Sarakani (1) 0.0.1

sarakānisuttam

At one time the Auspicious One resided at the Sakkian 1. [town of] kapilavatthu in Nigrodha's park. At that time Sarakani the Sakkian had passed away. The Auspicious One declared him [to be] "a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." There, so many Sakkians, having assembled, having met together, protesting, being dejected, speaking in dispraise [said]: "It is marvellous indeed, Sir, it is unprecedented indeed, Sir. Now who here will not be a sotapanna, in as much as the Auspicious One has declared Sarakani, the Sakkian [who] passed away, [to be] a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." "Sarakani, the Sakkian endured weakness in the discipline, a drinker, one [fond] of drinking strong drinks."

ekam samayam bhaqavā sakkesu viharati kapilavatthusmim nigrodhārāme, tena kho panasamayena sarakāni¹ sakko kālakato hoti. so bhagavatā vyākato sotāpanno avinipātadhammo nivato sambodhiparāyano'ti. tatra sudam sambahulā sakkā sangamma samāgamma ujjhāyanti, khīyanti, vipācenti: "acchariyam vata bho abbhutam vata bho, etthadāni ko na sotāpanno bhavissati, yatra hi nāma sarakāni sakko kālakato so bhagavatā

¹saranāni-machasam.

vyākato sotāpanno avinipātadhammo niyato sambodhiparāyaņo'ti. sarakāni sakko sikkhādubbalyamāpādi, majjapānam apāyī"ti.

So then, Mahanama the Sakkian 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, Mahanama the Sakkian, ever said this to the Auspicious One: "Here Bhante, Sarakani the Sakkian has passed away. The Auspicious One has declared him "a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." There, so many Sakkians, having assembled, having met together, protesting, being dejected, speaking in dispraise [said]: "It is marvellous indeed, Sir, it is unprecedented indeed, Sir. Now who here will not be a sotapanna, in as much as the Auspicious One has declared Sarakani, the Sakkian [who] passed away, [to be] a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." "Sarakani, the Sakkian endured weakness in the discipline, a drinker, one [fond] of drinking strong drinks."

atha kho mahānāmo sakko yena bhagavā tenupasaṅkami. upasaṅkamitvā bhagavantaṃ abhivādetvā ekamantaṃ nisīdi. ekamantaṃ nisinno kho mahānāmo sakko bhagavantaṃ etadavoca: "idha bhante, sarakāni sakko kālakato. so bhagavatā vyākato sotāpanno avinipātadhammo niyato sambodhiparāyaņo'ti tatra sudam bhante, sambahulā sakkā saṅgamma samāgamma ujjhāyanti khīyanti vipācenti: "acchariyam vata bho, abbhutam vata bho, etthadāni ko na sotāpanno bhavissati. yatra hi nāma sarakāni sakko kālakato, so bhagavatā vyākato "sotāpanno avinipātadhammo niyato sambodhiparāyaņo"ti, sarakāni sakko sikkhādubbalyamāpādi, majjānam apāyī"ti.

3. Mahanama, he [was] the male lay disciple who for a long time had gone to the Buddha as refuge, gone to the Dhamma as refuge, gone to the Sangha as refuge, [so] how could he go to the woeful plane? Indeed Mahanama, that which [one] correctly saying would say, "for a long time a male lay disciple has gone to the Buddha as refuge, gone to the Dhamma as refuge, gone to the Sangha as refuge," [it would be of] Sarakani the Sakkian [that one] correctly saying would say this. Mahanama, Sarakani the Sakkian [was] the male lay disciple who for a long time had gone to the Buddha as refuge, gone to the Dhamma as refuge, gone to the Sangha as refuge, so how could he go to the woeful plane?

yo so mahānāma, dīgharattam upāsako buddham saraṇam gato, dhammam saraṇam gato, saṅgham saraṇam gato so katham vinipātam gaccheyya. yam hi tam mahānāma, sammāvadamāno vadeyya, dīgharattam upāsako buddham saraṇam gato, dham-

mam saraṇam gato, saṅgham saraṇam gato'ti sarakānim sakkam sammā vadamāno vadeyya sarakāni mahānāma, sakko dīgharattam upāsako buddham saraṇam gato, dhammam saraṇam gato, saṅgham saraṇam gato. so katham vinipātam gaccheyya?

