0.0.1 The Conch Blower

At one time the Aus-1. picious One was dwelling in Nalanda at the Pavarika Mango Grove. Then Asibandhakaputta, the village chief, visited with the Auspicious One. Upon arrival, having bowed down to the Auspicious One, he sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, the Auspicious One said this to Asibandhakaputta, the village chief: "How, O village chief, does Nigantha Nataputta teach the Dhamma to his disciples?"

2. "Nigantha Nataputta, O Bhante, teaches the dhamma to his disciples thus: "Anyone at all who causes to kill living beings, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who takes what is not given, belongs to sankhadhamasuttam

ekam samayam bhagavā nālandāyam viharati pāvārikambavane, atha kho asibandhakaputto gāmani vena bhagavā tenupasankami, upasankamitvā bhagavantam abhivādetvā ekamantam nisīdi, ekamantam nisinno kho asibandhakaputto gāmanī bhagavantam etadavoca: kathannukho gāmani, nigantho nātaputto sāvakānam dhammam desetīti.

evam kho bhante nigantho nātaputto sāvakānam dhammam deseti: yo koci pānamatipāteti¹ sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko. yo

¹bhaṇḍadhovanamattampi sīmu.

the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who misconducts in sensual pleasures, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who tells lies, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. In which ever way one frequently dwells, in just that way one is led along". It is in this way, O Bhante, that Nigantha Nataputta teaches the dhamma to his disciples."

3. "In which ever way one frequently dwells, in just that way one is led along", O village chief, that being so, no one will belong to the state of misery, no one will be doomed to suffer in hell according to Nigantha Nataputta's words. "So what do you think, O village chief? Whichever person undertakes the killing of living beings, whether by night or by day

koci adinnamādiyati sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko. yo koci kāmesu micchā carati sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko. yo koci musā bhaṇati sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko. yaṃ bahulaṃ yaṃ bahulaṃ viharati tena tena niyyatīti². evaṃ kho bhante nigaṇṭho nātaputto sāvakānaṃ dhammaṃ desetīti.

yam bahulam yam bahulanca gāmani viharati tena tena niyyatīti evam sante na koci āpāyiko nerayiko bhavissati yathā niganthassa nātaputtassa vacanam. tam kimmannasi gāmani yo so puriso pāṇātipātī, rattiyā vā divasassa vā samayā-

²sīyyātīti - ni 1.

on any given occasion, what is more? The occasions when he kills living beings or the occasions when he does not kill living beings?"

- "Whichever person, O Bhante, undertakes the killing of living beings, whether by night or by day on any given occasion, less are the occasions when he kills living beings. Certainly more are the occasions when he does not kill living beings." "In which ever way one frequently dwells, in just that way one is led along", O village chief, that being so, no one will belong to the state of misery, no one will be doomed to suffer in hell according to Nigantha Nataputta's words.
- 5. "So what do you think, O village chief? Whichever person undertakes the tak-

samayam upādāya, katamo bahutaro samayo yam vā so pāņam atipāteti yam vā so pāṇam nātipātetīti.

yo so bhante puriso pāṇātipātī, rattiyā vā divasassa vā samayāsamayam upādāya appataro so samayo yam so pāṇam atipāteti. atha kho so va bahutaro samayo yam so pāṇam nātipātetīti. yam bahulam yam bahulañca gāmaṇi viharati tena tena nīyyatīti evam sante na koci āpāyiko nerayiko bhavissati yathā niganthassa nātaputtassa vacanam.

taṃ kimmaññasi gāmaṇi, yo so puriso adinnādāyī, rattiyā vā divasassa vā sa-

ing of what is not given, whether by night or by day on any given occasion, what is more? The occasions when he takes what is not given or the occasions when he does not take what is not given?" "Whichever person, O Bhante, undertakes the taking of what is not given, whether by night or by day on any given occasion, less are the occasions when he takes what is not given. Certainly more are the occasions when he does not take what is not given." "In which ever way one frequently dwells, in just that way one is led along", O village chief, that being so, no one will belong to the state of misery, no one will be doomed to suffer in hell according to Nigantha Nataputta's words.

