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0. In Savatthi:

1. “Form, O bhikkhus, is impermanent, changing, becoming otherwise. Feeling is impermanent, changing, becoming otherwise. Perception is impermanent, changing, becoming otherwise. Sankharas are impermanent, changing, becoming otherwise. Consciousness is impermanent, changing, becoming otherwise.

2. He who, O bhikkhus, has faith in and gains affinity to these dhammas thus, this is called a saddhanusari [faith follower], one who has entered upon the fixed course of rightness, who has entered the plane of the true man, who has transcended the plane of the puthujjana. He is unable to do that deed which having done such a deed, he would be reborn in hell, or the animal womb or the sphere of ghost. He is definately incapable of passing away as long as he has not realized the fruit of sotapatti [stream entry].

3. For he who, O bhikkhus, approves of these dhammas thus, [if] there is a measure of understanding for [the sake of] wisdom, this is called a dhammanusari [dhamma follower], one who has entered upon the fixed course of rightness, who has entered the plane of the true man, who has transcended the plane of the puthujjana. He is unable to do that deed which having done such a deed,

he would be reborn in hell, or the animal womb, or the sphere of ghost. He is definitely incapable of passing away as long as he has not realized the fruit of sotapatti [stream entry].

4. He who, O bhikkhus, knows thus, sees thus, into these dhammas, this is called a sotapanna [stream enterer], not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening.”