Here Mahanama, a certain individual is endowed with confirmed faith in the Buddha [thus]: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable trainer of persons to be tamed, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Dhamma [thus]: "The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Auspicious One. visible in this life, not involving time, inviting inspection, leading onwards, to be comprehended by the wise, each one for one's self." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Sangha [thus]: "The Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the good path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the straight path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the true path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the proper path; that is, the four pairs of persons, the eight types of individuals. This Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples is worthy of gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of reverential salutation, the unsurpassed field of merit for the world." He is one of jubilant wisdom, one of swift wisdom, and one who excels in liberation. With the obliteration of the asavas, having realized for himself with direct knowledge, in this very life, the asava-free mind liberation, wisdom liberation, and having entered upon it, dwells in it. This individual, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

idha mahānāma, ekacco puggalo buddhe aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "itipi so bhagavā araham sammā sambuddho vijjācaranasampanno sugato lokavidu anuttaro purisadammasārathī satthā devamanussānam buddho bhagavā"ti. dhamme aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo sanditthiko akāliko ehipassiko opanaviko paccattam veditabbo viññūhī"ti. sanghe aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "supatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, ujupatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, nāyapatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, sāmīcipatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, yadidam cattāri purisayugāni atthapurisapuggalā esabhagavato sāvakasangho āhunevyo pāhunevyo dakkhinevyo añjalikaranīyo anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā'ti hāsupañño² javanapañño vimuttiyā ca samannāgato, so āsavānam khayā anāsavam cetovimuttim paññāvimut-

 $^{^2}$ hāsapañ
ño-machasaṃ, syā.

tiṃ diṭṭheva dhamme sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā upasampajja viharati. ayampi kho mahānāma, puggalo parimutto nirayā, parimutto tiracchānayoniyā, parimutto pettivisayā, parimutto apāyaduggativinipātā.

Here Mahanama, a certain individual is endowed with confirmed faith in the Buddha [thus]: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable trainer of persons to be tamed, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Dhamma [thus]: "The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Auspicious One, visible in this life, not involving time, inviting inspection, leading onwards, to be comprehended by the wise, each one for one's self." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Sangha [thus]: "The Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the good path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the straight path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the true path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the proper path; that is, the four pairs of persons, the eight types of individuals. This Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples is worthy of gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of reverential salutation, the unsurpassed field of merit for the world." He is one of jubilant wisdom, one of swift wisdom, but not one who

excels in liberation. From the complete obliteration of the five fetters that binds one to the near shore, he comes to be born spontaneously [in the pure abodes]. He is one bound to attained final nibbana in that place, not subject to return from that world. This individual too, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

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³asmā lokā-syā. bjt page 194

jubilant wisdom, not one of swift wisdom, and not one who excels in liberation. From the complete obliteration of the three fetters and reduction of greed, hatred and delusion, he is a sakadagami, who having come back only once to this world, makes the end of suffering. This individual too, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

idha pana mahānāma ekacco puggalo buddhe aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "itipi so bhagavā araham sammā sambuddho vijjācaranasampanno sugato lokavidu anuttaro purisadammasārathī satthā devamanussānam buddho bhagavā"ti. dhamme aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo sanditthiko akāliko ehipassiko opanayiko paccattam veditabbo viññūhī"ti. sanghe aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "supatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, ujupatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, nāyapatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, sāmīcipatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, yadidam cattāri purisayugāni atthapurisapuggalā esabhagavato sāvakasangho āhunevyo pāhunevyo dakkhinevyo añjalikaranīyo anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā'ti. " na hāsupañño na javanapañño na ca vimuttiyā samannāgato. so tinnam samyojanānam parikkhayā rāgadosamohānam tanuttā sakadāgāmī hoti sakideva imam lokam āgantvā dukkhassantam karoti. avampi

kho mahānāma, puggalo parimutto nirayā, parimutto tiracchānayoniyo, parimutto pettivisayā, parimutto apāyaduggativinipātā.