6. "So what do you think, O village chief? Whichever person undertakes misconduct in

mayāsamayam upādāya katamo bahutaro samayo yam vā so adinnam ādivati vam vā so adinnam nādiyatīti. yo so bhante puriso adinnādāyī rattiyā vā divasassa vā samayāsamayam upādāya, appataro so samayo yam so adinnam ādiyati, atha kho sova bahutaro samavo vam so adinnam nādiyatīti. yam bahulam yam bahulañca gāmaṇi viharati tena tena nīvyatīti, evam sante na koci āpāyiko nerayiko bhavissati yathā niganthassa nātaputtassa vacanam.

taṃ kimmaññasi gāmaṇi yo so puriso kāmesu micchācārī, rattiyā vā divasassa

sensual pleasures, whether by night or by day on any given occasion, what is more? The occasions when he misconducts in sensual pleasures or the occasions when he does not misconduct in sensual pleasures?" "Whichever person, O Bhante, undertakes misconduct in sensual pleasures, whether by night or by day on any given occasion, less are the occasions when he misconducts in sensual pleasures. Certainly more are the occasions when he does not misconduct in sensual pleasures." "In which ever way one frequently dwells, in just that way one is led along", O village chief, that being so, no one will belong to the state of misery, no one will be doomed to suffer in hell according to Nigantha Nataputta's words.

7. "So what do you think, O village chief? Whichever

vā samayāsamayam upādāya katamo bahutaro samayo yam vā so kāmesu micchā carati, vam vā so kāmesu micchā na caratīti. yo so bhante puriso kāmesu micchācārī, rattiyā vā divasassa vā samayāsamayam upādāya appataro so samayo yam so kāmesu micchā carati. atha kho sova bahutaro samayo yam so kāmesu micchā na carati. yam bahulam yam bahulañca gāmani viharati tena tena nīyayatīti, evam sante na koci āpāyiko nerayiko bhavissati yathā niganthassa nātaputtassa vacanam.

taṃ kimmaññasi gāmaṇi, yo so puriso musāvādī rattiyā vā

person undertakes the telling of lies, whether by night or by day on any given occasion, what is more? The occasions when he tells lies or the occasions when he does not tell lies?" "Whichever person, O Bhante, undertakes the telling of lies, whether by night or by day on any given occasion, less are the occasions when he tells lies. Certainly more are the occasions when he does not tell lies." "In which ever way one frequently dwells, in just that way one is led along", O village chief, that being so, no one will belong to the state of misery, no one will be doomed to suffer in hell according to Nigantha Nataputta's words.

8. Here, O village chief, a certain Teacher is of such doctrine, of such view: "Anyone at all who causes to kill

divasassa vā samayāsamayam upādāya katamo bahutaro samayo yam vā so musā bhanati, yam vā so musā na bhaņatīti. yo so bhante puriso musāvādī rattiyā vā divasassa vā samayāsamayam upādāya appataro so samayo yam so musā bhanati. atha kho sova bahutaro samayo yam so musā na bhaṇatīti. yam bahulam yam bahulañca gamani viharati tena tena nīyvatīti, evam sante na koci āpāyiko nerayiko bhavissati yathā niganthassa nātaputtassa vacanam.

idha gāmaṇi ekacco satthā evaṃvādī hoti evaṃ diṭṭhi: yo koci pāṇamatipāteti sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko,

living beings, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who takes what is not given, belongs to the state of misery. doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who misconducts in sensual pleasures, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who tells lies, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell." Now, O village chief, it occurs to the Teacher's disciple who places high faith [in him] thus: My Teacher is of such doctrine, of such view: "Anyone at all who causes to kill living beings, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who takes what is not given, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who misconducts in sensual pleasures, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Anyone at all who tells lies, belongs to the

yo koci adinnam ādiyati sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko, yo koci kāmesu micchā carati sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko, yo koci musā bhanati sabbo so āpāyiko nerayikoti. tasmim kho pana gāmani satthari sāvako abhippasanno hoti, tassa evam hoti mayham kho satthā evam vādī evam ditthi: "vo koci pānamatipāteti sabbo so āpāyiko nerayikoti. atthi kho pana mayā pāno atipātito ³ ahampi āpāyiko nerayikoti ditthim patilabhati. tam gāmani vācam appahāya tam cittam appahāya tam ditthim appatinissajjitvā⁴ yathābhatam nikkhitto

³atimāpito - sī 1, 2, syā.

