0.0.1 The Kalamas

At one time the Auspicious One was wandering on tour in Kosala with a large Sangha of bhikkhus when they arrived at the market town of the Kalamas named Kesaputta. The Kalamas of Kesaputta heard: "The samana Gotama, son of the Sakyans, having gone forth from the Sakyan clan, has arrived at Kessaputta. Now a good reputation has been spread about that Auspicious Gotama thus: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable charioteer of tamed persons, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious." Having realized this world with its devas, maras and brahmas, together with the population of samanas and brahmanas, devas and humans, he causes

kālāmāsuttam

ekam samayam bhagavā kosalesu cārikam caramāno mahatā bhikkhusanghena saddhim yena kesaputtam nāma kālāmānam nigamo tadavasari, assosum kho kesaputtiyā kālāmā samano khalu bho gotamo sakyaputto sakyakulā pabbajito kesaputtam anuppatto, tam kho pana bhavantam¹ gotamam evam kalyāno kittisaddo abbhuggato: iti'pi so bhagavā araham sammāsambuddho vijjācaranasampanno sugato lokavidū anuttaro purisadammasārathī satthā devamanussānam buddho bha-

¹bhagavantaṃ - sīmu.

to make it known. He teaches the Dhamma that is good in the beginning, good in the middle, good in the end, with the right meaning and phrasing, making known the life of purity that is utterly perfect and pure. Now good is the sight of such arahants."

gavā. so imam lokam sadevakam samārakam sabrahmakam sassamanabrāhmanim pajam sadevamanussam savam abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti, so dhammam deseti ādikalyānam majjhekalyānam pariyosānakalyānam sāttham sabyañjanam kevalaparipunnam parisuddham brahmacariyam pakāseti. sādhu kho pana tathārūpānam arahatam dassanam hotī"ti.

2. So then, the Kalamas of Kesaputta went to see the Auspicious One. Upon arrival, some having bowed down to the Auspicious One, sat down to one side. Some having exchanged friendly greetings and cordial talk with the Auspicious One, sat

atha kho kesaputtiyā kālāmā yena bha-gavā tenupasaṅka-miṃsu. upasaṅkami-tvā appekacce bha-gavantaṃ abhivāde-tvā ekamantaṃ ni-sīdiṃsu. appekacce bhagavatā saddhiṃ sammodimsu, sam-

down to one side. Some having put their palms together in anjali [in reverence] to the Auspicious One, sat down to one side. Some having announced their name and clan. sat down to one side. Some having kept silent, sat down to one side. Then the Kalamas, of Kesaputta said this to the Auspicious One: There are, O Bhante, some samanas and brahmanas who upon coming to Kesaputta, they explain and elucidate only their own doctrine but they ridicule, disparage, revile and despise the doctrines of others. Then there are other samanas and brahmanas who upon coming to Kesaputta, they explain and elucidate only their own doctrine but they ridicule, disparage, revile and despise the doctrines of others. Regarding this, O Bhante, we indeed have perplexity, we have doubt at to which among these venerable samanas and brahmanas

modaniyam katham sārānīyam vītisāretvā ekamantam nisīdimsu. appekacce vena bhagavā tenañjalim paṇāmetvā ekamantam nisīdimsu. appekacce nāmagottam sāvetvā ekamantam nisīdimsu appekacce tunhībhūtā ekamantam nisīdimsu. ekamantam nisinnā kho kesaputtivā kālāmā bhagavantam etadavocum: santi bhante eke samanabrāhmanā kesaputtam āgacchanti, te sakaññeva vādam dīpenti, jotenti, paravādam pana² khumsenti, vambhenti, opapakkhim³ karonti, paribhavanti. apare'pi bhante eke sama-

²parappavādam - mach<u>as</u>am

³omakkhīm-machasam

are speaking the truth, and which are speaking a lie?"

