

## samyutta nikāya 29

*Linked Discourses 29*

### 1. nāgavagga

*1. Dragons*

#### 1. suddhikasutta

*1. Plain Version*

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

*At Sāvattḥī.*

“catasso imā, bhikkhave, nāgayoniyo.

*“Mendicants, dragons reproduce in these four ways.*

katamā catasso?

*What four?*

aṇḍajā nāgā, jalābujā nāgā, saṃsedajā nāgā, opapātikā nāgā—

*Dragons are born from eggs, from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously.*

imā kho, bhikkhave, catasso nāgayoniyo”ti.

*These are the four ways that dragons reproduce.”*

paṭhamam.

## samyutta nikāya 29

*Linked Discourses 29*

### 1. nāgavagga

*1. Dragons*

#### 2. paṇītatarasutta

*2. Better*

sāvatthinidānaṃ.

*At Sāvattḥī.*

“catasso imā, bhikkhave, nāgayoniyo.

*“Mendicants, dragons reproduce in these four ways.*

katamā catasso?

*What four?*

aṇḍajā nāgā, jalābujā nāgā, saṃsedajā nāgā, opapātikā nāgā.

*Dragons are born from an egg, from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously.*

tatra, bhikkhave, aṇḍajehi nāgehi jalābujā ca saṃsedajā ca opapātikā ca nāgā  
paṇītatarā.

*Of these, dragons born from a womb, from moisture, or spontaneously are better than those born from an egg.*

tatra, bhikkhave, aṇḍajehi ca jalābujehi ca nāgehi saṃsedajā ca opapātikā ca nāgā  
paṇītatarā.

*Dragons born from moisture or spontaneously are better than those born from an egg or from a womb.*

tatra, bhikkhave, aṇḍajehi ca jalābujehi ca saṃsedajehi ca nāgehi opapātikā nāgā  
paṇītatarā.

*Dragons born spontaneously are better than those born from an egg, from a womb, or from moisture.*

imā kho, bhikkhave, catasso nāgayoniyo”ti.

*These are the four ways that dragons reproduce.”*

dutiyaṃ.

## samyutta nikāya 29

### Linked Discourses 29

#### 1. nāgavagga

##### 1. Dragons

#### 3. uposathasutta

##### 3. Sabbath

ekam samayaṃ bhagavā sāvatthiyaṃ viharati jetavane anāthapiṇḍikassa ārāme.

*At one time the Buddha was staying near Sāvattī in Jeta's Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's monastery.*

atha kho aññataro bhikkhu yena bhagavā tenupasaṅkami; upasaṅkamitvā ekamantaṃ nisīdi. ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantam etadavoca:

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

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yena m’idhekacce aṇḍajā nāgā uposathaṃ upavasanti vossatthakāyā ca bhavantī”ti?

*“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why some egg-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies?”*

“idha, bhikkhu, ekaccānaṃ aṇḍajānaṃ nāgānaṃ evaṃ hoti:

*“Mendicant, it's when some egg-born dragons think:*

‘mayaṃ kho pubbe kāyena dvayakārino ahumha, vācāya dvayakārino, manasā dvayakārino.

*‘In the past we did both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind.*

te mayaṃ kāyena dvayakārino, vācāya dvayakārino, manasā dvayakārino, kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapannā.

*When the body broke up, after death, we were reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons.*

sacajja mayaṃ kāyena sucaritaṃ careyyāma, vācāya sucaritaṃ careyyāma, manasā sucaritaṃ careyyāma, evaṃ mayaṃ kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā sugatim saggaṃ lokam upapajjeyyāma.

*If today we do good things by body, speech, and mind, when the body breaks up, after death, we may be reborn in a good place, a heavenly realm.*

handa mayaṃ etarahi kāyena sucaritaṃ carāma, vācāya sucaritaṃ carāma, manasā sucaritaṃ carāmā”ti.

*Come, let us do good things by way of body, speech, and mind.’*

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena m’idhekacce aṇḍajā nāgā uposathaṃ upavasanti vossatthakāyā ca bhavantī”ti.

*This is the cause, this is the reason why some egg-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies.”*

tatiyaṃ.

## samyutta nikāya 29

### Linked Discourses 29

#### 1. nāgavagga

##### 1. Dragons

#### 4. dutiyauposathasutta

##### 4. Sabbath (2nd)

#### sāvatthinidānaṃ.

##### At Sāvattī.

atha kho aññataro bhikkhu yena bhagavā ... pe ... ekamantaṃ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantam etadavoca:

*Then a mendicant went up to the Buddha ... and asked him,*

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yena m’idhekacce jalābujā nāgā uposathaṃ upavasanti vossatṭhakāyā ca bhavantī”ti?

*“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why some womb-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies?”*

(sabbam vitthāretabbam.)

