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AGGIVACCHASUTTAM

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Majjhima Nikāya, majjhimaṇṇāsapāli, 3. paribbājakavaggo, 2. aggivacchasuttaṃ (MN 72)

*To Vacchagotta on Fire*

187. evaṃ me sutaṃ.

*Thus have I heard.*

ekaṃ samayaṃ bhagavā sāvatthiyaṃ viharati jetavane anāthapiṇḍikassa ārāme.

*On one occasion the Blessed One was living at Sāvattī in Jeta's Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's Park.*

atha kho vacchagotto paribbājako yena bhagavā tenupasaṅkami; upasaṅkamitvā bhagavatā saddhiṃ sammodi.

*Then the wanderer Vacchagotta went to the Blessed One and exchanged greetings with him.*

sammodaniyaṃ kathaṃ sāraṇiyaṃ vītisāretvā ekamantaṃ nisīdi. ekamantaṃ nisinno kho vacchagotto paribbājako bhagavantaṃ etadavoca -

*When this courteous and amiable talk was finished, he sat down at one side and asked the Blessed One:*

“kiṃ nu kho, bho gotama, ‘sassato loko, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’ti - evaṃdiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

*“How is it, Master Gotama, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘The world is eternal: only this is true, anything else is wrong’?”*

“na kho ahaṃ, vaccha, evaṃdiṭṭhi - ‘sassato loko, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’”ti.

*“Vaccha, I do not hold the view: ‘The world is eternal: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”*

“kiṃ pana, bho gotama, ‘asassato loko, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’ti - evaṃdiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

*“How then, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘The world is not eternal: only this is true, anything else is wrong’?”*

“na kho ahaṃ, vaccha, evaṃdiṭṭhi - ‘asassato loko, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’”ti.

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“kiṃ nu kho, bho gotama, ‘antavā loko, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’ti - evaṃdiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

*“How is it, Master Gotama, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘The world is finite: only this is true, anything else is wrong’?”*

“na kho ahaṃ, vaccha, evaṃdiṭṭhi - ‘antavā loko, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’”ti.

*“Vaccha, I do not hold the view: ‘The world is finite: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”*

“kiṃ pana, bho gotama, ‘anantavā loko, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’ti - evaṃdiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

*“How then, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘The world is infinite: only this is true, anything else is wrong’?”*

“na kho ahaṃ, vaccha, evaṃdiṭṭhi - ‘anantavā loko, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’”ti.

*“Vaccha, I do not hold the view: ‘The world is infinite: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”*

“kiṃ nu kho, bho gotama, ‘taṃ jīvaṃ taṃ sarīraṃ, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’ti - evaṃdiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

*“How is it, Master Gotama, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘The soul and the body are the same: only this is true, anything else is wrong’?”*

“na kho ahaṃ, vaccha, evaṃdiṭṭhi - ‘taṃ jīvaṃ taṃ sarīraṃ, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’”ti.

*“Vaccha, I do not hold the view: ‘The soul and the body are the same: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”*

“kiṃ pana, bho gotama, ‘aññaṃ jīvaṃ aññaṃ sarīraṃ, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’ti - evaṃdiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

*“How then, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘The soul is one thing and the body another: only this is true, anything else is wrong’?”*

“na kho ahaṃ, vaccha, evaṃdiṭṭhi - ‘aññaṃ jīvaṃ aññaṃ sarīraṃ, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’”ti.

*“Vaccha, I do not hold the view: ‘The soul is one thing and the body another: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”*

“kiṃ nu kho, bho gotama, ‘hoti tathāgato paraṃ maraṇā, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃ’ti - evaṃdiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

*“How is it, Master Gotama, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘After death a Tathāgata exists: only this is true, anything else is wrong’?”*

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“kiñ pana, bho gotama, ‘na hoti tatthagato param maraṇā, idameva saccam moghamaññaṇaṇi’ - evaṇḍiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

“How then, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘After death a Taṭhāgata does not exist: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”

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“kiñ nu kho, bho gotama, ‘hoti ca na ca hoti tatthagato param maraṇā, idameva saccam moghamaññaṇaṇi’ - evaṇḍiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

“How is it, Master Gotama, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘After death a Taṭhāgata both exists and does not exist: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”

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“Vaccha, I do not hold the view: ‘After death a Taṭhāgata both exists and does not exist: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”

“kiñ pana, bho gotama, ‘neva hoti na na hoti tatthagato param maraṇā, idameva saccam moghamaññaṇaṇi’ - evaṇḍiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti?