3. It is indeed enough, O kalamas, for you to doubt; enough to be perplexed. For certainly, doubt has arisen for you on a perplexing subject. "Come you, O Kalamas, do not go by tradition, do not go by lineage, do not go by hearsay, do not go by the handing down of scriptures, do not go by logical reasoning, do not go by mode

nabrāhmaṇā kesaputtaṃ āgacchanti,
te'pi sakaññeva vādaṃ dīpenti, jotenti,
paravādaṃ pana
khuṃsenti, vambhenti,
opapakkhiṃ karonti,
paribhavanti. tesaṃ
no bhante amhākaṃ
hoteva kaṅkhā, hoti
vicikicchā: ko su
nāma imesaṃ bhavantānaṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ saccaṃ āha, ko musā'ti.

alaṃ hi vo kālāmā kaṅkhituṃ alaṃ vi-cikicchituṃ, kaṅ-khanīye ca pana vo ṭhāne vicikicchā uppannā, etha tumhe kālāmā mā anusasavena, mā paramparāya, mā itikirāya, mā piṭakasampadānena, mā takkahetu, mā nayahetu, mā ākāraparivitakkena, mā diṭṭhinij-

of reasoning, do not go by submission to view after reflection, do not go by suitability of appearance, do not go by "[because] the samana is our teacher." When, O Kalamas, you know for yourself, these dhammas are unwholesome, these dhammas are blameworthy, these dhammas are blameworthy, these dhammas are censured by the wise, these dhammas when taken upon oneself leads to harm and suffering, then you abandon them."

- 4. What do you think, O Kalamas? "When greed is arising in a person, does it arise for his welfare or harm?"
- 5. Harm, Bhante.
- 6. "But a greedy person, O Kalamas, with his mind overwhelmed and obssessed by greed, kills living beings,

jhānakkhantiyā, mā bhabbarūpatāya, mā samaņo no garū'ti. yadā tumhe kālāmā attanā'va jāneyyātha: ime dhammā akusalā, ime dhammā sāvajjā, ime dhammā viññūgarahitā, ime dhammā samattā samādinnā ahitāya dukkhāya saṃvattantī'ti: atha tumhe kālāmā pajaheyyātha.

tam kimmaññatha kālāmā lobho purisassa ajjhattam uppajjamāno uppajjati hitāya vā ahitāya vā'ti?

ahitāya bhante.

luddho panā'yaṃ kālāmā purisapuggalo lobhena abhibhūto pariyādinnacitto pāalso takes what is not given, also goes to others wives, also speaks falsehood, and causes others to do likewise, which lead to his harm and suffering for a long time."

- 7. That is so, Bhante.
- **8.** What do you think, O Kalamas? "When hatred is arising in a person, does it arise for his welfare or harm?"
- 9. Harm, Bhante.
- 10. "But an angry person, O Kalamas, with his mind overwhelmed and obssessed by anger, kills living beings, also takes what is not given, also goes to others wives, also speaks falsehood, and causes others to do likewise, which lead to his harm and

nampi hanti⁴ adinnampi ādiyati. paradārampi gacchati, musāpi bhaṇati, parampi tathattāya samādapeti, yaṃ sa hoti dīgharattaṃ ahitāya dukkhāyā'ti.

evam bhante.

tam kimmaññatha kālāmā doso purisassa ajjhattam uppajjamāno uppajjati hitāya vā ahitāya vā'ti

ahitāya bhante.

duṭṭho panā'yaṃ kālāmā purisapuggalo dosena abhibhūto pariyādinnacitto pāņampi hanti adinnampi ādiyati. paradārampi gacchati, musāpi bhaṇati, pa-

⁴bhananti - machasaṃ, syā.

suffering for a long time."

- 11. That is so, Bhante.
- 12. What do you think, O Kalamas? "When delusion is arising in a person, does it arise for his welfare or harm?"
- 13. Harm, Bhante.
- 14. "But a deluded person, O Kalamas, with his mind overwhelmed and obsessed by delusion, kills living beings, also takes what is not given, also goes to others wives, also speaks falsehood, also causes others to do likewise, which lead to his harm and suffering for a long time."

rampi tathattāya samādapeti, yam sa hoti dīgharattam ahitāya dukkhāyā'ti.

evam bhante.

tam kimmaññatha kālāmā moho purisassa ajjhattam uppajjamāno uppajjati hitāya vā ahitāya vā'ti.

ahitāya bhante.

mūļho panāyam kālāmā purisapuggalo mohena abhibhūto pariyādinnacitto pāņampi hanti adinnampi ādiyati. paradārampi gacchati, musāpi bhaṇati, parampi tathattāya samādapeti, yam sa hoti dīgharattam ahitāya dukkhāyā'ti. **15.** That is so, Bhante.

