0.0.1 Malunkyaputta

Then, the venerable 1. Malunkyaputta visited with 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 venerable Malunkyaputta said this to the Auspicious One. "It would be good, O Bhante, if the Auspicious One would teach me the Dhamma in brief, so that, having heard the Dhamma from the Auspicious One, I might dwell alone, withdrawn, vigilant, ardent, resolute."

2. "Here now, Malunkyaputta, what should we say to the young bhikkhus, in as much as you, an aged bhikkhu, old, an old man, advanced in years, reached decay, asks for advice in brief?" mālunkyaputtasuttam

atha kho āyasmā mālunkyaputto¹ yena bhagavā tenupasankami, upasankamitvā bhagavantam abhivādetvā ekamantam nisīdi. ekamantam nisinno kho āyasmā mālunkyaputto bhagavantam etadavoca: sādhu me bhante, bhagavā sankhittena dhammam desetu yamaham bhagavato dhammam sutvā eko vūpakattho appamatto ātāpī pahitatto vihareyyanti.

etthadāni māluṅkyaputta kiṃ dahare bhikkhū vakkhāma, yatra hi nāma tvaṃ bhikkhu jinno vud-

¹mālukkya - machasam, syā. pts page 072

"I am aged, O Bhante, old, an old man, advanced in years, reached decay, [but] somehow, let the Auspicious One teach me the Dhamma in brief, O Bhante, let the Wellfarer teach me the Dhamma in brief. Perhaps I might understand the meaning of the Auspicious One's statement. Perhaps I may become an heir of the Auspicious One's statement."

dho mahallako addhagato vayoanuppatto saṅkhittena ovādam yācasīti. kiñcāpaham bhante jinno vuddho mahallako addhagato vayoanuppatto, desetu me bhante bhagavā sankhittena dhammam, desetu me sugato saṅkhittena dhammam, appevanāmāham bhagavato bhāsitassa attham ājāneyyam, appevanāmāham bhagavato bhāsitassa dāyādo assa'nti.

3. What do you think about that, Malunkyaputta:
Of forms cognizable by the eye,
Those [forms] that have not been seen,
That have formally not been seen,
That you're not seeing [now],

taṃ kimmaññasi māluṅkyaputta ye te cakkhuviññeyyā rūpā adiṭṭhā adiṭṭhapubbā, na ca passasi, na ca te hoti. passeyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetaṃ bhante. That you don't expect to see, Could there be desire or lust. or love in relation to them? Surely not, venerable sir.

Of sounds cognizable by the ear. Those [sounds] that have not been heard. That have formally not been heard. That you're not hearing [now], That you don't expect to hear, Could there be desire or lust, or love in relation to them? Surely not, venerable sir.

5.

the nose,

smelled,

[now].

smell.

been smelled,

That you're not smelling

That you don't expect to

Could there be desire or lust,

Of aromas cognizable by Those [aromas] that have not That have formally not been

ye te sotaviññeyyā saddā assutā assutapubbā, na ca suņāsi, na ca te hoti suneyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemam vāti. no hetam bhante.

ye te ghānaviññeyyā gandhā aghāyitā aghāvitapubbā, na ca ghāyasi, na ca te hoti ghāyeyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemam vāti. no hetam bhante. or love in relation to them? Surely not, venerable sir.

6. Of flavors cognizable by the tongue,
Those [flavors] that have not been tasted,
That have formally not been tasted,
That you're not tasting [now],
That you don't expect to taste,
Could there be desire or lust, or love in relation to them?
Surely not, venerable sir.

ye te jivhāviññeyyā rasā asāyitā asāyita-pubbā, na ca sāyasi, na ca te hoti ghāyeyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetaṃ bhante.

7. Of tangibles cognizable by the body,
Those [tangibles] that have not been touched,
That have formally not been touched,
That you're not touching [now],
That you don't expect to touch,
Could there be desire or lust, or love in relation to them?
Surely not, venerable sir.

ye te kāyaviññeyyā phoṭṭhabbā asam-phuṭṭhā asamphuṭ-ṭhapubbā, na ca phusasi, na ca te hoti phuseyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetaṃ bhante.