“How then, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘After death a Taṭhāgata neither exists nor does not exist: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”

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“Vaccha, I do not hold the view: ‘After death a Taṭhāgata neither exists nor does not exist: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”

188. “kiñ nu kho, bho gotama, sassato loko, idameva saccam moghamaññaṇaṇi - evaṇḍiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti iti puṭṭho samāno

“How is it then when asked: ‘How is it, Master Gotama, does Master Gotama hold the view: ‘The world is eternal: only this is true, anything else is wrong.’”

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kiñ pana, bho gotama, aññaṇi jivāṇi aññaṇi sarīraṃ, idameva saccam moghamaññaṇaṇi - evaṇḍiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo”ti iti puṭṭho samāno

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‘kiṃ pana, bho gotama, neva hoti na na hoti tathāgato paraṃ maraṇā, idameva saccaṃ moghamaññaṃti - evaṃdiṭṭhi bhavaṃ gotamo’ti iti puṭṭho samāno

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“kiṃ pana bho gotamo ādīnavaṃ sampassamāno evaṃ imāni sabbaso diṭṭhigatāni anupagato’ti?

*What danger does Master Gotama see that he does not take up any of these speculative views?”*

189. “‘sassato loko’ti kho, vaccha, diṭṭhigatametaṃ diṭṭhigahanam diṭṭhikantāro diṭṭhivisūkaṃ diṭṭhivipphanditaṃ diṭṭhisamyojanam

*“Vaccha, the speculative view that the world is eternal is a thicket of views, a wilderness of views, a contortion of views, a vacillation of views, a fetter of views.*

sadukkhaṃ savighātaṃ saupāyasaṃ saparilāhaṃ, na nibbidāya na virāgāya na nirodhāya na upasamāya na abhiññāya na sambodhāya na nibbānāya samvattati.

*It is beset by suffering, by vexation, by despair, and by fever, and it does not lead to disenchantment, to dispassion, to cessation, to peace, to direct knowledge, to enlightenment, to Nibbāna.*

‘asassato loko’ti kho, vaccha, diṭṭhigatametaṃ diṭṭhigahanam diṭṭhikantāro diṭṭhivisūkaṃ diṭṭhivipphanditaṃ diṭṭhisamyojanam

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saṅkhārasaṅkhayavimutto kho, vaccha, tathāgato gambhīro appameyyo duppariyogaḷho - seyyathāpi mahāsamuddo.

*The Tathāgata is liberated from reckoning in terms of material form, Vaccha, he is profound, immeasurable, hard to fathom like the ocean.*

upapajjatīti na upeti,

*‘He reappears’ does not apply;*

na upapajjatīti na upeti,

*‘he does not reappear’ does not apply;*

upapajjati ca na ca upapajjatīti na upeti,

*‘he both reappears and does not reappear’ does not apply;*

neva upapajjati na na upapajjatīti na upeti.

*‘he neither reappears nor does not reappear’ does not apply.*

“yena viññānena tathāgataṃ paññāpayamāno paññāpeyya taṃ viññānaṃ tathāgatassa pahīnaṃ ucchinnamūlaṃ tālavatthukataṃ anabhāvaṃkataṃ āyatīṃ anuppādadhammaṃ.

*The Tathāgata has abandoned that consciousness by which one describing the Tathāgata might describe him; he has cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, done away with it so that it is no longer subject to future arising.*

viññānasaṅkhayavimutto kho, vaccha, tathāgato gambhīro appameyyo duppariyogaḷho - seyyathāpi mahāsamuddo.

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*‘he neither reappears nor does not reappear’ does not apply.”*

evaṃ vutte, vacchagotto paribbājako bhagavantaṃ etadavoca -

*When this was said, the wanderer Vacchagotta said to the Blessed One:*

“seyyathāpi, bho gotama, gāmassa vā nigamassa vā avidūre mahāsālarukkho.