16. What do you think, O Kalamas? "Are these dhammas wholesome or unwholesome?"

17. Unwholesome, Bhante.

18. "Blameworthy or blameless?"

19. Blameworthy, Bhante.

20. "Censured by the wise or praised by the wise?"

21. Censured by the wise, Bhante.

22. "When taken upon oneself, does it lead to harm and suffering or not, or how [do you see it] here?"

23. "When taken upon one-

evam bhante.

taṃ kimmaññatha kālāmā ime dhammā kusalā vā akusalā vā'ti?

akusalā bhante.

sāvajjā vā anavajjā vā'ti?

sāvajjā bhante.

viññūgarahitā vā viññuppasatthā vāti?

viññūgarahitā bhante.

samattā samādinnā ahitāya dukkhāya saṃvattanti no vā kathaṃ vā hettha hotī'ti?

samattā bhante samādinnā ahitāya self, O Bhante, it leads to harm and suffering. [We see it] here thus."

That which was said 24. thus: "Come you, O Kalamas, do not go by tradition, do not go by lineage, do not go by hearsay, do not go by the handing down of scriptures, do not go by logical reasoning, do not go by inferential reasoning, do not go by mode of reasoning, do not go by submission to view after reflection, do not go by suitability of appearance, do not go by "[because] the samana is our teacher." When, O Kalamas, you know for yourself, these dhammas are unwholesome, these dhammas are blameworthy, these dhammas are censured by the wise, these dhammas when taken upon oneself leads to harm and suffering, then you abandon them," it was on account of this here, that it was said.

dukkhāya saṃvattanti evaṃ ne hettha hotī'ti.

iti kho kālāmā yantam avocumha. etha tumhe kālāmā mā anussavena, mā paramparāya, mā itikirāya, mā pitakasampadānena, mā takkahetu, mā nayahetu, mā ākāraparivitakkena, mā ditthinijjhānakkhantiyā, mā bhabbarūpatāya, mā samano no garū'ti. vadā tumhe kālāmā attanā'va jāneyyātha: ime dhammā akusalā, ime dhammā sāvajjā, ime dhammā viññūgarahitā, ime dhammā samattā samādinnā ahitāya dukkhāya samvattantī'ti. atha tumhe kālāmā pajaheyyāthā'ti iti yantam vuttam idametam pa25. "Come you, O Kalamas, do not go by tradition, do not go by lineage, do not go by hearsay, do not go by the handing down of scriptures, do not go by logical reasoning, do not go by inferential reasoning, do not go by mode of reasoning, do not go by submission to view after reflection, do not go by suitability of appearance, do not go by "[because] the samana is our teacher." When, O Kalamas, you know for yourself, these dhammas are wholesome, these dhammas are blameless, these dhammas are praised by the wise, these dhammas when taken upon oneself leads to welfare and happiness, then having entered upon them you dwell in them."

26. What do you think, O Kalamas? "When non-greed

țicca vuttam.

etha tumhe kālāmā mā anussavena, mā paramparāya, mā itikirāya, mā pitakasampadānena, mā takkahetu, mā nayahetu, mā ākāraparivitakkena, mā ditthinijjhānakkhantivā, mā bhabbarūpatāya, mā samano no garū'ti. yadā tumhe kālāmā attanā'va jāneyyātha, ime dhammā kusalā, ime dhammā anavajjā, ime dhammā viññuppasatthā, ime dhammā samattā samādinnā hitāya sukhāya samvattantī'ti. atha tumhe kālāmā upasampajja vihareyyātha.

taṃ kimmaññatha kālāmā alobho puis arising in a person, does it arise for his welfare or harm?"

27. For his welfare, Bhante.

28. "But a non-greedy person, O Kalamas, with his mind not overwhelmed and obssessed by greed, does not kill living beings, also does not take what is not given, also does not go to others wives, also does not speak falsehood, also does not cause others to do likewise, which lead to his welfare and happiness for a long time."

