

### 0.0.1 Sources of Kamma

1. There are, O bhikkhus, these three sources for the origination of kamma. What three? Greed is a source for the origination of kamma, hatred is a source for the origination of kamma, delusion is a source for the origination of kamma.

2. Whatever kamma, O bhikkhus, is fashioned by greed, born of greed, with greed as its source, with greed as its origin, wherever self-begetting is actualized, it is there that the kamma ripens. Wherever that kamma ripens, it is there that the results are experienced, either in this life or in the [next] arising or in some other [arisings] in succession.

3. Whatever kamma, O bhikkhus, is fashioned by hatred, born of hatred, with hatred as its source, with hatred as its origin, wherever self-begetting is actualized, it is there that the kamma ripens. Wherever that kamma ripens, it is there that the results are experienced, either in this life or in the [next] arising or in some other [arisings] in succession.

4. Whatever kamma, O bhikkhus, is fashioned by delusion, born of delusion, with delusion as its source, with delusion as its origin, wherever self-begetting is actualized, it is there that the kamma ripens. Wherever that kamma ripens, it is there that the results are experienced,

either in this life or in the [next] arising or in some other [arisings] in succession.

5. Just as, O bhikkhus, seeds that are unbroken, unspoiled, undamaged by wind and sun, fertile, well kept, is put down on a well prepared soil in a good field, and the [rain] deva might supply appropriate rain shower, thus, O bhikkhus, those seeds would undergo growth, increase and abundance.

6. So too, O bhikkhus, whatever kamma is fashioned by greed, born of greed, with greed as its source, with greed as its origin, wherever self-begetting is actualized, it is there that the kamma ripens. Wherever that kamma ripens, it is there that the results are experienced, either in this life or in the [next] arising or in some other [arisings] in succession.

7. Whatever kamma, is fashioned by hatred, born of hatred, with hatred as its source, with hatred as its origin, wherever self-begetting is actualized, it is there that the kamma ripens. Wherever that kamma ripens, it is there that the results are experienced, either in this life or in the [next] arising or in some other [arisings] in succession.

8. Whatever kamma, is fashioned by delusion, born of delusion, with delusion as its source, with delusion as its origin, wherever self-begetting is actualized, it is there

that the kamma ripens. Wherever that kamma ripens, it is there that the results are experienced, either in this life or in the [next] arising or in some other [arisings] in succession. These, O bhikkhus, are the three sources for the origination of kamma.

9. There are, O bhikkhus, these three sources for the origination of kamma. What three? Non-greed is a source for the origination of kamma, non-hatred is a source for the origination of kamma, non-delusion is a source for the origination of kamma.

10. Whatever kamma, O bhikkhus, is fashioned by non-greed, born of non-greed, with non-greed as its source, with non-greed as its origin, that kamma is abandoned when greed is eliminated. It is cut off at the root, made like palm stump, obliterated so that it is no longer subject to future arising.

11. Whatever kamma, O bhikkhus, is fashioned by non-hatred, born of non-hatred, with non-hatred as its source, with non-hatred as its origin, that kamma is abandoned when hatred is eliminated. It is cut off at the root, made like palm stump, obliterated so that it is no longer subject to future arising.

12. Whatever kamma, O bhikkhus, is fashioned by non-delusion, born of non-delusion, with non-delusion as its

source, with non-delusion as its origin, that kamma is abandoned when delusion is eliminated. It is cut off at the root, made like palm stump, obliterated so that it is no longer subject to future arising.

13. Just as, O bhikkhus, that there are seeds that are unbroken, unspoiled, undamaged by wind and sun, fertile, well kept. A man would burn them in a fire, having burnt it in a fire, he would make them ashes. having made them ashes, he would winnow them in a strong wind or he would cause them to be carried away in a swift flowing river. Thus, O bhikkhus, those seeds would be cut off at the root, made like palm stump, obliterated so that they are no longer subject to future arising.

14. So too, O bhikkhus, whatever kamma, fashioned by non-greed, born of non-greed, with non-greed as its source, with non-greed as its origin, that kamma is abandoned when greed is eliminated. It is cut off at the root, made like palm stump, obliterated so that it is no longer subject to future arising.

15. Whatever kamma, is fashioned by non-hatred, born of non-hatred, with non-hatred as its source, with non-hatred as its origin, that kamma is abandoned when hatred is eliminated. It is cut off at the root, made like palm stump, obliterated so that it is no longer subject to future arising.

16. Whatever kamma, is fashioned by non-delusion, born of non-delusion, with non-delusion as its source, with non-delusion as its origin, that kamma is abandoned when delusion is eliminated. It is cut off at the root, made like palm stump, obliterated so that it is no longer subject to future arising. These, O bhikkhus, are the three sources for the origination of kamma.

“Whatever kamma has been done,  
born of greed, born of hatred,  
born of delusion, by which an ignorant person  
[has come to be];  
whether little or much,  
all that is to be felt right here;  
other ground for it does not exist.

Therefore [with this] greed and hatred,  
and also delusion borne [body];  
the wise bhikkhu giving rise to noble knowl-  
edge,  
abandons all bad destinations.”