*“Master Gotama, suppose there were a great sāla tree not far from a village or town,*

tassa aniccatā sākhāpalāsā palujjeyyūṃ,

*and impermanence wore away its branches and foliage,*

tacapapaṭikā palujjeyyūṃ, pheggū palujjeyyūṃ;

*its bark and sapwood,*

so aparena samayena

*so that on a later occasion,*

apagatasākhāpalāso apagatatapapaṭiko apagataphegguko suddho assa, sāre patitṭhito;

*being divested of branches and foliage, divested of bark and sapwood, it became pure, consisting entirely of heartwood;*

evameva bhoto gotamassa pāvacaṇaṃ apagatasākhāpalāsaṃ apagatatapapaṭikaṃ apagatapheggukaṃ suddhaṃ, sāre patitṭhitaṃ.

*so too, this discourse of Master Gotama’s is divested of branches and foliage, divested of bark and sapwood, and is pure, consisting entirely of heartwood.*

“abhikkantaṃ, bho gotama, abhikkantaṃ, bho gotama!

*“Magnificent, Master Gotama! Magnificent, Master Gotama!*

seyyathāpi, bho gotama, nikkujjitaṃ vā ukkujjeyya, paṭicchannaṃ vā vivareyya, mūlhassa vā maggaṃ ācikkheyya, andhakāre vā telapajjotaṃ dhāreyya — cakkhumanto rūpāni dakkhanṭīti; evamevaṃ bhotā gotamena anekapariyāyena dhammo pakāsito.

*Master Gotama has made the Dhamma clear in many ways, as though he were turning upright what had been overthrown, revealing what was hidden, showing the way to one who was lost, or holding up a lamp in the dark for those with eyesight to see forms.*

esāhaṃ bhavantaṃ gotamaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi, dhammaṃca, bhikkhusaṅghaṃca.

*I go to Master Gotama for refuge and to the Dhamma and to the Sangha of bhikkhus.*

upāsakaṃ maṃ bhavaṃ gotamo dhāretu ajjatagge paṇupetaṃ saraṇaṃ gatan”ti.

*From today let Master Gotama remember me as a lay follower who has gone to him for refuge for life.”*

aggivacchasuttaṃ niṭṭhitaṃ dutiyaṃ.

yañhi so, bho gotama, aḡeṭi tīṇakakāṇhupadānaṃ paṭicca

*The fire burned in dependence on its fuel of grass and sticks:*

ajālī tasssa ca paṭyāddānā aññasssa ca anupaharā aññaharo nibbuto tveva saññikyaṃ gacchati”ti.

*When that is used up, if it does not get any more fuel, being without fuel, it is reckoned as extinguished.”*

192, “evameva kho, vaccha,

“So too, Vaccha,

yeṇa rūpeṇa tathāgatāṃ paññāpayamaṇo paññāpeyya taṃ rūpaṃ tathāgatassa pañinaṃ

uccchinnaṃ tathāvatānukataṃ anabhāvaṃkātāṃ āyatīṃ anuppādhamaṇaṃ.

*the Tañhāgata has abandoned that material form by which one describing the Tañhāgata might describe him:*

*future arising.*

rūpasāññikhaṃyavīṇuṃto kho, vaccha, tathāgato gāmbhīro appameyyo duppapīyogāḷho -

*The Tañhāgata is liberated from reckoning in terms of material form, Vaccha, he is profound, immeasurable,*

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“āya vedanāya tathāgatāṃ paññāpayamaṇo paññāpeyya sā vedanā tathāgatassa pañinaṃ

uccchinnaṃ tathāvatānukataṃ anabhāvaṃkātāṃ āyatīṃ anuppādhamaṇaṃ.

*The Tañhāgata has abandoned that feeling by which one describing the Tañhāgata might describe him: he has*

*cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, done away with it so that it is no longer subject to future*

*arising.*

vedanāsāññikhaṃyavīṇuṃto kho, vaccha, tathāgato gāmbhīro appameyyo duppapīyogāḷho -

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*The Tañhāgata has abandoned that perception by which one describing the Tañhāgata might describe him: he*

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saññāsāññikhaṃyavīṇuṃto kho, vaccha, tathāgato gāmbhīro appameyyo duppapīyogāḷho -

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*he has cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, done away with it so that it is no longer subject to*

*future arising.*

uppasamaāya na abhiññāya na sambodhāya na nibbānāya samvattati.

