

0.0.1 Tears

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. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced suffering. So what do you think, O bhikkhus, which is more? The stream of tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting in this long time roaming and wandering on, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, or the water in the four great oceans?

2. “Bhante, as we understand the Dhamma taught by the Auspicious One, just this, O Bhante, is more: The stream of tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting in this long time roaming and wandering on, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.”

3. Good, good, O bhikkhus, it is good, O bhikkhus, that you understand the Dhamma taught by me thus. This is just more, O bhikkhus: The stream of tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting in this long time roaming and wandering on, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is

pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced the death of a mother. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the death of a mother, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

4. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have also experienced the death of a father. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the death of a father, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

5. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced the death of a brother. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the death of a brother, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

6. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced the death of a sister. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the death of a sister, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from

what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

7. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced the death of a son. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the death of a son, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

8. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced the death of a daughter. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the death of a daughter, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

9. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced the death of a relative. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the death of a relative, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

10. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced the misfortunes of relatives. This is just more, O bhik-

khus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the loss of relatives, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

11. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced the loss of wealth. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced the loss of wealth, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

12. For a long time, O bhikkhus, you have experienced misfortune from sickness. This is just more, O bhikkhus, the tears that have flowed forth from crying outloud and lamenting as you experienced misfortune from sickness, being associated with what is unpleasing, being separated from what is pleasing, not even the water in the four great oceans.

13. 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. This much, O bhikkhus, is just enough to be enstranged in all sankharas, enough to fade away in them, enough to be liberated in them.