- 8. Of dhammas cognizable by the mind,
 Those [dhammas] that have not been cognized,
 That have formally not been cognized,
 That you're not cognizing [now],
 That you don't expect to cognize,
 Could there be desire or lust, or love in relation to them?
 Surely not, venerable sir.
- Here, for you Malunkya-9. putta, in regard to dhammas seen, heard, thought, or cognized: "In the seen there will be merely the seen. In the heard there will be merely the heard. In the thought there will be merely the thought. In the cognized there will be merely the cognized." "Since for you Malunkyaputta, in regard to dhammas seen, heard, thought, or cognized, in the seen there will be merely

ye te manoviññeyyā dhammā aviññātā aviññātapubbā, na ca vijānāsi, na ca te hoti vijāneyyanti, atthi te tattha chando vā rāgo vā pemaṃ vāti. no hetaṃ bhante.

ettha ca te māluń-kyaputta diţṭhasuta-mutaviññātabbesu dhammesu diṭṭhe diṭṭhamattaṃ bhavissati, sute suta-mattaṃ bhavissati, mute mutamattaṃ bhavissati, viññāte viññātamattaṃ bhavissati. yato kho te māluṅkyaputta diṭ-ṭhasutamutaviññā-tabbesu dhammesu

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the seen, in the heard there will be merely the heard, in the thought there will be merely the thought, in the cognized there will be merely the cognized, therefore you Malunkyaputta, are not that by which. Since you Malunkyaputta, are not that by which, therefore you Malunkyaputta, are not in that place. Since you Malunkyaputta, are not in that place, therefore you Malunkyaputta, are neither in this world, nor in the other world, nor in between both [worlds]. Just this is the end of suffering."

10. Indeed, O Bhante, for this brief statement spoken by the Auspicious One, I understand the meaning in detail

"Having seen a form with mindfulness muddled, Attending to the pleasing

ditthe ditthamattam bhavissati, sute sutamattam bhavissati, mute mutamattam bhavissati, viññāte viññātamattam bhavissati. tato tvam mālunkyaputta na tena, yato tvam mālunkaputta na tena, tato tvam mālunkyaputta na tattha, yato tvam mālunkyaputta na tattha, tato tvam mālunakyaputta nevidha na huram na ubhayamantarena esevanto dukkhassāti

imassa khvāham bhante bhagavatā saṅkhittena bhāsitassa evam vitthārena² attham ājānāmi.

rūpam disvā sati muţ-

²bhāsitassa vitvārena - machasaṃ, syā, sīmu.

sign, He feels it with infatuated mind, And remains tightly holding to it. So for him increases various feelings, That originate with seeing forms, And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Having heard a sound with mindfulness muddled,
Attending to the pleasing sign,
He feels it with infatuated mind,
And remains tightly holding to it.
So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with hear-

ing sounds,

thā,
piyam nimittam³ manasi karoto,
sārattacitto vedeti,
tañca ajjhesāya⁴ tiṭthati.
tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā,
anekā rūpasambhavā,
abhijjhā ca vihesā ca,
cittamassūpahaññati.
evam ācinato dukkham,
ārā nibbāṇam⁵ vuccati.

saddam sutvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā,

³piyanimittam - sīmu. sī 2. ⁴ajjhosa - machasam, ajejhasāsyā. ⁵nibbāna - machasam. syā.

And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Having smelled an aroma with mindfulness muddled. Attending to the pleasing sign, He feels it with infatuated mind, And remains tightly holding to it. So for him increases various feelings, That originate with smelling aromas, And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suffering like this,

nibbana is said to be far.

anekā saddasambhavā,

abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evaṃ ācinato dukkhaṃ, ārā nibbāṇaṃ vuccati.

gandham ghātvā sati mutthā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto. sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya tiţthati. tassa vaddhanti vedanā, anekā gandhasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbānam vuccati.

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Having tasted a flavor with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,

He feels it with infatuated mind,

And remains tightly holding to it.

So for him increases various feelings,

That originate with tasting flavors,

And by covetousness and by vexation,

does his mind become disturbed.

For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Having touched a tangible with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,

He feels it with infatuated mind,

And remains tightly holding to it.

rasam bhotvā sati mutthā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiţthati, tassa vaddhanti vedanā, anekā rasasambhavā, abhijihā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbāņam vuccati.

phassam⁶ phussa sati muṭṭhā, piyaṃ nimittaṃ manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati,

⁶phoṭṭhabbā - syā.

So for him increases various feelings,
That originate with touching tangibles,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Having cognized a dhamma with mindfulness muddled. Attending to the pleasing sign, He feels it with infatuated mind, And remains tightly holding to it. So for him increases various feelings, That originate with cognizing dhammas, And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suftassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā phassasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evaṃ ācinato dukkam, ārā nibbāṇaṃ vuccati.

dhammam ñatvā sati mutthā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto. sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya tiţthati. tassa vaddhanti vedanā. anekā dhammasambhavā. abhijihā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbāņam vuccati.

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fering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Not tainted among forms, having seen a form he is mindful.

He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it.

For him seeing a form, and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among sounds,

having heard a sound he is mindful.

He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain

na so rajjati rūpesu, rūpam disvā patissato

⁷ virattacitto vedeti, tanca nājjhosāya tiţţhati,
yathāssa passato rūpam,
sevato cāpi vedanam,
khīyati nopacīyati,
evam so caratī sato,
evam apacinato dukkham,
santike nibbānam
vuccati.

na so rajjati saddesu, saddam sutvā patissato virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiţţhati,

⁷patissato- machasam.

holding to it.