29. That is so, Bhante.

30. What do you think, O Kalamas? "When non-hatred is arising in a person, does it arise for his welfare or harm?"

risassa ajjhattam uppajjamāno uppajjati hitāya vā ahitāya vā'ti

hitāya bhante.

aluddho panāyam kālāmā purisapug-galo lobhena ana-bhibhūto apariyādin-nacitto nevapāṇam hanti, na adinnam ādiyati, na paradā-ram gacchati, na musā bhaṇati, parampi tathattāya samādapeti, yam sa hoti dīgharattam hitāya sukhāyā'ti.

evam bhante.

tam kimmaññatha kālāmā adoso purisassa ajjhattam uppajjamāno uppajjati hitāya vā ahitāya vā'ti; **31.** For his welfare, Bhante.

32. "But a non-hating person, O Kalamas, with his mind not overwhelmed and obssessed by hate, does not kill living beings, also does not take what is not given, also does not go to others wives, also does not speak falsehood, also does not cause others to do likewise, which lead to his welfare and happiness for a long time."

- 33. That is so, Bhante.
- 34. What do you think, O Kalamas? "When nondelusion is arising in a person, does it arise for his welfare or harm?"
- **35.** For his welfare, Bhante.
- **36.** "But a non-deluded person, O Kalamas, with

hitāya bhante.

aduţţho panāyam kālāmā purisapuggalo dosena anabhibhūto apariyādinnacitto nevapāṇam hanti na adinnam ādiyati, na paradāram gacchati, na musā bhaṇati, parampi tathattāya samādapeti. yam sa hoti dīgharattam hitāya sukhāyā'ti.

evam bhante.

tam kimmaññatha kālāmā amoho purisassa ajjhattam uppajjamāno uppajjati hitāya vā ahitāya vā'ti?

hitāya bhante.

amūļho panāyam kālāmā purisapuggalo mohena anahis mind not overwhelmed and obssessed by delusion, does not kill living beings, also does not take what is not given, also does not go to others wives, also does not speak falsehood, also does not cause others to do likewise, which lead to his welfare and happiness for a long time."

- **37.** That is so, Bhante.
- **38.** What do you think, O Kalamas? "Are these dhammas wholesome or unwholesome?"
- 39. Wholesome, Bhante.
- **40.** "Blameworthy or blameless?"
- 41. Blameless, Bhante.
- **42.** "Censured by the wise or praised by the wise?"

bhibhūto apariyādinnacitto nevapāṇaṃ hanti na adinnaṃ ādiyati, na paradāraṃ gacchati, na musā bhaṇati, parampi tathattāya samādapeti. yaṃ sa hoti dīgharattaṃ hitāya sukhāyā'ti.

evam bhante.

taṃ kimmaññatha kālāmā ime dhammā kusalā vā akusalā vā'ti?

kusalā bhante.

sāvajjā vā anavajjā vā'ti?

anavajjā bhante.

viññūgarahitā vā viññuppasatthā vāti?

- **43.** Praised by the wise, Bhante.
- **44.** "When taken upon oneself, does it lead to welfare and happiness or not, or how [do you see it] here?"
- **45.** "When taken upon oneself, O Bhante, it leads to welfare and happiness. [We see it] here thus."
- That which was said 46. thus: "Come you, O Kalamas, do not go by tradition, do not go by lineage, do not go by hearsay, do not go by the handing down of scriptures, do not go by logical reasoning, do not go by inferential reasoning, do not go by mode of reasoning, do not go by submission to view after reflection, do not go by suitability of appearance, do not go by "[because] the samana is our teacher." When, O Kalamas, you know for yourself,

viññuppasatthā bhante.

samattā samādinnā hitāya sukhāya samvattanti no vā katham vā hettha hotī'ti?

samattā bhante samādinnā hitāya sukhāya saṃvattanti evaṃ ne hettha hotī'ti.

iti kho kālāmā yantam avocumha: etha tumhe kālāmā mā anussavena, mā paramparāya, mā itikirāya, mā pitakasampadānena, mā takkahetu, mā nayahetu, mā ākāraparivitakkena, mā diţţhinijjhānakkhantiyā, mā bhabbarūpatāya, mā samano no garū'ti. vadā tumhe kālāmā attanā'va jānevvātha: ime dhammā kusalā.

these dhammas are wholesome, these dhammas are blameless, these dhammas are praised by the wise, these dhammas when taken upon oneself leads to welfare and happiness, then having entered upon them you dwell in them," it was on account of this here, that it was said.