*It is beset by suffering, by vexation, by despair, and by fever, and it does not lead to disenchantment, to*

*dispassion, to cessation, to peace, to direct knowledge, to enlightenment, to Nibbāna.*

‘ānantaṃva loka’ ti kho, vaccha, dīṇhīgatametaṃ dīṇhīgahanaṃ dīṇhīvisusakaṃ

*‘The speculative view that the world is infinite is a thicket of views, a contortion of*

*views, a wilderness of views, a thicket of views, a fetter of views.*

sadukkkaṃ saviḡhātāṃ saupāyāsāṃ saparījāhaṃ, na nibbīdāya na vitāgāya na nirodhāya na

uppasamaāya na abhiññāya na sambodhāya na nibbānāya samvattati.

*It is beset by suffering, by vexation, by despair, and by fever, and it does not lead to disenchantment, to*

*dispassion, to cessation, to peace, to direct knowledge, to enlightenment, to Nibbāna.*

rūpasāññikhaṃyavīṇuṃto kho, vaccha, tathāgato gāmbhīro appameyyo duppapīyogāḷho -

*The Tañhāgata is liberated from reckoning in terms of material form, Vaccha, he is profound, immeasurable,*

*hard to fathom like the ocean.*

upapajjati na upeti,

*‘He reappears’ does not apply:*

na upapajjati na upeti,

*‘he does not reappear’ does not apply:*

upapajjati ca na ca upapajjati na upeti,

*‘he both reappears and does not reappear’ does not apply:*

neva upapajjati na na upapajjati na upeti.

*‘he neither reappears nor does not reappear’ does not apply.*

“āya vedanāya tathāgatāṃ paññāpayamaṇo paññāpeyya sā vedanā tathāgatassa pañinaṃ

uccchinnaṃ tathāvatānukataṃ anabhāvaṃkātāṃ āyatīṃ anuppādhamaṇaṃ.

*The Tañhāgata has abandoned that feeling by which one describing the Tañhāgata might describe him: he has*

*cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, done away with it so that it is no longer subject to future*

*arising.*

vedanāsāññikhaṃyavīṇuṃto kho, vaccha, tathāgato gāmbhīro appameyyo duppapīyogāḷho -

*The Tañhāgata is liberated from reckoning in terms of material form, Vaccha, he is profound, immeasurable,*

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uccchinnaṃ tathāvatānukataṃ anabhāvaṃkātāṃ āyatīṃ anuppādhamaṇaṃ.

*The Tañhāgata has abandoned that perception by which one describing the Tañhāgata might describe him: he*

*has cut it off at the root, made it like a palm stump, done away with it so that it is no longer subject to future*

*arising.*

saññāsāññikhaṃyavīṇuṃto kho, vaccha, tathāgato gāmbhīro appameyyo duppapīyogāḷho -

*The Tañhāgata is liberated from reckoning in terms of material form, Vaccha, he is profound, immeasurable,*

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*‘he does not reappear’ does not apply:*

upapajjati ca na ca upapajjati na upeti,

*‘he both reappears and does not reappear’ does not apply:*

neva upapajjati na na upapajjati na upeti.

*‘he neither reappears nor does not reappear’ does not apply.*

“yeḥi ca na ca hoṭi tathāgato paraṃ maraṇā ti kho, vaccha, dīṇhīgatametaṃ dīṇhīgahanaṃ

“The speculative view that after death a Tañhāgata both exists and does not exist is a thicket of views, a

*wilderness of views, a contortion of views, a vacillation of views, a fetter of views.*

sadukkkaṃ saviḡhātāṃ saupāyāsāṃ saparījāhaṃ, na nibbīdāya na vitāgāya na nirodhāya na

uppasamaāya na abhiññāya na sambodhāya na nibbānāya samvattati.

*It is beset by suffering, by vexation, by despair, and by fever, and it does not lead to disenchantment, to*

*dispassion, to cessation, to peace, to direct knowledge, to enlightenment, to Nibbāna.*

imaṃ kho ahaṃ, vaccha, ādīnaṃ sampassamāno evaṃ imāni sabbaso diṭṭhigatāni anupagato”ti.

*Seeing this danger, I do not take up any of these speculative views.”*

“atthi pana bhoto gotamassa kiñci diṭṭhigatan”ti?

