

samyutta nikāya 50

Linked Discourses 50

1. gaṅgāpeyyālavagga

1. Abbreviated Texts on the Ganges

1–12. balādisutta

1–12. Sloping East, Etc.

“pañcimāni, bhikkhave, balāni.

“Mendicants, there are these five powers.

katamāni pañca?

What five?

saddhābalaṃ, vīriyabalaṃ, satibalaṃ, samādhibalaṃ, paññābalaṃ—

The powers of faith, energy, mindfulness, immersion, and wisdom.

imāni kho, bhikkhave, pañca balānīti.

These are the five powers.

seyyathāpi, bhikkhave, gaṅgā nadī pācīnaninnā pācīnapoṇā pācīnapabbhārā;

The Ganges river slants, slopes, and inclines to the east.

evameva kho, bhikkhave, bhikkhu pañca balāni bhāvento pañca balāni

bahulīkaronto nibbānaninno hoti nibbānapoṇo nibbānapabbhāro.

In the same way, a mendicant who develops and cultivates the five powers slants, slopes, and inclines to extinguishment.

kathaṇca, bhikkhave, bhikkhu pañca balāni bhāvento pañca balāni bahulīkaronto nibbānaninno hoti nibbānapoṇo nibbānapabbhāro?

And how does a mendicant who develops the five powers slant, slope, and incline to extinguishment?

idha, bhikkhave, bhikkhu saddhābalaṃ bhāveti vivekanissitaṃ virāganissitaṃ nirodhanissitaṃ vossaggapariṇāmiṃ,

It's when a mendicant develops the powers of faith,

vīriyabalaṃ ... pe ...

energy,

satibalaṃ ...

mindfulness,

samādhibalaṃ ...

immersion,

paññābalaṃ bhāveti vivekanissitaṃ virāganissitaṃ nirodhanissitaṃ vossaggapariṇāmiṃ.

and wisdom, which rely on seclusion, fading away, and cessation, and ripen as letting go.

evam kho, bhikkhave, bhikkhu pañca balāni bhāvento pañca balāni bahulīkaronto nibbānaninno hoti nibbānapoṇo nibbānapabbhāro”ti.

That's how a mendicant who develops and cultivates the five powers slants, slopes, and inclines to extinguishment.”

dvādasamaṃ.

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gaṅgāpeyyālavaggo paṭhamo.

(To be expanded for each of the different rivers as in SN 45.91–102.)

cha pācīnato ninnā,

Six on slanting to the east,

cha ninnā ca samuddato;

and six on slanting to the ocean;

dvete cha dvādasā honti,
these two sixes make twelve,

vaggo tena pavuccatīti.
and that's how this chapter is recited.

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2. appamādavagga
2. Diligence

13. appamādavagga
13–22. Diligence

(appamādavaggo vitthāretabbo.)
(To be expanded as in the chapter on diligence at SN 45.139–148.)

tathāgataṃ padaṃ kūṭaṃ,
The Realized One, footprint, roof peak,

mūlaṃ sārena vassikaṃ;
roots, heartwood, jasmine,

rājā candimasūriyā,
monarch, sun and moon,

vatthena dasamaṃ padanti.
and cloth is the tenth.

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3. balakaraṇīyavagga
3. Hard Work

23. balakaraṇīyavagga
23–34. Hard Work

(balakaraṇīyavaggo vitthāretabbo.)
(To be expanded as in the chapter on hard work at SN 45.149–160.)

balam bījañca nāgo ca,
Hard work, seeds, and dragons,

rukkho kumbhena sūkiyā;
a tree, a pot, and a spike,

ākāsena ca dve meghā,
the sky, and two on clouds,

nāvā āgantukā nadīti.
a ship, a guest house, and a river.