That noble disciple, O Kalamas, thus rid of covetousness, rid of ill-will, unconfused, mindful and contemplative, with a mind imbued with metta, dwells pervading one direction, likewise the second direction, likewise the third direction, likewise the fourth direction, above, below, around, to all beings in the entire world he dwells pervading with a mind imbued with metta, abundant, grown great, boundless, and free from enmity and ill-will.

ime dhammā anavajjā, ime dhammā viññuppasatthā, ime dhammā samattā samādinnā hitāya sukhāya saṃvattantī'ti. atha tumhe kālāmā upasampajja vihareyyāthā'ti iti yantaṃ vuttaṃ idametaṃ paţicca vuttaṃ.

sa kho so kālāmā ariyasāvako evam vigatābhijiho vigatābyāpādo asammūlho sampajāno patissato mettāsahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharityā viharati. tathā dutiyam, tathā tatiyam, tathā catutthim, iti uddhamadho tiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbāvantam lokam mettāsahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamāņena averena

48. With a mind imbued with compassion, he dwells pervading one direction, likewise the second direction, likewise the third direction, likewise the fourth direction, above, below, around, to all beings in the entire world he dwells pervading with a mind imbued with compassion, abundant, grown great, boundless, and free from enmity and ill-will.

49. With a mind imbued with mudita, he dwells pervading one direction, likewise the second direction, likewise the third direction, likewise the fourth direction, above, below, around, to all beings in the entire world he dwells pervading with a mind imbued with mudita, abun-

abyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati.

karuṇāsahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati. tathā dutiyam, tathā tatiyam, tathā tatiyam, iti uddhamadho tiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbāvantam lokam karuṇāsahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamāṇena averena abyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati.

muditāsahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati. tathā dutiyam, tathā tatiyam, tathā catutthim, iti uddhamadho tiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbāvantam lokam muditāsahagatena cetasā vipulena ma-

dant, grown great, boundless, and free from enmity and ill-will.

50. With a mind imbued with equanimity, he dwells pervading one direction, likewise the second direction, likewise the third direction, likewise the fourth direction, above, below, around, to all beings in the entire world he dwells pervading with a mind imbued with equanimity, abundant, grown great, boundless, and free from enmity and ill-will.

51. That noble disciple, O Kalamas, with a mind thus free from enmity, a mind thus free from ill-will, a mind thus undefiled, a mind thus purified, has gained four consolations in this very life.

haggatena appamāņena averena abyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati

upekkhāsahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati, tathā dutiyam tathā tatiyam, tathā catutthim, iti uddhamadho tiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbāvantam lokam upekkhāsahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamāņena averena abyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati.

sa kho so kālāmā ariyasāvako evam averacitto evam abyāpajjhacitto evam asankiliṭṭhacitto evam visuddhacitto tassa diṭṭheva dhamme cattāro assāsā adhigatā honti: 52. "If there is another world, if there are fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done, it is the case that with the breakup of the body, after death, I will arise in a happy destination, a heavenly world." This is the first consolation he has gained.

53. "But if there is no other world, if there are no fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done, then here in this very life, I maintain myself free from enmity, free from affliction, untroubled and happy." This is the second consolation he has gained.

54. "But if evil befalls the doer [of evil], then I do not intend any evil. [Since] there is non-doing of evil kamma by me, from where will suf-

sace kho pana atthi paro loko, atthi sukaṭadukkaṭānaṃ kammānaṃ phalaṃ vipāko, ṭhānamahaṃ kāyassa bhedā parammaraṇā sugatiṃ saggaṃ lokaṃ upapajjāmī'ti, ayamassa paṭhamo assāso adhigato hoti.

sace pana kho natthi paro loko, natthi sukaṭadukkaṭānaṃ kammānaṃ phalaṃ vipāko, idāhaṃ diṭṭheva dhamme averaṃ abyāpajjhaṃ anīghaṃ sukhaṃ attānaṃ pariharāmīti, ayamassa dutiyo assāso adhigato hoti.

sace kho pana karoto kariyyati pāpaṃ, na kho panāhaṃ kassaci pāpaṃ
cetemi, akarontaṃ
kho pana maṃ pā-

fering touch me?" This is the third consolation he has gained.

55. "But if evil does not befall the doer [of evil], then here I certainly see myself purified in both respects." This is the fourth consolation he has gained.

56. "That noble disciple, O Kalamas, with a mind thus free from enmity, a mind thus free from ill-will, a mind thus undefiled, a mind thus purified, has gained these four consolations in this very life."