⁴nissajitvā - syā.

state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell." But there is the killing of living beings [done] by me. He acquires the view: I too belong to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Without having abandoned that assertion, O village chief, without having abandoned that state of mind, without having relinquished that view, he will be put down in hell accordingly as if carried [there].

9. My Teacher is of such doctrine, is of such view thus: "Anyone at all who takes what is not given, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell." But there is the taking of what is not given [done] by me. He acquires the view: I too belong to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Without having abandoned that assertion, O village chief, without having abandoned

evam niraye.

mayham kho satthā evam vādī evam diţțhi: "yo koci adinnam ādiyati sabbo
so āpāyiko nerayiko"
ti. atthi kho pana
mayā adinnam ādinnam, ahampamhi
āpāyiko nerayikoti
diṭṭhim paṭilabhati,
tam gāmaṇi vācam
appahāya tam cittam appahāya tam
diṭṭhim appaṭinissajjitvā yathābhatam

that state of mind, without having relinquished that view, he will be put down in hell accordingly as if carried [there].

My Teacher is of such 10. doctrine, is of such view thus: "Anyone at all who misconducts in sensual pleasures, belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell." But there is misconduct in sensual pleasures [done] by me. He acquires the view: I too belong to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Without having abandoned that assertion, O village chief, without having abandoned that state of mind, without having relinquished that view, he will be put down in hell accordingly as if carried [there].

11. My Teacher is of such doctrine, is of such view thus: "Anyone at all who tells lies,

nikkhitto evam niraye.

mayham kho satthā evam vādī evam diţţhi: "yo koci kāmesu micachā carati, sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko" ti. atthi kho pana mayā kāmesu micchācinnam⁵, ahampamhi āpāyiko nerayikoti ditthim patilabhati, tam gāmani vācam appahāya tam cittam appahāya tam ditthim appatinissajjitvā yathābhatam nikkhitto evam niraye.

mayham kho satthā evam vādī evam dit-

⁵micchācārāciṇṇaṃ - syā.

belongs to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell." But there is false [speech] spoken by me. He acquires the view: I too belong to the state of misery, doomed to suffer in hell. Without having abandoned that assertion, O village chief, without having abandoned that state of mind, without having relinquished that view, he will be put down in hell accordingly as if carried [there].

12. But here, O village chief, a Tathagata arises in the world, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of the worlds, incomparable charioteer of tamed persons, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious. He in many teachings reproaches and censures the killing of living beings and says: "You must all abstain from the killing of

thi: "yo koci musā bhaṇati sabbo so āpāyiko nerayiko" ti. atthi kho pana mayā musā bhaṇitaṃ ahampamhi āpāyiko nerayikoti diṭṭhiṃ paṭilabhati, taṃ gāmaṇi vācaṃ appahāya taṃ cittaṃ appahāya taṃ diṭṭhiṃ appaṭinissajjitvā yathābhataṃ nikkhitto evaṃ niraye.

idha pana gāmaṇi tathāgato loke uppajjati arahaṃ sammā-sambuddho vijjāca-raṇasampanno sugato lokavidū anuttaro purisadammasā-rathī satthā devamanussānaṃ buddho bhagavā. so aneka pariyāyena pāṇātipātaṃ garahati vigarahati pāṇātipātāviramathāti cāha, adinnādānaṃ garahati vi-

living beings." He reproaches and censures the taking of what is not given and says: "You must all abstain from the taking of what is not given." He reproaches and censures misconduct in sensual pleasures and says: "You must all abstain from misconduct in sensual pleasures." He reproaches and censures false speech and says: "You must all abstain from false speech."