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4. esanāvagga
4. Searches

35. esanāvagga
35–44. Searches

(esanāvaggo vitthāretabbo.)
(To be expanded as in the chapter on searches at SN 45.161–170.)

esanā vidhā āsavo,
Searches, discriminations, defilements,

bhavo ca dukkhatā tisso;
states of existence, three kinds of suffering,

khilaṃ malañca nīgho ca,
barrenness, stains, and troubles,

vedanā taṇhā tasinā cāti.
feelings, craving, and thirst.

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5. oghavagga
5. Floods

45–54. oghādisutta
45–54. Floods, Etc.

“pañcimāni, bhikkhave, uddhambhāgiyāni saṃyojanāni.
“Mendicants, there are five higher fetters.

katamāni pañca?
What five?

rūparāgo, arūparāgo, māno, uddhaccaṃ, avijjā—
Desire for rebirth in the realm of luminous form, desire for rebirth in the formless realm, conceit, restlessness, and ignorance.

imāni kho, bhikkhave, pañcuddhambhāgiyāni saṃyojanāni.
These are the five higher fetters.

imesaṃ kho, bhikkhave, pañcannaṃ uddhambhāgiyānaṃ saṃyojanānaṃ abhiññāya pariññāya parikkhayāya pahānāya pañca balāni bhāvetabbāni.
The five powers should be developed for the direct knowledge, complete understanding, finishing, and giving up of these five higher fetters.

katamāni pañca?
What five?

idha, bhikkhave, bhikkhu, saddhābalaṃ bhāveti vivekanissitaṃ virāganissitaṃ nirodhanissitaṃ vossaggapariñāmiṃ,
It's when a mendicant develops the powers of faith,

vīriyabalaṃ ... pe ...
energy,

satibalaṃ ...
mindfulness,

samādhibalaṃ ...
immersion,

paññābalaṃ bhāveti vivekanissitaṃ virāganissitaṃ nirodhanissitaṃ vossaggapariñāmiṃ.
and wisdom, which rely on seclusion, fading away, and cessation, and ripen as letting go.

imesaṃ kho, bhikkhave, pañcannaṃ uddhambhāgiyānaṃ saṃyojanānaṃ abhiññāya pariññāya parikkhayāya pahānāya imāni pañca balāni bhāvetabbāni”ti.
These five powers should be developed for the direct knowledge, complete understanding, finishing, and giving up of these five higher fetters.”

(evaṃ vitthāretabbā.)
(To be expanded as in SN 45.171–179, with the above as the final discourse.)

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6. punagaṅgāpeyyālavagga
6. Another Chapter of Abbreviated Texts on the Ganges, Etc.

55–66. pācīnādisutta
55–66. *Sloping East, Etc.*

“seyyathāpi, bhikkhave, gaṅgā nadī pācīnaninnā pācīnaṇṇā pācīnapabbhārā;
“Mendicants, the Ganges river slants, slopes, and inclines to the east.

evameva kho, bhikkhave, bhikkhu pañca balāni bhāvento pañca balāni
bahulīkaronto nibbānaninno hoti nibbānaṇṇo nibbānapabbhāro.
In the same way, a mendicant who develops and cultivates the five powers slants, slopes, and inclines to extinguishment.

kathaṇca, bhikkhave, bhikkhu pañca balāni bhāvento pañca balāni bahulīkaronto
nibbānaninno hoti nibbānaṇṇo nibbānapabbhāro?
And how does a mendicant who develops the five powers slant, slope, and incline to extinguishment?

idha, bhikkhave, bhikkhu, saddhābalaṃ bhāveti rāgavinaya-pariyosānaṃ
dosavinaya-pariyosānaṃ mohavinaya-pariyosānaṃ ...
It's when a mendicant develops the powers of faith, energy, mindfulness, immersion, and wisdom, which culminate in the removal of greed, hate, and delusion.

evam kho, bhikkhave, bhikkhu pañca balāni bhāvento pañca balāni bahulīkaronto
nibbānaninno hoti nibbānaṇṇo nibbānapabbhāro”ti.
That's how a mendicant who develops and cultivates the five powers slants, slopes, and inclines to extinguishment.”

vitthāretabbā.
(To be expanded for each of the different rivers as in SN 45.91–102, removal of greed version.)

dvādasamaṃ.

gaṅgāpeyyālavaggo chaṭṭho.

cha pācīnato ninnā,
Six on slanting to the east,

cha ninnā ca samuddato;
and six on slanting to the ocean;

dvete cha dvādasā honti,
these two sixes make twelve,

vaggo tena pavuccatīti.
and that's how this chapter is recited.