For him hearing a sound, and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among aromas,
having smelled an aroma
he is mindful.
He experiences it fade
away from the mind,
and does not remain
holding to it.
For him smells an aroma,
and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.

yathāssa suņato saddam, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

na so rajjati gandhesu,

gandham ghātvā patissato,
virattacitto vedeti,
tañca nājjhosāya tiţţhati,
yathāssa ghāyato gandham,
sevatocāpi vedanam,
khīyati no pacīyati,
evam so caratī sato,
evam apacinato dukkham,
santike nibbānam
vuccati.

For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among flavors,
having tasted a flavor he
is mindful.
He experiences it fade
away from the mind,
and does not remain
holding to it.
For him tasting a flavor,
and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among tangibles, having touched a tangible he is mindful. na so rajjati rasesu, rasam bhotvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiţthati, yathāssa sāyato rasam, sevato cāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkam, santike nibbānam vuccati.

na so rajjati phassesu, phassaṃ phussa pa-

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He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him touching a tangible. and experiences the feeling in this way, thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the notbuilding-up. He thus lives mindfully. For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among dhammas,
having cognized a dhamma he is mindful.
He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it.
For him cognizing a dhamma, and partaking of the experience in this way,

tissato,
virattacitto vedeti,
tañca nājjhosāya tiţţhati,
yathāssa phusato phassaṃ,
sevato cāpi vedanaṃ,
khīyati no pacīyati,
evaṃ so caratī sato,
evaṃ apacinato dukkhaṃ,
santike nibbānaṃ
vuccati.

na so rajjati dhammesu,
dhammam ñatvā patissato,
virattacitto vedeti,
tañca nājjhosāya tiţţhati,
yathāssa vijānato⁸
dhammam,
sevatocāpi vedanam,
khīyati no pacīyati,

⁸jānato - machasaṃ, syā.

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

11. It is in this way, O Bhante that I understand in detail the meaning of this brief statement spoken by the Auspicious One." Good, good Malunkyaputta. It is good that you, Malunkyaputta, understand in detail the meaning of what was stated by me in brief.

"Having seen a form with mindfulness muddled, Attending to the pleasing sign, He feels it with infatuated mind, And remains tightly holding to it. So for him increases vari-

evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccatī ti.

imassa kho'ham bhante bhagavatā sankhittena bhāsitassa evam vitthārena attham ājānāmīti. sādhu sādhu mālunkyaputta, sādhu kho tvam mālunkyaputta mayā sankhittena bhāsitassa vitthārena attham ājānāsi.

rūpam disvā sati muṭṭhā,
piyanimittam manasi
karoto,
sārattacitto vedeti,
tañca ajjhesāya tiṭṭhati. tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā,

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ous feelings,
That originate with seeing forms,
And by covetousness and by vexation,
does his mind become disturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Having heard a sound with mindfulness muddled. Attending to the pleasing sign, He feels it with infatuated mind, And remains tightly holding to it. So for him increases various feelings, That originate with hearing sounds, And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suffering like this,

anekā rūpasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evaṃ ācinato dukkhaṃ, ārā nibbāṇaṃ vuccati.

saddam sutvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā, anekā saddasambhavā,

abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evaṃ ācinato dukkhaṃ, ārā nibbāṇaṃ vuccati. nibbana is said to be far.

Having smelled an aroma with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,

He feels it with infatuated mind,

And remains tightly holding to it.

So for him increases various feelings,

That originate with smelling aromas,

And by covetousness and by vexation,

does his mind become disturbed.

For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Having tasted a flavor with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,

He feels it with infatuated mind,

gandham ghātvā sati mutthā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya tiţthati. tassa vaddhanti vedanā. anekā gandhasambhavā. abhijihā ca vibhesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbānam vuccati.

rasam bhotvā sati muṭṭhā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiṭṭhati, And remains tightly holding to it.

So for him increases various feelings,

That originate with tasting flavors,

And by covetousness and by vexation,

does his mind become disturbed.

For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Having touched a tangible with mindfulness muddled,

Attending to the pleasing sign,

He feels it with infatuated mind,

And remains tightly holding to it.

So for him increases various feelings,

That originate with touching tangibles,

And by covetousness and by vexation,

does his mind become

tassa vaḍḍhanti vedanā,
anekā rasasambhavā,
abhijjhā ca vihesā ca,
cittamassūpahaññati,
evaṃ ācinato dukkhaṃ,
ārā nibbāṇaṃ vuccati.

phassam phussa sati mutthā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhosāya tiţthati, tassa vaddhanti vedanā. anekā phassasambhavā, abhijjhā ca vihesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham, ārā nibbāṇam vucdisturbed.
For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Having cognized a dhamma with mindfulness muddled, Attending to the pleasing sign, He feels it with infatuated mind. And remains tightly holding to it. So for him increases various feelings, That originate with cognizing dhammas, And by covetousness and by vexation, does his mind become disturbed. For one heaping up suffering like this, nibbana is said to be far.

