0.0.1 Malunkyaputta

mālunkyaputtasuttam

1. Then, the venerable Malunkyaputta visited with the Auspicious One. Upon arrival, he bowed down to the Auspicious One and sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, the venerable Malunkyaputta said this to the Auspicious One. "It would be good, O Bhante, if the Auspicious One would teach me the Dhamma in brief, so that, having heard the Dhamma from the Auspicious One, I might dwell alone, withdrawn, vigilant, ardent, resolute."

atha kho āyasmā māluṅkyaputto¹ yena bhagavā tenupasaṅkami. upasaṅkamitvā bhagavantaṃ abhivādetvā ekamantaṃ nisīdi. ekamantaṃ nisinno kho āyasmā māluṅkyaputto bhagavantaṃ etadavoca: sādhu me bhante, bhagavā saṅkhittena dhammaṃ desetu yamahaṃ bhagavato dhammaṃ sutvā eko vūpakaṭṭho appamatto ātāpī pahitatto vihareyyanti.

2. "Here now, Malunkyaputta, what should we say to the young bhikkhus, in as much as you, an aged bhikkhu, old, an old man, advanced in years, reached decay, asks for advice in brief?" "I am aged, O Bhante, old, an old

¹mālukkya - machasaṃ, syā. pts page 072

man, advanced in years, reached decay, [but] somehow, let the Auspicious One teach me the Dhamma in brief, O Bhante, let the Well-farer teach me the Dhamma in brief. Perhaps I might understand the meaning of the Auspicious One's statement. Perhaps I may become an heir of the Auspicious One's statement."

etthadāni mālunkyaputta kim dahare bhikkhū vakkhāma, yatra hi nāma tvam bhikkhu jinno vuddho mahallako addhagato vayoanuppatto sankhittena ovādam yācasīti. kincāpaham bhante jinno vuddho mahallako addhagato vayoanuppatto, desetu me bhante bhagavā sankhittena dhammam, desetu me sugato sankhittena dhammam, appevanāmāham bhagavato bhāsitassa attham ājāneyyam, appevanāmāham bhagavato bhāsitassa dāyādo assa'nti.

3. What do you think about that, Malunkyaputta: Of forms cognizable by the eye,
Those [forms] that have not been seen,
That have formally not been seen,
That you're not seeing [now],
That you don't expect to see,
Could there be desire or lust,
or love in relation to them?
Surely not, venerable sir.

tam kimmaññasi mālunkyaputta ye te cakkhuviñ-

ñeyyā rūpā adiṭṭhā adiṭṭhapubbā, na ca passasi, na ca te hoti. passeyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetaṃ bhante.

4. Of sounds cognizable by the ear,
Those [sounds] that have not been heard,
That have formally not been heard,
That you're not hearing [now],
That you don't expect to hear,
Could there be desire or lust,
or love in relation to them?
Surely not, venerable sir.

ye te sotaviñneyyā saddā assutā assutapubbā, na ca suņāsi, na ca te hoti suņeyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetaṃ bhante.

5. Of aromas cognizable by the nose,
Those [aromas] that have not been smelled,
That have formally not been smelled,
That you're not smelling [now],
That you don't expect to smell,
Could there be desire or lust,
or love in relation to them?
Surely not, venerable sir.

ye te ghānaviñneyyā gandhā aghāyitā aghāyitapubbā, na ca ghāyasi, na ca te hoti ghāyeyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetam bhante.

6. Of flavors cognizable by the tongue, Those [flavors] that have not been tasted, That have formally not been tasted, That you're not tasting [now], That you don't expect to taste, Could there be desire or lust, or love in relation to them? Surely not, venerable sir.

ye te jivhāviññeyyā rasā asāyitā asāyitapubbā, na ca sāyasi, na ca te hoti ghāyeyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetaṃ bhante.

7. Of tangibles cognizable by the body,
Those [tangibles] that have not been touched,
That have formally not been touched,
That you're not touching [now],
That you don't expect to touch,
Could there be desire or lust,
or love in relation to them?
Surely not, venerable sir.

ye te kāyaviññeyyā phoṭṭhabbā asamphuṭṭhā asamphuṭṭhapubbā, na ca phusasi, na ca te hoti phuseyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pe-

mam vāti. no hetam bhante.

8. Of dhammas cognizable by the mind,
Those [dhammas] that have not been cognized,
That have formally not been cognized,
That you're not cognizing [now],
That you don't expect to cognize,
Could there be desire or lust,
or love in relation to them?
Surely not, venerable sir.

ye te manoviññeyyā dhammā aviññātā aviññātapubbā, na ca vijānāsi, na ca te hoti vijāneyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetam bhante.

