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1. Then the venerable Ananda 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 venerable Ananda said this to the Auspicious One: “A being, a being,” O Bhante, it is said. To what extent, O Bhante, is there a being?”

2. “But, O Ananda, were kamma not to ripen in the sense-desire sphere, would sense-desire beings be discerned?”

3. Certainly not, Bhante.

4. Thus, O Ananda, for beings hindered by ignorance and fettered by thirsting, kamma is the field, consciousness is the seed, thirsting is the moisture for their consciousness to be established in an inferior sphere. The actualization of a being again in the future comes to be thus.

5. “But, O Ananda, were kamma not to ripen in the form sphere, would form beings be discerned?”

6. Certainly not, Bhante.

7. Thus, O Ananda, for beings hindered by ignorance and fettered by thirsting, kamma is the field, consciousness is the seed, thirsting is the moisture for their consciousness to be established in a middling sphere. The actualization of a being again in the future comes to be thus.

8. “But, O Ananda, were kamma not to ripen in the formless sphere, would formless beings be discerned?”

9. Certainly not, Bhante.

10. Thus, O Ananda, for beings hindered by ignorance and fettered by thirsting, kamma is the field, consciousness is the seed, thirsting is the moisture for their consciousness to be established in a superior sphere. The actualization of a being again in the future comes to be thus. “It is in this way, O Ananda, that there is a being.”