhā suññatāvakkanti bhavati.

179. “puna caparaṃ, ānanda, bhikkhu amanasikaritvā pathavīsaññaṃ, amanasikaritvā ākāśānañcāyatanaññaṃ, viññāṇañcāyatanaññaṃ paṭicca manasi karoti ekattaṃ. tassa viññāṇañcāyatanaññāya cittaṃ pakkhandati pasīdati santiṭṭhati adhimuccati. so evaṃ pajānāti — ‘ye assu darathā pathavīsaññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, ye assu darathā ākāśānañcāyatanaññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, atthi cevāyaṃ darathamattā yadidaṃ — viññāṇañcāyatanaññaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ’ti. so ‘suññaṃidaṃ saññāgataṃ pathavīsaññāyā’ti pajānāti, ‘suññaṃidaṃ saññāgataṃ ākāśānañcāyatanaññāyā’ti pajānāti, ‘atthi cevidaṃ asuññataṃ yadidaṃ — viññāṇañcāyatanaññaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ’ti. iti yañhi kho tattha na hoti tena taṃ suññaṃ samanupassati, yaṃ pana tattha avasiṭṭhaṃ hoti taṃ ‘santamidaṃ atthi’ti pajānāti. evampissa esā, ānanda, yathābhuccā avipallattā parisuddhā suññatāvakkanti bhavati.

earth.”, (and he understands:) “There is (present) only this non-voidness, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of infinite space.” So he sees it as void of what is not there, but of what remains there he understands: “There is that still present there.” Now this too has been for him an alighting upon voidness that accords with what actually is, without perversion of meaning and is pure.

Again, Ananda, without giving attention to perception of earth, without giving attention to perception of the base consisting of infinite space, a bhikkhu gives attention to the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness. His mind enters into the perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness and acquires confidence, steadiness and decision. He understands thus: “Disturbances that would be present dependent on perception of earth are not present here, disturbances that would be present dependent on perception of the base consisting of infinite space are not present here, and only this measure of disturbance is present, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of earth.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of the base consisting of infinite space”, (and he understands): “There is (present) only this non-voidness, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base

consisting of infinite consciousness.” So he sees it as void of what is not there, but of what remains there he understands: “There is that still present there.” Now this too has been for him an alighting upon voidness that accords with what actually is, without perversion of meaning, and is pure.

‘Again, Ananda, without giving attention to perception of the base consisting of infinite space, without giving attention to perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness, a bhikkhu gives attention to the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of nothingness. His mind enters into the perception of the base consisting of nothingness and he acquires confidence, steadiness and decision. He understands thus: “Disturbances that would be present dependent on perception of the base of infinite space are not present here, disturbances that would be present dependent on perception of the base of infinite consciousness are not present here, and only this measure of disturbance is present, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of nothingness.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of the base consisting of infinite space.”, and he understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness.”, (and he understands): “There is (present) only this non-voidness, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of nothingness.” So he sees it as void of what is not there, but of what

180. “puna caparaṃ, ānanda, bhikkhu amanasikaritvā ākāśānañcāyatanaśāññaṃ, amanasikaritvā viññāṇañcāyatanaśāññaṃ, ākiñcaññāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca manasi karoti ekattaṃ. tassa ākiñcaññāyatanaśāññāya cittaṃ pakkhandati pasīdati santiṭṭhati adhimuccati. so evaṃ pajānāti — ‘ye assu darathā ākāśānañcāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, ye assu darathā viññāṇañcāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, atthi cevāyaṃ darathamattā yadidaṃ — ākiñcaññāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ’ti. so ‘suññaṃidaṃ saññāgataṃ ākāśānañcāyatanaśāññāyā’ti pajānāti, ‘suññaṃidaṃ saññāgataṃ viññāṇañcāyatanaśāññāyā’ti pajānāti, ‘atthi cevidaṃ asuññataṃ yadidaṃ — ākiñcaññāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ’ti. iti yañhi kho tattha na hoti tena taṃ suññaṃ samanupassati, yaṃ pana tattha avasiṭṭhaṃ hoti taṃ ‘santamidaṃ atthi’ti pajānāti. evampissa esā, ānanda, yathābhuccā avipallatthā parisuddhā suññatāvakkanti bhavati.