*(All should be told in full.)*

“ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena m’idhekacce jalābujā nāgā uposathaṃ upavasanti vossatṭhakāyā ca bhavantī”ti.

catutthaṃ.

saṃyutta nikāya 29

*Linked Discourses 29*

1. nāgavagga

*1. Dragons*

5. tatiyauposathasutta

*5. Sabbath (3rd)*

sāvattihinidānaṃ.

*At Sāvattihī.*

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 m’idhekacce saṃsedajā nāgā uposathaṃ upavasanti vossatṭhakāyā ca bhavantī”ti?

*“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why some moisture-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies?”*

(sabbam vitthāretabbam.)

*(All should be told in full.)*

“ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena m’idhekacce saṃsedajā nāgā uposathaṃ upavasanti vossatṭhakāyā ca bhavantī”ti.

pañcamaṃ.

saṃyutta nikāya 29

*Linked Discourses 29*

1. nāgavagga

*1. Dragons*

6. catutthauposathasutta

*6. Sabbath (4th)*

sāvattihinidānaṃ.

*At Sāvattihī.*

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 m’idhekacce opapātikā nāgā uposathaṃ upavasanti vossatṭhakāyā ca bhavantī”ti?

*“Sir, what is the cause, what is the reason why some spontaneously-born dragons keep the sabbath, having transformed their bodies?”*

“idha, bhikkhu, ekaccānaṃ opapātikānaṃ nāgānaṃ evaṃ hoti:

*(All should be told in full.)*

‘mayam kho pubbe kāyena dvayakārino ahumha, vācāya dvayakārino, manasā dvayakārino.

te mayam kāyena dvayakārino, vācāya dvayakārino, manasā dvayakārino, kāyassa bhedaṁ paramaṁ maraṇā opapātikānaṁ nāgānaṁ sahabyataṁ upapannā.

sacajja mayam kāyena sucaritaṁ careyyāma, vācāya ... manasā sucaritaṁ careyyāma, evaṁ mayam kāyassa bhedaṁ paramaṁ maraṇā sugatim saggaṁ lokaṁ upapajjeyyāma.

handā mayam etarahi kāyena sucaritaṁ carāma, vācāya ... manasā sucaritaṁ carāmā’ti.

ayaṁ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṁ paccayo, yena m’idhekacce opapātikā nāgā uposathaṁ upavasanti vossatthakāyā ca bhavanti”ti.

chattham.

saṃyutta nikāya 29  
*Linked Discourses 29*

1. nāgavagga  
*1. Dragons*

7. sutasutta  
*7. They’ve Heard*

sāvatthinidānaṁ.  
*At Sāvatthī.*

ekamantaṁ nisinno kho so bhikkhu bhagavantaṁ etadavoca:  
*Seated to one side, that mendicant said to the Buddha:*

“ko nu kho, bhante, hetu, ko paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedaṁ paramaṁ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṁ nāgānaṁ sahabyataṁ 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 egg-born dragons?”*

“idha, bhikkhu, ekacco kāyena dvayakārī hoti, vācāya dvayakārī hoti, manasā dvayakārī hoti.

*“Mendicant, it’s when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind.*

tassa sutam hoti:  
*And they’ve heard:*

‘aṇḍajā nāgā dīghāyukā vaṇṇavanto sukhabahulā’ti.  
*‘The egg-born dragons are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’*

tassa evaṁ hoti:  
*They think:*

‘aho vatāhaṁ kāyassa bhedaṁ paramaṁ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṁ nāgānaṁ sahabyataṁ upapajjeyyan’ti.  
*‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons!’*

so kāyassa bhedaṁ paramaṁ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṁ nāgānaṁ sahabyataṁ upapajjati.  
*When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons.*

ayaṁ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṁ paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedaṁ paramaṁ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṁ nāgānaṁ sahabyataṁ 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 egg-born dragons.”*

sattamaṃ.

saṃyutta nikāya 29  
*Linked Discourses 29*

1. nāgavagga  
*1. Dragons*

8. dutiyasutasutta  
*8. They've Heard (2nd)*

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 jalābujānaṃ nāgānaṃ 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 womb-born dragons?”*

... pe ...  
*(All should be told in full.)*

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedā paraṃ maraṇā jalābujānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati”ti.

aṭṭhamaṃ.

saṃyutta nikāya 29  
*Linked Discourses 29*

1. nāgavagga  
*1. Dragons*

9. tatiyasutasutta  
*9. They've Heard (3rd)*

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 saṃsedajānaṃ nāgānaṃ 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 moisture-born dragons?”*

... pe ...  
*(All should be told in full.)*

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedā paraṃ maraṇā saṃsedajānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati”ti.

navamaṃ.

saṃyutta nikāya 29  
*Linked Discourses 29*

1. nāgavagga  
*1. Dragons*

10. catutthasutasutta  
10. They've Heard (4th)

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 bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā opapātikānaṃ nāgānaṃ saṃsāraṃ 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 spontaneously-born dragons?”*

“idha, bhikkhu, ekacco kāyena dvayakārī hoti, vācāya dvayakārī, manasā dvayakārī.  
*(All should be told in full.)*

tassa suttaṃ hoti:

‘opapātikā nāgā dīghāyukā vaṇṇavanto sukhābhulā’ti.

tassa evaṃ hoti:

‘aho vatāhaṃ kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā opapātikānaṃ nāgānaṃ saṃsāraṃ upapajjeyyaṃ’ti.

so kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā opapātikānaṃ nāgānaṃ saṃsāraṃ upapajjati.