9. Here, for you Malunkyaputta, in regard to dhammas seen, heard, thought, or cognized: "In the seen there will be merely the seen. In the heard there will be merely the heard. In the thought there will be merely the thought. In the cognized there will be merely the cognized." "Since for you Malunkyaputta, in regard to dhammas seen, heard, thought, or cognized, in the seen there will be merely the seen, in the heard there will be merely the heard, in the thought there will be merely the thought, in the cognized there will be merely the cognized, therefore you Malunkyaputta, are not that by which. Since you Malunkyaputta, are not that by which,

therefore you Malunkyaputta, are not in that place. Since you Malunkyaputta, are not in that place, therefore you Malunkyaputta, are neither in this world, nor in the other world, nor in between both [worlds]. Just this is the end of suffering."

ettha ca te mālunkyaputta diṭṭhasutamutaviññā-tabbesu dhammesu diṭṭhe diṭṭhamattaṃ bhavissati, sute sutamattaṃ bhavissati, mute mutamattaṃ bhavissati, viññāte viññātamattaṃ bhavissati. yato kho te mālunkyaputta diṭṭhasutamutaviññā-tabbesu dhammesu diṭṭhe diṭṭhamattaṃ bhavissati, sute sutamattaṃ bhavissati, mute mutamattaṃ bhavissati, viññāte viññātamattaṃ bhavissati. tato tvaṃ mālunkyaputta na tena, yato tvaṃ mālunkaputta na tena, tato tvaṃ mālunkyaputta na tattha, tato tvaṃ mālunakyaputta nevidha na huraṃ na ubhayamantarena esevanto dukkhassāti.

10. Indeed, O Bhante, for this brief statement spoken by the Auspicious One, I understand the meaning in detail.

imassa khvāham bhante bhagavatā sankhittena bhāsitassa evam vitthārena² attham ājānāmi.

"Having seen a form with mindfulness muddled,

²bhāsitassa vitvārena - machasaṃ, syā, sīmu.

Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with seeing forms,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this,
nibbana is said to be far.

rūpam disvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam³ manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya⁴ tiṭṭhati. tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā rūpasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati. evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbānam⁵ vuccati.

Having heard a sound with mindfulness muddled,
Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,

³piyanimittam - sīmu. sī 2.

⁴ajjhosa - machasam, ajejhasā- syā.

⁵nibbāna - machasaṃ. syā.

That originate with hearing sounds, And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

saddam sutvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā saddasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbāṇam vuccati.

Having smelled an aroma with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with smelling aromas,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this,
nibbana is said to be far.

gandham ghātvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya tiṭṭhati. tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā gandhasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbānam vuccati.

Having tasted a flavor with mindfulness muddled, Attending to the pleasing sign,

He feels it with infatuated mind, And remains tightly holding to it. So for him increases various feelings, That originate with tasting flavors, And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

rasam bhotvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā rasasambhavā,

abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbāṇam vuccati.

Having touched a tangible with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with touching tangibles,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this,
nibbana is said to be far.

phassam⁶ phussa sati muṭṭhā, piyaṃ nimittaṃ manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā phassasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evaṃ ācinato dukkhaṃ, ārā nibbāṇaṃ vuccati.

Having cognized a dhamma with mindfulness

⁶phoṭṭhabbā - syā.

muddled,
Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with cognizing dhammas,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this,
nibbana is said to be far.

dhammam ñatvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya tiṭṭhati. tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā dhammasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among forms, having seen a form he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him seeing a form, and partaking of the experience in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the notbuilding-up. He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati rūpesu, rūpam disvā patissato⁷ virattacitto vedeti,

tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa passato rūpam, sevato cāpi vedanam, khīyati nopacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among sounds, having heard a sound he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him hearing a sound, and partaking of the experience in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati saddesu,

⁷patissato- machasam.

saddam sutvā patissato virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati,

yathāssa suṇato saddam, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evaṃ so caratī sato, evaṃ apacinato dukkhaṃ, santike nibbānaṃ vuccati.

Not tainted among aromas, having smelled an aroma he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him smells an aroma, and partaking of the experience in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati gandhesu, gandham ghātvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa ghāyato gandham, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato,

evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among flavors,
having tasted a flavor he is mindful.
He experiences it fade away from the mind,
and does not remain holding to it.
For him tasting a flavor,
and partaking of the experience in this way,
thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the notbuilding-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this,
is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati rasesu, rasam bhotvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa sāyato rasam, sevato cāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among tangibles, having touched a tangible he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it.

For him touching a tangible,
and experiences the feeling in this way,
thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the notbuilding-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati phassesu, phassam phussa patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa phusato phassam, sevato cāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among dhammas, having cognized a dhamma he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him cognizing a dhamma, and partaking of the experience in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati dhammesu, dhammam ñatvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa vijānato⁸ dhammam, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccatī ti.