181. “puna caparaṃ, ānanda bhikkhu amanasikaritvā viññāṇañcāyatanaśāññaṃ, amanasikaritvā ākiñcaññāyatanaśāññaṃ, nevaśāññāśāññāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca manasi karoti ekattaṃ. tassa nevaśāññāśāññāyatanaśāññāya cittaṃ pakkhandati pasīdati santiṭṭhati adhimuccati. so evaṃ pajānāti — ‘ye assu darathā viññāṇañcāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, ye assu darathā ākiñcaññāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca tedha na santi, atthi cevāyaṃ darathamattā yadidaṃ — nevaśāññāśāññāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ’ti. so ‘suññaṃ yadidaṃ saññāgataṃ viññāṇañcāyatanaśāññāyā’ti pajānāti, ‘suññaṃ yadidaṃ saññāgataṃ ākiñcaññāyatanaśāññāyā’ti pajānāti, ‘atthi cevadaṃ asuññataṃ yadidaṃ — nevaśāññāśāññāyatanaśāññaṃ paṭicca ekattaṃ’ti. iti yañhi kho tattha na hoti tena taṃ suññaṃ samanupassati, yaṃ pana tattha avasiṭṭhaṃ hoti taṃ ‘santamidaṃ atthi’ti pajānāti. evampissa esā, ānanda, yathābhuccā avipallatthā parisuddhā suññatāvakkanti bhavati.

182. “puna caparaṃ, ānanda, bhikkhu amanasikaritvā ākiñcaññāyatanaśāññaṃ, amanasikaritvā nevaśāññāśāññāyatanaśāññaṃ, animittaṃ cetosamādhim paṭicca manasi karoti ekattaṃ. tassa animitta cetosamādhimhi cittaṃ pakkhandati pasīdati santiṭṭhati adhimuccati. so evaṃ pajānāti — ‘ye assu darathā

remains there he understands: “There is that still present there.” Now this too has been for him an alighting upon voidness that accords with what is, without perversion of meaning and is pure.

‘Again, Ananda, without giving attention to perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness, without giving attention to perception of the base consisting of nothingness, a bhikkhu gives attention to the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of neither-perception-nor-non-perception. His mind enters into the perception of the base consisting of neither-perception-nor-non-perception and acquires confidence, steadiness and decision. He understands thus: “Disturbances that would be present dependent on the perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness are not present here, disturbances that would be present dependent on the perception of the base consisting of nothingness are not present here, and only this measure of disturbance is present here, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of neither-perception-nor-non-perception.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of the base consisting of nothingness.” (and he understands): “There is (present) only non-voidness, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) perception of the base consisting of neither-perception-nor-non-perception.” So he understands as void of what is not there, but of what remains there he understands: “There is that still present there.” Now this too has been for him an alighting upon voidness, that accords with what actually is, without perversion of meaning and is pure.

‘Again, Ananda, without giving attention to perception of the base consisting of nothingness, without giving attention to perception of the base consisting of neither-perception-nor-non-perception, a bhikkhu gives attention to the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) the signless concentration of mind. His mind enters into the signless concentration of mind and acquires confidence, steadiness and decision. He understands thus: “Disturbances that would be present dependent on the perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness are not present here, disturbances that would be present dependent on the perception of the base consisting of nothingness are not present here, and only this measure of disturbance is present here, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) the signless concentration of mind.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of the base consisting of infinite consciousness.” He understands: “This field of perception is void of perception of the base consisting of nothingness.” (and he understands): “There is (present) only non-voidness, that is to say, the single state (of non-voidness) dependent on (the presence of) the signless concentration of mind.” So he understands as void of what is not there, but of what remains there he understands: “There is that still present there.” Now this too has been for him an alighting upon voidness, that accords with what actually is, without perversion of meaning and is pure.

of nothingness are not present here, disturbance is not present here, atthañāyatanasaññaṃ paṭicca tanha na ca
be present dependent on the perception of something, yañhi cevidam asuññatam
ing of neither-perception-nor-non-perception, neva saññaṃ āsāññāyatana-saññaṃ paṭicca
here, and only this measure of disturbance is present, atthañāyatanasaññaṃ paṭicca
to say, that (disturbance) which has life as its base, daratham attā yadidaṃ — imameva kāyaṃ
pendent on the presence of this body with its six bases, paṭicca-salāyatani-kam jīvitapaccaya'ti. so
understands: "This field of perception is void of perception, suññam idaṃ saññāgataṃ
the base consisting of nothingness." He understands that this field of perception is void of perception, suññam
field of perception is void of perception of form, suññam idaṃ saññāgataṃ
ing of neither-perception-nor-non-perception, eva saññaṃ āsāññāyatana-saññaṃ paṭicca
derstands): "There is (present) only this non-perception, pañjānāti, tattha cevidam asuññatam
is to say, that (non-voidness) with life as its base, yadidaṃ imameva kāyaṃ paṭicca
dent on this body with its six bases." So he says, salāyatani-kam jīvitapaccaya'ti. iti yañhi
what is not there, but of what remains there, khoti tena tam suññaṃ
"There is that still present there." Now this is what he means, samahitupaṣṣati, yaṃ pana tattha
him an alighting upon voidness, that according to the truth, avasittam hoti tam 'santamidam atthi'ti
tually is, without perversion of meaning and understanding, pañjānāti. evampissa esā, ānanda,
yathābhuccā avipallattā parisuddhā
suññatāvakkanti bhavati.