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

dasamaṃ.

samyutta nikāya 29  
*Linked Discourses 29*

1. nāgavagga  
*1. Dragons*

11–20. aṇḍajadānūpakārasuttadasaka  
*11–20. Ten Discourses On How Giving Helps to Become Egg-Born*

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 aṇḍajānaṃ nāgānaṃ saṃsāraṃ 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 egg-born dragons?”*

“idha, bhikkhu, ekacco kāyena dvayakārī hoti, vācāya dvayakārī, manasā dvayakārī.  
*“Mendicant, it’s when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind.*

tassa suttaṃ hoti:  
*And they’ve heard:*

‘aṇḍajā nāgā dīghāyukā vaṇṇavanto sukhābhulā’ti.  
*‘The egg-born dragons are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’*

tassa evaṃ hoti:  
*They think:*

‘aho vatāhaṃ kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjeyyaṃ’ti.

*‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons!’*

so annaṃ deti.

*They give food ...*

so kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati.

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu ... pe ... upapajjatīti ... pe ...

so pānaṃ deti ... pe ...

*drink ...*

vatthaṃ deti ... pe ...

*clothing ...*

yānaṃ deti ... pe ...

*a vehicle ...*

mālaṃ deti ... pe ...

*a garland ...*

gandhaṃ deti ... pe ...

*fragrance ...*

vilepanaṃ deti ... pe ...

*makeup ...*

seyyaṃ deti ... pe ...

*a bed ...*

āvasathaṃ deti ... pe ...

*a house ...*

padīpeyyaṃ deti.

*a lamp.*

so kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati.

*When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the egg-born dragons.*

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā aṇḍajānaṃ nāgānaṃ 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 egg-born dragons.”*

vīsatiṃ.

saṃyutta nikāya 29

*Linked Discourses 29*

1. nāgavagga

*1. Dragons*

21–50. jalābujādidānūpakārasuttattiṃsaka

*21–50. Thirty Discourses On How Giving Helps to Become Womb-Born, Etc.*

sāvattṭhinidānaṃ.

*At Sāvattṭhī.*

ekamantaṃ nisinna 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 jalābujānaṃ nāgānaṃ ... 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 womb-born dragons ...*

samsedajānaṃ nāgānaṃ ... pe ...  
*moisture-born dragons ...*

opapātikānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati”ti?  
*spontaneously-born dragons?”*

“idha, bhikkhu, ekacco kāyena dvayakārī hoti, vācāya dvayakārī, manasā dvayakārī.  
*“Mendicant, it’s when someone does both kinds of deeds by body, speech, and mind.*

tassa suttaṃ hoti:  
*And they’ve heard:*

‘opapātikā nāgā dīghāyukā vaṇṇavanto sukhābahlā’ti.  
*‘The spontaneously-born dragons are long-lived, beautiful, and very happy.’*

tassa evaṃ hoti:  
*They think:*

‘aho vatāhaṃ kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā opapātikānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjeyyaṃ’ti.  
*‘If only, when my body breaks up, after death, I would be reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons!’*

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

pānaṃ deti ... pe ...  
*drink ...*

padīpeyyaṃ deti.  
*a lamp.*

so kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā opapātikānaṃ nāgānaṃ saḥabyataṃ upapajjati.  
*When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in the company of the spontaneously-born dragons.*

ayaṃ kho, bhikkhu, hetu, ayaṃ paccayo, yena midhekacco kāyassa bhedaṃ paraṃ maraṇā opapātikānaṃ nāgānaṃ 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 spontaneously-born dragons.”*

(iminā peyyālena dasa dasa suttantā kātābā.  
*(Each set of ten discourses of this series should be treated in the same way.)*

evaṃ catūsu yonisū cattālīsaṃ veyyākaraṇā honti.

purimehi pana dasahi suttantehi saha honti paṇṇāsasuttantāti.)

nāgavaggo paṭṭhamo.

suddhikaṃ paṇītataṃ,

caturō ca uposathā;

tassa suttaṃ caturō ca,

dānūpakārā ca tālīsaṃ;



paṇṇāsa piṇḍato suttā,

nāgamhi suppakāsitāti.

nāgasamyuttam samattam.

*The Linked Discourses on dragons are complete.*