

0.0.1 Anathapindika

1. At one time Anathapindika, the head of household, was afflicted, in pain, severely ill. Then Anathapindika, the head of household, addressed a certain man: “Come you good man, visit with the venerable Sariputta. Upon arrival, pay homage in my name [with your] head at the venerable Sariputta’s feet [and say:], Anathapindika, O Bhante, the head of household, is afflicted, in pain, severely ill, he pays homage [with his] head at the venerable Sariputta’s feet.” Then speak thus: “[It would be] really good, O Bhante, [if] the venerable Sariputta [would] stop by the house of Anathapindika, the head of household, out of compassion.”

2. Yes sir, the man having replied Anathapindika, the head of household, he visited with the venerable Sariputta. Upon arrival, he bowed down to the venerable Sariputta and sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, the man said this to the venerable Sariputta: “Anathapindika, O Bhante, the head of household, is afflicted, in pain, severely ill, he pays homage [with his] head at the venerable Sariputta’s feet.” And he says thus: “[It would be] really good, O Bhante, [if] the venerable Sariputta [would] stop by the house of Anathapindika, the head of household, out of compassion.” The venerable Sariputta consented by silence.

3. So then, in the morning, the venerable Sariputta, having dressed, having taken bowl and robe, he stopped by the house of Anathapindika, the head of household, with the venerable Ananda as his companion. Upon arrival, he sat down on a prepared seat. Having sat down, the venerable Sariputta said this to Anathapindika, the head of household: “I hope, O head of household, that you are bearing up. I hope you are keeping on. I hope your painful feelings are diminishing not increasing, and that their diminishing is evident, not their increasing.” “For me, O Bhante, there is no bearing up, no keeping on. For me severe painful feelings are increasing, not diminishing, and their increasing is evident, not their diminishing.”

4. But in fact, O head of household, the form of faithlessness in the Buddha that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of faithlessness in the Buddha. But for you, O head of household, there is confirmed faith in the Buddha [thus]: “Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable trainer of persons to be tamed, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious.” And from considering that confirmed faith in the Buddha within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

5. In fact, O head of household, the form of faithlessness in the Dhamma that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of faithlessness in the Dhamma. But for you, O head of household, there is confirmed faith in the Dhamma [thus]: “The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Auspicious One, visible in this life, not involving time, inviting inspection, leading onward, to be comprehended by the wise, each one for one’s self.” And from considering that confirmed faith in the Dhamma within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

6. In fact, O head of household, the form of faithlessness in the Sangha that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of faithlessness in the Sangha. But for you, O head of household, there is confirmed faith in the Sangha [thus]: “The Sangha of the Auspicious One’s disciples has entered upon the good path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One’s disciples has entered upon the straight path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One’s disciples has entered upon the true path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One’s disciples has entered upon the proper path; that is, the four pairs of persons, the eight types of individuals. This Sangha of the Auspicious One’s disciples is worthy of

gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of reverential salutation, the unsurpassed field of merit for the world.” And from considering that confirmed faith in the Sangha within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

7. In fact, O head of household, the form of immorality that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of immorality. But for you, O head of household, there is the virtue dear to the noble ones [thus]: “unbroken, untorn, unmottled, unspeckled, freeing, praised by the wise, untarnished, leading to samadhi.” And from considering that virtue dear to the noble ones within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

8. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided view that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided view. But for you, O head of household, there is the right view. And from considering that right view within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

9. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided thought that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided thought. But for you, O head of household, there is the right thought. And from considering that right thought within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

10. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided speech that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided speech. But for you, O head of household, there is the right speech. And from considering that right speech within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

11. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided action that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided action. But for you, O head of household, there is the right action. And from considering that right action within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

12. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided livelihood that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided livelihood. But for you, O head of household, there is the right livelihood. And from considering that right livelihood within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

13. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided effort that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided effort. But for you, O head of household, there is the right effort. And from considering that right effort within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

14. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided mindfulness that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided mindfulness. But for you, O head of household, there is the right mindfulness. And from considering that right mindfulness within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

15. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided samadhi that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided samadhi. But for you, O head of household, there is the right samadhi. And from considering that right samadhi within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

16. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided knowledge that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided knowledge. But for you, O head of household, there is the right knowledge. And from considering that right knowledge within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

17. In fact, O head of household, the form of misguided liberation that the Dhamma-deaf puthujjana is endowed with [because of which] with the breakup of the body, after death, he reappears in the lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane, hell, for you there is not that form of misguided liberation. But for you, O head of household, there is the right liberation. And from considering that right liberation within yourself, those feelings may subside in this place.

18. Then the feelings of Anathapindika, the head of household, subsided in that place. Then Anathapindika, the head of household, served the venerable Sariputta and the venerable Ananda with his very own dish of boiled rice. Then, when the venerable Sariputta had eaten and removed his hand from the bowl, Anathapindika, the head of household, having taken a certain lower seat, sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, the venerable Sariputta rejoiced in [the generosity of] Anathapindika, the head of household with these verses:

“Of whom faith in the Tathagata,
is well established, unshakeable;
of whom there is goodness and virtue,
pleasing and agreeable to the noble ones.

Of whom there is faith in the Sangha,
and view that has come to be straight;
they say that “such a one is not poor,”
that such one’s life is not in vain.

Therefore faith and virtue,
confidence and vision of the Dhamma;
the wise ones devote themselves to,
recollecting the Buddha’s teaching.”

19. Then the venerable Sariputta, having rejoiced in [the generosity of] Anathapindika, the head of household with these verses, having risen up from his seat, departed. Then the venerable Ananda went to 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 Auspicious One said this to the venerable Ananda: “Well, from where, O Ananda, are you coming from in the middle of the day.” Bhante, the venerable Sariputta, has been advising Anathapindika, the head of household, with such and such advise. “A wise one, O Ananda, is Sariputta. Of great wisdom, O Ananda, is Sariputta, in as much as he can indeed analyze the four factors of stream entry from ten aspects.”