Not tainted among forms, having seen a form he is mindful.

He experiences it fade

cati.

dhammam ñatvā sati mutthā, piyam nimittam manasi karoto, sārattacitto vedeti, tañca ajjhesāya tiţthati. tassa vaddhanti vedanā, anekā dhammasambhavā. abhijihā ca vibhesā ca, cittamassūpahaññati, evam ācinato dukkham. ārā nibbāņam vuccati.

na so rajjati rūpesu, rūpam disvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it. For him seeing a form, and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among sounds,

having heard a sound he is mindful.

He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it.

For him hearing a sound, and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-

tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati,
yathāssa passato rūpaṃ,
sevato cāpi vedanaṃ,
khīyati no pacīyati,
evaṃ so caratī sato,
evaṃ apacinato dukkhaṃ,
santike nibbānaṃ
vuccati.

na so rajjati saddesu, saddam sutvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati, yathāssa sunato saddam, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam

building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this,
is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among aromas,
having smelled an aroma
he is mindful.
He experiences it fade
away from the mind,
and does not remain
holding to it.
For him smells an aroma,
and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among flavors,

vuccati.

na so rajjati gandhesu,

gandham ghātvā patissato,
virattacitto vedeti,
tañca nājjhosāya tiţţhati,
yathāssa ghāyato gandham,
sevatocāpi vedanam,
khīyati no pacīyati,
evam so caratī sato,
evam apacinato dukkham,
santike nibbānam
vuccati.

na so rajjati rasesu, rasam bhotvā patishaving tasted a flavor he is mindful.

He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it.

For him tasting a flavor, and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among tangibles,
having touched a tangible he is mindful.
He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it.
For him touching a tangible, and experiences the feel-

sato,
virattacitto vedeti,
tañca nājjhosāya tiṭṭhati,
yathāssa sāyato rasaṃ,
sevato cāpi vedanaṃ,
khīyati no pacīyati,
evaṃ so caratī sato,
evaṃ apacinato dukkhaṃ,
santike nibbānaṃ
vuccati.

na so rajjati phassesu,

phassam phussa patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiţţhati, yathāssa phusato phassam, sevato cāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, ing in this way,
thisis the exhaustion [of
khandhas], the notbuilding-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this,
is said to be in the presence of nibbana.

Not tainted among dhammas,
having cognized a dhamma he is mindful.
He experiences it fade away from the mind, and does not remain holding to it.
For him cognizing a dhamma, and partaking of the experience in this way,

thisis the exhaustion [of khandhas], the not-building-up.
He thus lives mindfully.
For one dismantling suffering like this, is said to be in the pres-

evam so caratī sato, evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccati.

na so rajjati dhammesu, dhammam ñatvā patissato, virattacitto vedeti, tañca nājjhosāya tiţthati, yathāssa vijānato dhammam, sevatocāpi vedanam, khīyati no pacīyati, evam so caratī sato. evam apacinato dukkham, santike nibbānam vuccatī ti.

ence of nibbana.

putta, that the detailed meaning of this brief statement spoken by me should be understood." Then, the venerable Mālunkyaputta, having delighted, having rejoiced in the Auspicious One's words, having risen up from his seat, having bowed down, having circumambulated the Auspicious One, he departed.

Then, the venerable 13. Malunkyaputta, dwelling alone, withdrawn, vigilant, ardent, resolute, not long entered upon and dwelled in that unsurpassed consummation of the life of purity for the sake of which sons of clansmen just rightly go forth from the household life into homelessness, having realized it with his own supreme knowledge in just this very

It is in this way, Malunkya imassa kho mālunkyaputta mayā saṅkhittena bhāsitassa evam vitthārena attho datthabboti. atha kho āvasmā mālunkyaputto bhagavato bhāsitam abhinanditvā anumoditvā utthāyāsanā bhagavantam abhivādetvā padakkhinam katvā pakkāmi.

> atha kho āyasmā mālunkvaputto eko vūpakattho appamatto ātāpī pahitatto viharanto na cirasseva vassatthāva kulaputtā sammadeva āgārasmā anagāriyam pabbajanti, tadanuttaram brahmacariyapariyosānam dittheva dhamme sa-

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life. He understood: "Destroyed is birth, lived is the life of purity, done is what had to be done, there is no other for thusness." And the venerable Malunkyaputta became one of the arahants.

yam abhiññā sacchikatvā upasampajja vihāsi. khīṇā jāti, vusitam brahmacariyam, katam karaṇīyam, nāparam itthattāyāti abbhaññāsi. aññataro ca panāyasmā mālunkyaputto arahatam ahosīti.