0.0.1 Mother

mātusuttam

0. At Savatthi

sāvatthiyam

1. This samsara is without a discoverable beginning. A first point is not discerned of beings roaming and wandering on, hindered by ignorance and fettered by thirsting. It is not easy, O bhikkhus, to find a form of being who has not formally been your mother in this long time [roaming and wandering on]. What is the reason for that? [Because] this samsara is without a discoverable beginning. A first point is not discerned of beings roaming and wandering on, hindered by ignorance and fettered by thirsting. For a long time, you have experienced suffering, experienced, anguish, experienced misfortune, swelled the cemeteries. This much, O bhikkhus, is just enough to be enstranged in all sankharas, enough to fade away in them, enough to be liberated in them.

anamataggoyam bhikkhave, samsāro. pubbā koţi na paññāyati avijjānīvaranānam sattānam tanhāsamyojānānam sandhāvatam samsaratam. na so bhikkhave, satto sulabharūpo yo na mātābhūtapubbo iminā dīghena addhunā. tam kissa hetu? anamataggoyam bhikkhave, samsāro. pubbā koţi na paññāyati avijjānīvaranānam sattānam tanhā-

saṃyojanānaṃ sandhāvataṃ saṃsarataṃ. evaṃ dīgharattaṃ vo bhikkhave, dukkhaṃ paccanubhūtaṃ, tibbaṃ paccanubhūtaṃ, vyasanaṃ paccanubhūtaṃ, kaṭasi vaḍḍhitā. yāvañcidaṃ bhikkhave, alameva sabbasaṅkhāresu nibbindituṃ, alaṃ virajjituṃ, alaṃ vimuccitunti.