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1. “Suppose, O bhikkhus, that this great earth become one [mass of] water. There, a man would throw into [the mass of water] a one-hole yoke. An easterly wind might drive it westwards, a westerly wind might drive it eastwards, a northerly wind might drive it southwards, a southerly wind might drive it northwards. There, a blind turtle would rise out of water once every hundred years. What do you think, O bhikkhus? Would that blind turtle coming out of the water once every hundred years put its neck through that one-hole yoke?” “It is by chance, O Bhante, that that blind turtle, coming out of the water once every hundred years, would put its neck through that one-hole yoke.”

2. So it is by chance, O bhikkhus, that one gains the human state, so it is by chance, O Bhikkhus, that a Tathagata arises in the world, the Arahant, the rightly self-awakened One, so it is by chance, O bhikkhus, that the Dhamma and Vinaya as proclaimed by the Tathagata shines in the world. For you, O bhikkhus, this human state has been obtained, and the Tathagata has arisen in the world, the Arahant, the rightly self-awakened One, and the Dhamma and Vinaya as proclaimed by the Tathagata shines in the world.

3. Therefore, O bhikkhus, an endeavour should be made [to realize]: “This is suffering;” An endeavour should

be made [to realize]: “This is the origin of suffering;”
An endeavour should be made [to realize]: “This is the
cessation of suffering;” An endeavour should be made
[to realize]: “This is the way leading to the cessation of
suffering;”