13. But here, O village chief, the Teacher's disciple [possessed of] the higher faith reflects thus: "The Auspicious One in many teachings reproaches and censures the killing of living beings and says: "You must all abstain from the killing of living beings." But there is the killing of living beings [done] by me to this or that extent. But to whatever extend the killing of living beings [have

garahati ādinnādānā viramathāti cāha, kāmesu micchācāram garahati vigarahati kāmesu micchācārā viramathāti cāha, musāvādam garahati vigarahati musāvādā viramathāti cāha.

tasmim kho pana gāmaṇi satthari sāvako abhippasanno hoti, so iti paṭisaṃcikkhati: bhagavā kho anekapariyāyena pāṇātipātaṃ garahati vigarahati pāṇātipātā viramathāti cāha: atthi kho pana mayā pāṇo atipātito yāvatako vā tāvatako vā; yo kho pana mayā pāṇo atipātito yāvatako vā

been done] by me, that is not proper, that is not good. And yet even were I to be remorseful, that evil kamma of mine will not be undone." Having reflected thus, he simply abandons the killing of living beings and abstains from the killing of living beings in the future. Thus, is the abandoning of that evil kamma, thus is the surmounting of that evil kamma.

14. "The Auspicious One in many teachings reproaches and censures the taking of what is not given and says: "You must all abstain from the taking of what is not given." But there is the taking of what is not given [done] by me to this or that extent. But to whatever extend the taking of what is not given

tāvatako vā, tam na suțțhu tam na sādhu. ahañceva kho pana tappaccayā vippatisārī assam na me tam pāpakam⁶ kammam akatam bhavissatīti, so iti paţisankhāya tam ceva pāṇātipātam pajahati, āyatiñca pānātipātā paţivirato hoti; evametassa pāpassa kammassa pahānam hoti, evametassa pāpassa kammassa samatikkamo hoti.

bhagavā kho anekapariyāyena adinnādānam garahati vigarahati adinnādāna viramathāti cāha: atthi kho pana mayā adinnam ādinnam yāvatakam vā tāvatakam vā; yam kho pana mayā adin-

⁶pāpaṃ - sī.

[has been done] by me, that is not proper, that is not good. And yet even were I to be remorseful, that evil kamma of mine will not be undone." Having reflected thus, he simply abandons the taking of what is not given and abstains from the taking of what is not given in the future. Thus, is the abandoning of that evil kamma, thus is the surmounting of that evil kamma.

15. "The Auspicious One in many teachings reproaches and censures misconduct in sensual pleasures and says: "You must all abstain from misconduct in sensual pleasures." But there is misconduct in sensual pleasures [done] by me to this or that

nam ādinnam yāvatakam vā tāvatakam vā, tam na sutthu tam na sādhu. ahañceva kho pana tappaccayā vippaţisārī assam na me tam pāpakam kammam akatam bhavissatīti, so iti patisankhāya tañceva adinnādānam pajahati, āyatiñca adinnādānā pativirato hoti; evametassa pāpassa kammassa pahānam hoti, evametassa pāpassa kammassa samatikkamo hoti.

bhagavā kho anekapariyāyena kāmesu micchācāram garahati vigarahati kāmesu micchācārā viramathāti cāha: atthi kho pana mayā kāmesu micchāciņņam yāvatakam vā tāvatakam vā; yam

extent. But to whatever extend misconduct in sensual pleasures [have been done] by me, that is not proper, that is not good. And vet even were I to be remorseful, that evil kamma of mine will not be undone." Having reflected thus, he simply abandons misconduct in sensual pleasures and abstains from misconduct in sensual pleasures in the future. Thus, is the abandoning of that evil kamma, thus is the surmounting of that evil kamma.

16. "The Auspicious One in many teachings reproaches and censures false speech and says: "You must all abstain from false speech." But there is false [speech] spoken by me to this or that extent.

kho pana mayā kāmesu micchācinnam yāvatakam vā tāvatakam vā, tam na sutthu tam na sādhu. ahañceva kho pana tappaccayā vippatisārī assam na me tam pāpakam kammam akatam bhavissatīti, so iti paţisankhāya tam ceva kāmesu micchācāram pajahati, āyatiñca kāmesu micchācārā pativirato hoti; evametassa pāpassa kammassa pahānam hoti, evametassa pāpassa kammassa samatikkamo hoti.

bhagavā kho anekapariyāyena musāvādaṃ garahati vigarahati musāvadā viramathāti cāha: atthi kho pana mayā musā bhaṇitaṃ yāvatakaṃ vā tāvatakaṃ But to whatever extend false [speech] has been spoken by me, that is not proper, that is not good. And yet even were I to be remorseful, that evil kamma of mine will not be undone." Having reflected thus, he simply abandons false speech and abstains from false speech in the future. Thus, is the abandoning of that evil kamma, thus is the surmounting of that evil kamma.

