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1. “Kamma, O bhikkhus, should be known. The source and origin of kamma should be known. The diversity of kamma should be known. The results of kamma should be known. The cessation of kamma should be known. The path leading to the cessation of kamma should be known.” Yet, this was said thus. On account of what was this said?
2. It is volition, O bhikkhus, that I call kamma. For having intended, one acts by body, speech, or mind.
3. And what, O bhikkhus, is the source and origin of kamma? Contact, O bhikkhus, is the source and origin of kamma.
4. And what, O bhikkhus, is the diversity of kamma? There is, O bhikkhus, kamma to be experienced in hell; there is kamma to be experienced in the animal womb; there is kamma to be experienced in the realm of ghosts; there is kamma to be experienced in the world of human beings; there is kamma to be experienced in the deva world. This, O bhikkhus, is called the diversity of kamma.
5. And what, O bhikkhus, is the results of kamma? There are three destinies, O bhikkhus, for the results of kamma, I say: In this very life, in the next life, or

another future life. This, O bhikkhus, is called the results of kamma.

6. And what, O bhikkhus, is the cessation of kamma: From the cessation of contact, O bhikkhus, comes the cessation of kamma.

7. It is just this very noble eightfold path that leads to the cessation of kamma. That is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right samadhi.

8. When, O bhikkhus, a noble disciple wisely understands kamma thus, wisely understands the source and origin of kamma thus, wisely understands the diversity of kamma thus, wisely understands the results of kamma thus, wisely understands the cessation of kamma thus, wisely understands the path leading to the cessation of kamma thus, he wisely understands this penetrative life of purity to be the cessation of kamma.

9. “Kamma, O bhikkhus, should be known. The source and origin of kamma should be known. The diversity of kamma should be known. The results of kamma should be known. The cessation of kamma should be known. The path leading to the cessation of kamma should be known.” That which was said thus, it is on account of this here that it was said.

10. “Suffering, O bhikkhus, should be known. The source and origin of suffering should be known. The diversity of suffering should be known. The results of suffering should be known. The cessation of suffering should be known. The path leading to the cessation of suffering should be known.” Yet, this was said thus. On account of what was this said?

11. Birth is suffering; also old age is suffering; also sickness is suffering; also death is suffering; also sorrow; lamentation; physical suffering; mental suffering and despair are suffering; also not to gain what one wishes is suffering. In brief, the five khandhas of appropriation are suffering.

12. And what, O bhikkhus, is the source and origin of suffering? Thirst, O bhikkhus, is the source and origin of suffering.

13. And what, O bhikkhus, is the diversity of suffering? There is, O bhikkhus, suffering that is extreme; there is suffering that is slight; there is suffering that fades away slowly, there is suffering that fades away quickly. This, O bhikkhus, is called the diversity of suffering.

14. And what, O bhikkhus, are the results of suffering? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain person overpowered by suffering, with his mind overwhelmed by it, grieves,

becomes distressed, laments, wails beating his breast, falls into confusion. Yet another person overpowered by suffering, with his mind overwhelmed by it, embarks on a search outside [thinking:] “Who wisely understands a thing or two for the cessation of suffering without a trace?” Suffering, O bhikkhus, ripens in bewilderment or ripens in a search, I say.

15. And what, O bhikkhus, is the cessation of suffering: From the cessation of thirst, O bhikkhus, comes the cessation of suffering.

16. It is just this very noble eightfold path that leads to the cessation of suffering. That is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right samadhi.

17. When, O bhikkhus, a noble disciple wisely understands suffering thus, wisely understands the source and origin of suffering thus, wisely understands the diversity of suffering thus, wisely understands the results of suffering thus, wisely understands the cessation of suffering thus, wisely understands the path leading to the cessation of suffering thus, he wisely understands this penetrative life of purity to be the cessation of suffering.

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diversity of suffering should be known. The results of suffering should be known. The cessation of suffering should be known. The path leading to the cessation of suffering should be known.” That which was said thus, it is on account of this here that it was said.