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of the three fetters, he is a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening. This individual too, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

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idha pana mahānāma ekacco puggalo na heva kho buddhe⁴ aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "itipi so bhagavā araham sammā sambuddho vijjācaranasampanno sugato lokavidu anuttaro purisadammasārathī satthā devamanussānam buddho bhagayā"ti, na heya kho dhamme⁵ ayeccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo sanditthiko akāliko ehipassiko opanayiko paccattam veditabbo viññūhī"ti. na heva kho saṅghe⁶ aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "supatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, ujupatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, ñāyapatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, sāmīcipatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, yadidam cattāri purisayugāni atthapurisapuggalā esabhagavato sāvakasangho āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhiņeyyo añjalikaranīyo anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā'ti. na hāsupañño na javanapañño na ca vimuttiyā samannāgato, api cassa ime dhammā honti saddhindriyam viriyindriyam satindriyam samādhindriyam paññindriyam. tathāgatappaveditā cassa dhammā paññāya mattaso nijjhānam khamanti. ayampi kho mahānāma, puggalo agantā nirayam,

⁴puggalo na heva kho buddhe-machasam, puggalo buddhe-bjts.
⁵puggalo na heva kho dhamme-machasam, puggalo buddhe-bjts.
⁶puggalo na heva kho sanghe-machasam, puggalo buddhe-bjts.

agantā tiracchānayonim, agantā pettivisayam, agantā apāyaduggativinipātam.

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for him too, these dhammas come to be. That is: the faith faculty, the energy faculty, the mindfulness faculty, the samadhi faculty, the wisdom faculty. This individual too, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

idha pana mahānāma ekacco puggalo na heva kho buddhe⁷ aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "itipi so bhaqayā araham sammā sambuddho viijācaraņasampanno sugato lokavidu anuttaro purisadammasārathī satthā devamanussānam buddho bhagavā"ti. na heva kho dhamme8 aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo sanditthiko akāliko ehipassiko opanaviko paccattam veditabbo viññūhī"ti. na heva kho saṅghe⁹ aveccappasādena samannāgato hoti: "supatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, ujupațipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, nāyapatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, sāmīcipatipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho, yadidam cattāri purisayugāni atthapurisapuggalā esabhagavato sāvakasangho āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhineyyo añjalikaranīyo anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā'ti. na hāsupañño na javanapañño na ca vimuttiyā samannāgato, api cassa ime dhammā honti saddhindriyam viriyindriyam satindriyam samādhin-

⁷puggalo na heva kho buddhe-machasam, puggalo buddhe-bjts.
⁸puggalo na heva kho dhamme-machasam, puggalo buddhe-bjts.

⁹puggalo na heva kho saṅghe-machasaṃ, puggalo buddhe-bjts.

driyam paññindriyam. tathāgate cassa saddhāmattam hoti, pemamattam. ayampi kho mahānāma, puggalo agantā nirayam, agantā tiracchānayonim, agantā pettivisayam, agantā apāyaduggativinipātam.

10. "Mahanama, even if these great sal trees could understand [what is] well-spoken and [what is] badly-spoken, [then] I would declare in these great sal trees [to be] "sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." But how much more Sarakani the Sakkian. Nevertheless, Mahanama, Sarakani the Sakkian upheld the discipline at the time of death"

ime cepi mahānāma, mahāsālā subhāsitam dubbhāsitam ājāneyyum, ime cāham mahāsāle vyākareyyam: "sotāpannā avinipātadhammā niyatā sambodhiparāyaṇā"ti. kimaṅga pana sarakānim sakkam. sarakāni mahānāma, sakko maraṇakāle pana sikkham¹⁰ samādiyīti.

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¹⁰maraṇakāle sikkhaṃ-machasaṃ, syā. bjt page 196