17. Having abandoned the killing of living beings, he abstains from the killing of living beings. Having abandoned the taking of what is not given, he abstains from the taking of what is not given. Having abandoned

vā; yam kho pana mavā musā bhanitam yāvatakam vā tāvatakam vā, tam na sutthu tam na sādhu, ahañceva kho pana tappaccayā vippatisārī assam na me tam pāpakam kammam akatam bhavissatīti, so iti patisankhāya tam ceva musāvādam pajahati, āvatiñca musāvādā pativirato hoti; evametassa pāpassa kammassa pahānam hoti, evametassa pāpassa kammassa samatikkamo hoti.

so pāṇātipātam pahāya pāṇātipātā pațivirato hoti adinnādānam pahāya adinnādānā paṭivirato hoti, kāmesu micchācāram pahāya kāmesu micchācārā paṭivirato hoti, mu-

misconduct in sensual pleasures, he abstains from misconduct in sensual pleasures. Having abandoned false speech, he abstains from false speech. Having abandoned divisive speech, he abstains from divisive speech. Having abandoned harsh speech, he abstains from harsh speech. Having abandoned senseless prattle, he abstains from senseless prattle. Having abandoned covetousness, he is not covetous. Having abandoned ill-will and hatred, he is one of a benevolent mind. Having abandoned wrong view, he is one of right view.

18. The noble disciple,
O village chief, thus rid of
covetousness, rid of ill-will,
unconfused, mindful and
contemplative, with a mind
imbued with metta, dwells
pervading one direction, likewise the second direction,
likewise the third direction,

sāvādam pahāya musāvādā pativirato hoti, pisunāvācam pahāya pisuņāyavācāva pativirato hoti, pharusamvācam pahāva pharusāva vācāya pativirato hoti, samphappalāpam pahāya samphappalāpā pativirato hoti, abhijjham pahāya anabhijjhālū hoti, vyāpādadosam pahāva abvāpannacitto hoti, micchāditthim pahāva sammāditthiko hoti.

sa kho so gāmaņi ariyasāvako evam vigatābhijjho vigatavyāpādo. asammūļho sampajāno patissato mettāsahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati, tathā dutiyam, tathā tatiyam,

likewise the fourth direction. above, below, around, to all beings in the entire world he dwells pervading with a mind imbued with metta, abundant, exalted, immeasurable, and free from enmity and ill-will. Just as, O village chief, a powerful conch shell blower would easily, without difficulty, convey [the sound of his conch shell] in the four directions, just so, O village chief, with the liberation of mind by metta thus matured. thus made abundant, any measureable kamma done will not remain there, will not persist there.

19. The noble disciple, O village chief, thus rid of covetousness, rid of ill-will, unconfused, mindful and contemplative, with a mind imbued with compassion, tathā catutthim; iti uddhamadhotiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāva sabbāvantam lokam mettāsahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamānena averena avyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati. seyyathāpi gāmani balavā sankhadhamo appakasireneva catuddisā viññāpeyya, evameva kho gāmani evam bhāvitāya mettāva cetovimuttivā evam bahulikatāya yam pamānakatam kammam na tam tatrāvasissati, na tam tatrāvatitthati.

sa kho so gāmaṇi ariyasāvako evaṃ vigatābhijjho vigatavyāpādo. asammūļho sampajāno patissato karuṇāsahagatena cetasā ekam disam

dwells pervading one direction, likewise the second direction, likewise the third direction, likewise the fourth direction, above, below, around, to all beings in the entire world he dwells pervading with a mind imbued with compassion, abundant, exalted, immeasurable, and free from enmity and ill-will. Just as, O village chief, a powerful conch shell blower would easily, without difficulty, convey [the sound of his conch shell in the four directions, just so, O village chief, with the liberation of mind by compassion thus matured, thus made abundant, any measureable kamma done will not remain there, will not persist there.