*“Then does Master Gotama hold any speculative view at all?”*

“diṭṭhigatanti kho, vaccha, apanītametaṃ tathāgatassa.

*“Vaccha, ‘speculative view’ is something that the Tathāgata has put away.*

diṭṭhañhetam, vaccha, tathāgatenā -

*For the Tathāgata, Vaccha, has seen this:*

‘iti rūpaṃ, iti rūpassa samudayo, iti rūpassa atthaṅgamo;

*‘Such is material form, such its origin, such its disappearance;*

iti vedanā, iti vedanāya samudayo, iti vedanāya atthaṅgamo;

*such is feeling, such its origin, such its disappearance;*

iti saññā, iti saññāya samudayo, iti saññāya atthaṅgamo;

*such is perception, such its origin, such its disappearance;*

iti saṅkhārā, iti saṅkhārānaṃ samudayo, iti saṅkhārānaṃ atthaṅgamo;

*such are formations, such their origin, such their disappearance;*

iti viññānaṃ, iti viññānassa samudayo, iti viññānassa atthaṅgamo’ti.

*such is consciousness, such its origin, such its disappearance.’*

tasmā tathāgato sabbamaññitānaṃ sabbamathitānaṃ

sabbāhaṃkāramamaṃkāramānānusaṃyānaṃ khayā virāgā nirodhā cāgā paṭinissaggā anupādā vimuttoti vadāmi”ti.

*Therefore, I say, with the destruction, fading away, cessation, giving up, and relinquishing of all conceivings, all excogitations, all I-making, mine-making, and the underlying tendency to conceit, the Tathāgata is liberated through not clinging.”*

190. “evaṃ vimuttacitto pana, bho gotama, bhikkhu kuhiṃ upapajjati”ti?

*“When a bhikkhu’s mind is liberated thus, Master Gotama, where does he reappear [after death]?”*

“upapajjatīti kho, vaccha, na upeti”.

*“The term ‘reappears’ does not apply, Vaccha.”*

“tena hi, bho gotama, na upapajjati”ti?

*“Then he does not reappear, Master Gotama?”*

“na upapajjatīti kho, vaccha, na upeti”.

*“The term ‘does not reappear’ does not apply, Vaccha.”*

“tena hi, bho gotama, upapajjati ca na ca upapajjati”ti?

*“Then he both reappears and does not reappear, Master Gotama?”*

“upapajjati ca na ca upapajjatīti kho, vaccha, na upeti”.

*“The term ‘both reappears and does not reappear’ does not apply, Vaccha.”*

“tena hi, bho gotama, neva upapajjati na na upapajjati”ti?

*“Then he neither reappears nor does not reappear, Master Gotama?”*

“neva upapajjati na na upapajjatīti kho, vaccha, na upeti”.

*“The term ‘neither reappears nor does not reappear’ does not apply, Vaccha.”*

“evaṃ vimuttacitto pana, bho gotama, bhikkhu kuhiṃ upapajjati”ti iti puṭṭho samāno

*When Master Gotama is asked: “When a bhikkhu’s mind is liberated thus, Master Gotama, where does he reappear [after death]?”*

‘upapajjatīti kho, vaccha, na upeti’ti vadesi.

*He replies: ‘The term “reappears” does not apply, Vaccha’;*

‘tena hi, bho gotama, na upapajjati”ti iti puṭṭho samāno

*When Master Gotama is asked: “Then he does not reappear, Master Gotama?”*

‘na upapajjatīti kho, vaccha, na upeti’ti vadesi.

*He replies: ‘The term “does not reappear” does not apply, Vaccha’;*

‘tena hi, bho gotama, upapajjati ca na ca upapajjati”ti iti puṭṭho samāno

*When Master Gotama is asked: “Then he both reappears and does not reappear, Master Gotama?”*

‘upapajjati ca na ca upapajjatīti kho, vaccha, na upeti’ti vadesi.

*He replies: ‘The term “both reappears and does not reappear” does not apply, Vaccha’;*

‘tena hi, bho gotama, neva upapajjati na na upapajjati”ti iti puṭṭho samāno

*When Master Gotama is asked: “Then he neither reappears nor does not reappear, Master Gotama?”*

‘neva upapajjati na na upapajjatīti kho, vaccha, na upeti’ti vadesi.