11. It is in this way, O Bhante, that I understand in detail the meaning of this brief statement spoken by the Auspicious One." Good, good Malunkyaputta. It is good that you, Malunkyaputta, understand in detail the meaning of what was stated by me in brief.

imassa kho'ham bhante bhagavatā sankhittena bhāsitassa evam vitthārena attham ājānāmīti. sādhu sādhu mālunkyaputta, sādhu kho tvam mālunkyaputta mayā sankhittena bhāsitassa vitthārena attham ājānāsi.

"Having seen a form with mindfulness muddled,

⁸jānato - machasaṃ, syā. pts page 076

Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with seeing forms,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this,
nibbana is said to be far.

rūpam disvā sati muṭṭhā,
piyanimittam manasi karoto,
sārattacitto vedeti,
tañca ajjhesāya tiṭṭhati. tassa vaḍḍhanti
vedanā,
anekā rūpasambhavā,
abhijjhā ca vihesā ca,
cittamassūpahaññati,
evam ācinato dukkham,
ārā nibbāṇam vuccati.

Having heard a sound with mindfulness muddled,
Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with hearing sounds,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.

For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

saddam sutvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā saddasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbānam vuccati.

Having smelled an aroma with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with smelling aromas,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this,
nibbana is said to be far.

gandham ghātvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya tiṭṭhati. tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā gandhasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vibhesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbāṇam vuccati.

Having tasted a flavor with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with tasting flavors,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this,
nibbana is said to be far.

rasam bhotvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā rasasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbānam vuccati.

Having touched a tangible with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with touching tangibles,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this,
nibbana is said to be far.

phassam phussa sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā phassasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbāṇam vuccati.

Having cognized a dhamma with mindfulness muddled,
Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with cognizing dhammas,

And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

dhammam ñatvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya tiṭṭhati. tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā dhammasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vibhesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among forms, having seen a form he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him seeing a form, and partaking of the experience in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati rūpesu, rūpam disvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa passato rūpaṃ, sevato cāpi vedanaṃ, khīyati no pacīyati, evaṃ so caratī sato, evaṃ apacinato dukkhaṃ, santike nibbānaṃ vuccati.

Not tainted among sounds,
having heard a sound he is mindful.
He experiences it fade away from the mind,
and does not remain holding to it.
For him hearing a sound,
and partaking of the experience in this way,
thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the notbuilding-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this

For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati saddesu, saddam sutvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa sunato saddam, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham,

santike nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among aromas, having smelled an aroma he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him smells an aroma, and partaking of the experience in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati gandhesu, gandham ghātvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa ghāyato gandham, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among flavors, having tasted a flavor he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him tasting a flavor, and partaking of the experience in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati rasesu, rasam bhotvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa sāyato rasam, sevato cāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among tangibles, having touched a tangible he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him touching a tangible, and experiences the feeling in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana. na so rajjati phassesu, phassam phussa patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa phusato phassam, sevato cāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

Not tainted among dhammas, having cognized a dhamma he is mindful. He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him cognizing a dhamma, and partaking of the experience in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.

He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

na so rajjati dhammesu, dhammam ñatvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa vijānato dhammam, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccatī ti.

12. It is in this way, Malunkyaputta, that the detailed meaning of this brief statement spoken by me should be understood." Then, the venerable Mālunkyaputta, having delighted, having rejoiced in the Auspicious One's words, having risen up from his seat, having bowed down, having circumambulated the Auspicious One, he departed.

imassa kho mālunkyaputta mayā sankhittena bhāsitassa evam vitthārena attho daṭṭhabboti. atha kho āyasmā mālunkyaputto bhagavato bhāsitam abhinanditvā anumoditvā uṭṭhāyāsanā bhagavantam abhivādetvā padakkhinam katvā pakkāmi.

13. Then, the venerable Malunkyaputta, dwelling alone, withdrawn, vigilant, ardent, resolute, not long entered upon and dwelled in that unsurpassed consummation of the life of purity for the sake of which sons of clansmen just rightly go forth from the household life into homelessness, having realized it with his own supreme knowledge in just this very life. He understood: "Destroyed is birth, lived is the life of purity, done is what had to be done, there is no other for thusness." And the venerable Malunkyaputta became one of the arahants.

atha kho āyasmā mālunkyaputto eko vūpakaṭṭho appamatto ātāpī pahitatto viharanto na cirasseva yassatthāya kulaputtā sammadeva āgārasmā anagāriyam pabbajanti, tadanuttaram brahmacariyapariyosānam diṭṭheva dhamme sayam abhiññā sacchikatvā upasampajja vihāsi. khīṇā jāti, vusitam brahmacariyam, katam karaṇīyam, nāparam itthattāyāti abbhaññāsi. aññataro ca panāyasmā mālunkyaputto arahatam ahosīti.