20. The noble disciple, O village chief, thus rid of covetousness, rid of ill-will, un-

pharitvā viharati, tathā dutiyam, tathā tatiyam, tathā catutthim; iti uddhamadhotiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāva sabbāvantam lokam karuņāsahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamāņena averena avyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati. seyyathāpi gāmani balavā sankhadhamo appakasireneva catuddisā viññāpeyya, evameva kho gāmaņi evam bhāvitāya karunāya cetovimuttiyā evam bahulīkatāya yam pamānakatam kammam na tam tatrāvasissati, na tam tatrāvatitthati.

sa kho so gāmaṇi ariyasāvako evaṃ vigatābhijjho vigatavyāpādo. asammūļho confused, mindful and contemplative, with a mind imbued with mudita, dwells pervading one direction, likewise the second direction. likewise the third direction. likewise the fourth direction, above, below, around, to all beings in the entire world he dwells pervading with a mind imbued with mudita, abundant, exalted, immeasurable, and free from enmity and ill-will. Just as, O village chief, a powerful conch shell blower would easily, without difficulty, convey [the sound of his conch shell in the four directions, just so, O village chief, with the liberation of mind by mudita thus matured, thus made abundant, any measureable kamma done will not remain there, will not persist there.

sampajāno patissato muditāsahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati, tathā dutiyam, tathā tatiyam, tathā catutthim; iti uddhamadhotiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbāvantam lokam muditāsahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamānena averena avyāpajihena pharitvā viharati. seyyathāpi gāmani balavā sankhadhamo appakasireneva catuddisā viññāpeyya, evameva kho gāmani evam bhāvitāya muditāya cetovimuttiyā evam bahulīkatāya yam pamānakatam kammam na tam tatrāvasissati, na tam tatrāvatitthati.

sa kho so gāmaņi

The noble disciple, O village chief, thus rid of covetousness, rid of ill-will, unconfused, mindful and contemplative, with a mind imbued with equanimity, dwells pervading one direction, likewise the second direction, likewise the third direction, likewise the fourth direction. above, below, around, to all beings in the entire world he dwells pervading with a mind imbued with equanimity, abundant, exalted, immeasurable, and free from enmity and ill-will. Just as, O village chief, a powerful conch shell blower would easily, without difficulty, convey [the sound of his conch shell] in the four directions, just so, O village chief, with the liberation of mind by equanimity thus matured, thus made abundant, any measureable kamma done will not remain there, will not persist there.

ariyasāvako evam vigatābhijiho vigatavyāpādo. asammūlho sampajāno patissato upekhāsahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharityā viharati, tathā dutiyam, tathā tatiyam, tathā catutthim; iti uddhamadhotiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāva sabbāvantam lokam upekhāsahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamānena averena avyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati. seyyathāpi gāmani balavā sankhadhamo appakasireneva catuddisā viññāpeyya, evameva kho gāmani evam bhāvitāva upekhāya cetovimuttiyā evam bahulīkatāya yam pamāṇakatam kammam na tam tatrāvasissati, na tam

22. When thus was said, Asibandhakaputta, the village chief, said this to the Auspicious One: "Excellent, O Bhante! Excellent, O Bhante! Just as, O Bhante, one might set upright what has been overturned, or open up what has been closed, or show a path to one who is lost, or bear an oil lamp in the darkness so that those with good evesight can see forms." Just so has the Dhamma been explained by the venerable Gotama in countless ways. I go, O Bhante, to the Auspicious One as refuge, and to the Dhamma, and to the Sangha of bhikkhus. May the Auspicious One bear it in mind, that I am a lay disciple who has gone for refuge from today for as long as life lasts.

tatrāvatiţţhati.

evam vutte asibandhakaputto gāmanī bhagavantam etadavoca: abhikkantam bhante abhikkantam bhante seyyathāpi bhante nikkujjitam vā ukkujjeyya, paticchannam vā vivareyya, mūlahassa vā maggam ācikkheyya andhakāre vā tela pajjotam dhārevva cakkhumanto rūpāni dakkhintīti, evamevam bhagavatā anekapariyāyena dhammo pakāsito, esāham bhante bhagavantam saranam gacchāmi dhammañca bhikkhusangañca, upāsakam mam bhagavā dhāretu ajjatagge pānupetam saranam gatanti.