*He replies: ‘The term “neither reappears nor does not reappear” does not apply, Vaccha.’*

etthāhaṃ, bho gotama, aññāṇamāpādim, ettha sammohamāpādim.

*Here I have fallen into bewilderment, Master Gotama, here I have fallen into confusion,*

yāpi me esā bhoto gotamassa purimena kathāsallāpena ahu pasādamattā sāpi me etarahi antarahitā”ti.

*and the measure of confidence I had gained through previous conversation with Master Gotama has now disappeared.”*

“alañhi te, vaccha, aññāṇāya, alaṃ sammohāya.

*“It is enough to cause you bewilderment, Vaccha, enough to cause you confusion.*

gambhīro hāyaṃ, vaccha, dhammo duddaso duranubodho santo paṇīto atakkāvacaro nipuṇo paṇḍitavedanīyo.

*For this Dhamma, Vaccha, is profound, hard to see and hard to understand, peaceful and sublime, unattainable by mere reasoning, subtle, to be experienced by the wise.*

so tayā dujjāno aññadiṭṭhikena aññakhantikena aññarucikena aññatrayogena aññatrācariyakena”.

*It is hard for you to understand it when you hold another view, accept another teaching, approve of another teaching, pursue a different training, and follow a different teacher.*

191. “tena hi, vaccha, taññevettha paṭipucchissāmi;

*So I shall question you about this in return, Vaccha.*

yathā te khomeyya tathā naṃ byākareyyāsi.

*Answer as you choose.*

taṃ kiṃ maññasi, vaccha,

*“What do you think, Vaccha?”*

sace te purato aggi jaleyya, jāneyyāsi tvaṃ -

*Suppose a fire were burning before you. Would you know:*

‘ayaṃ me purato aggi jalati””ti?

*‘This fire is burning before me’?”*

“sace me, bho gotama, purato aggi jaleyya, jāneyyāhaṃ -

*If a fire was burning before me. I would know:*

‘ayaṃ me purato aggi jalati””ti.

*‘This fire is burning before me’”*

“sace pana taṃ, vaccha, evaṃ puccheyya -

*“If someone were to ask you, Vaccha:*

‘yo te ayaṃ purato aggi jalati ayaṃ aggi kiṃ paṭicca jalati”ti,

*‘What does this fire burning before you burn in dependence on?’*

evaṃ puṭṭho tvaṃ, vaccha, kinti byākareyyāsi”ti?

*being asked thus, what would you answer?”*

“sace maṃ, bho gotama, evaṃ puccheyya -

*“Being asked thus, Master Gotama,*

‘yo te ayaṃ purato aggi jalati ayaṃ aggi kiṃ paṭicca jalati”ti,

*‘What does this fire burning before you burn in dependence on?’*

evaṃ puṭṭho ahaṃ, bho gotama, evaṃ byākareyyaṃ -

*I would answer:*

‘yo me ayaṃ purato aggi jalati ayaṃ aggi tinakattṭhupādānaṃ paṭicca jalati””ti.

*‘This fire burns in dependence on fuel of grass and sticks.’”*

“sace te, vaccha, purato so aggi nibbāyeyya, jāneyyāsi tvaṃ -

*“If that fire before you were to be extinguished, would you know:*

‘ayaṃ me purato aggi nibbuto””ti?

*‘This fire before me has been extinguished’?”*

“sace me, bho gotama, purato so aggi nibbāyeyya, jāneyyāhaṃ -

*“If that fire before me were to be extinguished, I would know:*

‘ayaṃ me purato aggi nibbuto””ti.

*‘This fire before me has been extinguished’?”*

“sace pana taṃ, vaccha, evaṃ puccheyya -

*“If someone were to ask you, Vaccha:*

‘yo te ayaṃ purato aggi nibbuto so aggi ito katamaṃ disaṃ gato -

*‘When that fire before you was extinguished, to which direction did it go:*

puratthimaṃ vā dakkhiṇaṃ vā pacchimāṃ vā uttaraṃ vā’ti,

*to the east, the west, the north, or the south?’*

evaṃ puṭṭho tvaṃ, vaccha, kinti byākareyyāsi”ti?

*being asked thus, what would you answer?”*

“na upeti, bho gotama,

*“That does not apply, Master Gotama.*