

0.0.1 Maturation

0.0.1 bhāvanāsuttaṃ

1. “I will expound for you, O bhikkhus, superhuman power, the basis for superhuman power, the maturation of the basis for superhuman power, and the means for progress leading to the maturation of the basis for superhuman power. You must listen to that.

iddhiñca¹ vo bhikkhave, desessāmi iddhipādañca iddhipādabhāvanañca iddhipādabhāvanāgāminiñca paṭipadaṃ. taṃ suṇātha.

2. And what, O bhikkhus, is superhuman power? Here, O bhikkhus, a bhikkhu experiences the various modes of superhuman power. Having been one, he becomes manifold. Having been manifold too, he becomes one. He becomes visible. He becomes invisible. He goes through a wall, through a rampart, through a mountain without being touched, as if in the air. He emerges from and descend into the earth too, as if in water. He goes on water too, without it being pierced, as if on the ground. He moves cross-legged in the air too, as if a winged bird. These too, the sun and moon, so mighty, so majestic, he touches and strokes with his hand. He exerts control with his body, even as far as the Brahma world. This, O bhikkhus, is called superhuman power.

¹iddhiṃ-machasaṃ. ■

katamā ca bhikkhave, iddhi? idha bhikkhave, bhikkhu anekavihiṭṭaṃ iddhiṭṭhaṃ paccanubhoti: ekopi hutvā bahudhā hoti, bahudhāpi hutvā eko hoti, āvibhāvaṃ tirobhāvaṃ tirokuḍḍaṃ tiropākāraṃ tiropabbataṃ asajjamaṇova gacchati, seyyathāpi ākāse, paṭhaviyāpi ummujjanimujjaṃ karoti seyyathāpi udaye, udaye pi abhiṭṭamaṇo gacchati seyyathāpi paṭhaviyaṃ, ākāse pi pallaṅkena kamati seyyathāpi pakkhī saṅgaṇaṃ, ime pi candimasuriye evaṃ mahiddhike evaṃ mahānubhāve paṇiṇā parāmasati, parimajjati, yāva brahmalo kāpi kāyena vasaṃ vatteti. ayaṃ vuccati bhikkhave iddhi.

3. And what, O bhikkhus, is the basis for superhuman power? That which, O bhikkhus, is the path, that which is the means for progress that leads to the attainment of superhuman power. This, O bhikkhus, is called the basis for superhuman power.

katamo ca bhikkhave, iddhipādo, yo bhikkhave, maggo yā paṭipadā iddhipaṭilābhāya² samvattati. ayaṃ vuccati bhikkhave, iddhipādo.

4. And what, O bhikkhus, is the maturation of the basis for superhuman power? Here, O bhikkhus, a bhikkhu brings into being the basis for superhuman power endowed with desire-samadhi and the will-power for exertion; he brings into being the basis for superhuman

²iddhilābhāya iddhipaṭilābhāya- machasaṃ, syā. ■

power endowed with energy-samadhi and the will-power for exertion; he brings into being the basis for superhuman power endowed with samadhi state of mind and the will-power for exertion; he brings into being the basis for superhuman power endowed with investigation-samadhi and the will-power for exertion. This, O bhikkhus, is called the maturation of the basis for superhuman power.

katamā ca bhikkhave, iddhipādabhāvanā? idha bhikkhave, bhikkhu chandasamādhīpadhānasāṅkhārasamannāgataṃ iddhipādaṃ bhāveti, viriyasamādhīpadhānasāṅkhārasamannāgataṃ iddhipādaṃ bhāveti, cittasamādhīpadhānasāṅkhārasamannāgataṃ iddhipādaṃ bhāveti, vīmaṃsāsamādhīpadhānasāṅkhārasamannāgataṃ iddhipādaṃ bhāveti, āyamaṃ vuccati bhikkhave, iddhipādabhāvanā.

5. And what, O bhikkhus, is the means for progress leading to the maturation of the bases for superhuman power? It is just this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right samadhi. This, O bhikkhus, is called the means for progress leading to the maturation of the bases for superhuman power.”

katamā ca bhikkhave, iddhipādabhāvanāgāminī paṭipadā? ayameva ariyo aṭṭhaṅgiko maggo. seyyathidaṃ: sammādiṭṭhi sammāsaṅkappo sammāvācā sammākammanto sammāājīvo sammāvāyāmo sammāsaṭi

sammāsamādhī. ayaṃ vuccati bhikkhave, iddhipāda-
bhāvanāgāminī paṭipadāti.

