

0.0.1 Misfortune

1. At one time the Auspicious One was dwelling in Savatthi at Jeta's Grove, Anathapindika's Park. At that place, the Auspicious One addressed the bhikkhus: "Bhikkhus." "Bhante," those bhikkhus replied to the Auspicious One. The Auspicious One said this:

2. 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. Whichever, O bhikkhus, misfortunate and miserable one you may see, you must reach the conclusion: "For us too, we have undergone such form [of misfortune and misery] on this long path." What is the reason for that? [Because] O bhikkhus, 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 estranged in all sankharas, enough to fade away in them, enough to be liberated in them.