57. "That is so, O Auspicious One, that is so, O Wellfarer. That noble disciple, O Bhante, with a mind thus

paṃ kammaṃ kuto dukkhaṃ phusissatī'ti ayamassa tatiyo assāso adhigato hoti

sace kho pana karoto na kariyyati pāpam, idāham ubhayene'va visuddham attānam samanupassāmī'ti ayamassa catuttho assāso adhigato hoti.

sakho so kālāmā ariyasāvako evam averacitto evam abyāpajjhacitto evam asankiliţthacitto, evam visuddhacitto tassa diţthe'va dhamme ime cattāro assāsā adhigatā hontī'ti?

evametam bhagavā, evametam sugato, sakho so bhante ariyasāvako evam averacitto evam abyāfree from enmity, a mind thus free from ill-will, a mind thus undefiled, a mind thus purified, has gained four consolations in this very life.

58. "If there is another world, if there are fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done, it is the case that with the breakup of the body, after death, I will arise in a happy destination, a heavenly world." This is the first consolation he has gained.

59. "But if there is no other world, if there are no fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done, then here in this very life, I maintain myself free from enmity, free from affliction, untroubled and happy." This is the second consolation he has gained.

pajjhacitto evam asankiliţţhacitto, evam visuddhacitto tassa diţţheva dhamme cattāro assāsā adhigatā honti.

sace kho pana atthi paro loko, atthi sukaṭadukkaṭānaṃ kammānaṃ phalaṃ vipāko, ṭhānamahaṃ kāyassa bhedā parammaraṇā sugatiṃ saggaṃ lokaṃ upapajjāmī'ti, ayamassa paṭhamo assāso adhigato hoti.

sace pana kho natthi paro loko, natthi sukaṭadukkaṭānaṃ kammānaṃ phalaṃ vipāko, idāhaṃ diṭṭheva dhamme averaṃ abyāpajjhaṃ anīghaṃ sukhaṃ attānaṃ pariharāmīti, ayamassa dutiyo assāso adhigato hoti. 60. "But if evil befalls the doer [of evil], then I do not intend any evil. [Since] there is non-doing of evil kamma by me, from where will suffering touch me?" This is the third consolation he has gained.

61. "But if evil does not befall the doer [of evil], then here I certainly see myself purified in both respects." This is the fourth consolation he has gained.

62. That noble disciple, O Bhante, with a mind thus free from enmity, a mind thus free from ill-will, a mind thus undefiled, a mind thus purified, has gained these four consolations in this very life."

sace kho pana karoto kariyyati pāpam, na kho panāham kassaci pāpam cetemi, akarontam kho pana mam pāpam kammam kuto dukkham phusissatī'ti ayamassa tatiyo assāso adhigato hoti.

sace kho pana karoto na kariyyati pāpam, idāham ubhayene'va visuddham attānam samanupassāmī'ti ayamassa catuttho assāso adhigato hoti.

sa kho so bhante ariyasāvako evam averacitto evam abyāpajjhacitto evam asankiliṭṭhacitto evam visuddhacitto tassa diṭṭheva dhamme ime cattāro assāsā adhigatā hontīti.

"Excellent, O Bhante! Excellent, O Bhante! Just as, O Bhante, one might set upright what has been overturned, or open up what has been closed, or show a path to one who is lost, or bear an oil lamp in the darkness so that those with good eyesight can see forms, just so has the Dhamma been explained by the venerable Gotama in countless ways. We go, to the Auspicious Gotama, as refuge, and to the Dhamma, and to the Sangha of bhikkhus. May Master Gotama bear it in mind, that we are lay disciples who have gone for refuge from today for as long as life lasts."

abhikkantam bhante, abhikkantam bhante, gotama, sevyathāpi bhante nikkujjitam vā ukkujjeyya, paticchannam vā vivarevva, mūlhassa vā maggam ācikkheyya, andhakāre vā telapajjotam dhārevya, cakkhumanto rūpāni dakkhintīti. evamevam bhotā gotamena anekaparivāyena dhammo pakāsito. ete mayam bhante bhavantam gotamam saranam gacchāma, dhammañca bhikkhusanghañca, upāsake no bhavam gotamo dhāretu ajjatagge pānupete saranam gate'ti.