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1. “I will expound for you, O bhikkhus, superhuman power, the basis for superhuman power, the maturation of the basis for superhuman power, and the means for progress leading to the maturation of the basis for superhuman power. You must listen to that.

2. And what, O bhikkhus, is superhuman power? Here, O bhikkhus, a bhikkhu experiences the various modes of superhuman power. Having been one, he becomes manifold. Having been manifold too, he becomes one. He becomes visible. He becomes invisible. He goes through a wall, through a rampart, through a mountain without being touched, as if in the air. He emerges from and descend into the earth too, as if in water. He goes on water too, without it being pierced, as if on the ground. He moves cross-legged in the air too, as if a winged bird. These too, the sun and moon, so mighty, so majestic, he touches and strokes with his hand. He exerts control with his body, even as far as the Brahma world. This, O bhikkhus, is called superhuman power.

3. And what, O bhikkhus, is the basis for superhuman power? That which, O bhikkhus, is the path, that which is the means for progress that leads to the attainment of superhuman power. This, O bhikkhus, is called the basis for superhuman power.

4. And what, O bhikkhus, is the maturation of the basis for superhuman power? Here, O bhikkhus, a bhikkhu brings into being the basis for superhuman power endowed with desire-samadhi and the will-power for exertion; he brings into being the basis for superhuman power endowed with energy-samadhi and the will-power for exertion; he brings into being the basis for superhuman power endowed with samadhi state of mind and the will-power for exertion; he brings into being the basis for superhuman power endowed with investigation-samadhi and the will-power for exertion. This, O bhikkhus, is called the maturation of the basis for superhuman power.

5. And what, O bhikkhus, is the means for progress leading to the maturation of the bases for superhuman power? It is just this noble eightfold path, that is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right samadhi. This, O bhikkhus, is called the means for progress leading to the maturation of the bases for superhuman power.”