

0.0.1 Mother

0. At Savatthi

1. This samsara is without a discoverable beginning. A first point is not discerned of beings roaming and wandering on, hindered by ignorance and fettered by thirst. It is not easy, O bhikkhus, to find a form of being who has not formally been your mother in this long time [roaming and wandering on]. What is the reason for that? [Because] this samsara is without a discoverable beginning. A first point is not discerned of beings roaming and wandering on, hindered by ignorance and fettered by thirst. For a long time, you have experienced suffering, experienced, anguish, experienced misfortune, swelled the cemeteries. This much, O bhikkhus, is just enough to be estranged in all sankharas, enough to fade away in them, enough to be liberated in them.