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6. punagaṅgāpeyyālavagga
6. Another Chapter of Abbreviated Texts on the Ganges, Etc.

67. punaappamāḍavagga
67–76. Another Chapter on Diligence

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7. punabalakaraṇīyavagga
7. Another Chapter on Hard Work

77. punabalakaraṇīyavagga
77–88. Another Chapter on Hard Work

(appamādavagga-balakaraṇīyavaggā vitthāretabbā.)
(To be expanded as in SN 45.149–160, removal of greed version.)

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8. punaesanaṅvagga
8. Another Chapter on Searches

89–98. punaesanaḍisutta
89–98. Another Series on Searches, Etc.

(evaṃ esanāpāli vitthāretabbā—rāgavinayapariyosānaṃ dosavinayapariyosānaṃ
mohavinayapariyosānaṃ.)
(To be expanded as in SN 45.161–170, removal of greed version.)

esanāvaggo navamo.

esanā vidhā āsavo,
Searches, discriminations, defilements,

bhavo ca dukkhatā tisso;
states of existence, three kinds of suffering,

khilaṃ malaṇca nīgho ca,
barrenness, stains, and troubles,

vedanā taṇhā tasinā cāti.
feelings, craving, and thirst.

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9. punaoghavagga
9. Another Chapter on Floods

99–108. punaoghādisutta
99–108. Another Series on Floods, Etc.

“pañcimāni, bhikkhave, uddhambhāgiyāni saṃyojanāni.
“Mendicants, there are five higher fetters.

katamāni pañca?
What five?

rūparāgo, arūparāgo, māno, uddhaccaṃ avijjā—
Desire for rebirth in the realm of luminous form, desire for rebirth in the formless realm,
conceit, restlessness, and ignorance.

imāni kho, bhikkhave, pañcuddhambhāgiyāni saṃyojanāni.
These are the five higher fetters.

imesaṃ kho, bhikkhave, pañcannaṃ uddhambhāgiyānaṃ saṃyojanānaṃ abhiññāya
pariññāya parikkhayāya pahānāya pañca balāni bhāvetabbāni.
The five powers should be developed for the direct knowledge, complete understanding,
finishing, and giving up of these five higher fetters.

katamāni pañca?
What five?

idha, bhikkhave, bhikkhu saddhābalaṃ bhāveti ... pe ... paññābalaṃ bhāveti
rāgavinayapariyosānaṃ dosavinayapariyosānaṃ mohavinayapariyosānaṃ.
A mendicant develops the powers of faith, energy, mindfulness, immersion, and wisdom, which
culminate in the removal of greed, hate, and delusion.

imesaṃ kho, bhikkhave, pañcannaṃ uddhambhāgiyānaṃ saṃyojanānaṃ abhiññāya
pariññāya parikkhayāya pahānāya imāni pañca balāni bhāvetabbāni”ti.

*These five powers should be developed for the direct knowledge, complete understanding,
finishing, and giving up of these five higher fetters.”*

dasamaṃ.

(To be expanded as in SN 45.171–179, with the above as the final discourse.)

oghavaggo dasamo.

ogho yogo upādānaṃ,

Floods, bonds, grasping,

ganthā anusayena ca;

ties, and underlying tendencies,

kāmaguṇā nīvaraṇā,

kinds of sensual stimulation, hindrances,

khandhā oruddhambhāgiyāti.

aggregates, and fetters high and low.

balasaṃyuttaṃ chaṭṭhaṃ.

The Linked Discourses on the Powers is the sixth section.