Again, Ananda, without giving attention to the base consisting of nothingness, without giving perception of the base consisting of neither perception nor non-perception, a bhikkhu gives attention to the base consisting of neither perception nor non-voidness dependent on (the presence of) concentration of mind. His mind enters into concentration of mind and acquires confidence in concentration of mind. He understands thus: "This signless concentration of mind is conditioned and mentally produced. It stands: 'Whatever is conditioned and mentally produced is impermanent and liable to cessation.' When he sees thus, his mind is liberated from the taint of being, from the taint of becoming. When liberated there comes the knowledge of the exhaustion of the life course. He understands: "Birth is exhausted, the life course has been lived out, what was to be done is done, there is no more to come." He understands thus: "Disturbances will be present dependent on the taint of sensual desire present here, disturbances that would be present dependent on the taint of being are not present here, and disturbances that would be present dependent on the taint of ignorance are not present here, and only this measure of disturbance is present here, that is to say, that (non-voidness) with lifeless body would be present dependent on (the presence of) this body with life. This is the end of the cycle of rebirth."

atthi cevāyaṃ darathamattā yadidaṃ — imameva kāyaṃ paṭicca saḷāyatanikaṃ jīvitapaccayā'ti. so 'suññamidaṃ saññāgataṃ kāmāsavenā'ti pajānāti, 'suññamidaṃ saññāgataṃ bhavāsavenā'ti pajānāti, 'suññamidaṃ saññāgataṃ avijjāsavenā'ti pajānāti, 'atthi cevidaṃ asuññataṃ yadidaṃ — imameva kāyaṃ paṭicca saḷāyatanikaṃ jīvitapaccayā'ti. iti yañhi kho tattha na hoti tena taṃ suññaṃ samanupassati, yaṃ pana tattha avasiṭṭhaṃ hoti taṃ 'santamidaṃ atthi'ti pajānāti. evampissa esā, ānanda, yathābhuccā avipallatthā parisuddhā paramānuttarā suññatāvakkanti bhavati.

184. “yepi hi keci, ānanda, atītamaddhānaṃ samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā parisuddhaṃ paramānuttaraṃ suññataṃ upasampajja vihariṃsu, sabbe te imaṃyeva parisuddhaṃ paramānuttaraṃ suññataṃ upasampajja vihariṃsu. yepi hi keci, ānanda, anāgataṃ addhānaṃ samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā parisuddhaṃ paramānuttaraṃ suññataṃ upasampajja viharissanti, sabbe te imaṃyeva parisuddhaṃ paramānuttaraṃ suññataṃ upasampajja viharissanti. yepi hi keci, ānanda, etarahi samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā parisuddhaṃ paramānuttaraṃ suññataṃ upasampajja viharanti, sabbe te imaṃyeva parisuddhaṃ paramānuttaraṃ suññataṃ upasampajja viharanti. tasmātiha, ānanda, 'parisuddhaṃ paramānuttaraṃ suññataṃ upasampajja viharissāmā'ti — evañhi vo, ānanda, sikkhitabban”ti.

idamavoca bhagavā. attamano āyasmā ānando bhagavato bhāsitaṃ abhinandīti.

cūlasuññatasuttaṃ niṭṭhitaṃ paṭhamam

He understands: "This field of perception is void of the of sensual desire." He understands: "This field of perception is void of the taint of being." He understands: "This field of perception is void of the taint of ignorance.", (and he understands): "There is (present) only this non-voidness, that is, that (non-voidness) with life as its condition dependent on (the presence of) this body with its six bases." So he understands it as void of what is not there, but of what remains there. He understands: "There is that still present there." Now this has been for him an alighting upon voidness that accords with what actually is, without perversion of meaning, is pure and is unsurpassed by any other.

'Whatever monks or divines in the past have entered upon and abode in a voidness that was purified and unsurpassed by any other, they have all of them entered upon and abode in this voidness that is pure and unsurpassed by any other. 'Whatever monks and divines in the future will enter upon and abide in a voidness that will be purified and unsurpassed by any other, they will all of them enter upon and abide in this voidness that is pure and unsurpassed by any other. 'Whatever monks and divines in the present enter upon and abide in a voidness that is purified and unsurpassed by any other, they all of them will enter upon and abide in this voidness that is pure and unsurpassed by any other. There Ananda, you should train thus: "We will enter upon and abide in the voidness that is pure and unsurpassed by any other."

That is what the Blessed One said. The venerable Ananda was satisfied, and he delighted in the Blessed One's words.