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## 0.0.1 The Net of Brahma

## 0.0.1 pathama brahmajālasuttam

1. Thus was heard by me. At one time the Auspicious One entered upon the high road between Rajagaha and Nalanda with a large Sangha of bhikkhus, with about five hundred bhikkhus. The wanderer Suppiya, had also entered upon the high road between Rajagaha and Nalanda with his pupil, the brahmin youth Brahmadatta. There, the wanderer Suppiya, in various ways, only spoke in dispraise of the Buddha, spoke in dispraise of the Dhamma, spoke in dispraise of the Sangha. However, the wanderer Suppiya's pupil, the brahmin youth Brahmadatta, in various ways, spoke in praise of the Buddha, spoke in praise of the Dhamma, spoke in praise of the Sangha. Thus indeed, both teacher and pupil spoke directly opposing one another as they followed behind the Auspicious One and the Bhikkhu Sangha.

evam me sutam ekam samayam bhagavā antarā ca rājagaham antarā ca nālandam addhānamaggapaṭipanno hoti mahatā bhikkhusaṅghena saddhim pañcamattehi bhikkhusatehi. suppiyoʻpi kho paribbājako antarā ca rājagaham antarā ca nālandam addhānamaggapaṭipanno hoti saddhim antevāsinā brahmadattena māṇavena. tatra sudam suppiyo paribbājako anekapariyāyena buddhassa avaṇṇam bhāsati, dhammassa avaṇṇam bhāsati, saṅghassa avaṇṇam bhāsati. suppiyassa pana paribbājakassa antevāsī brahmadatto māṇavo anekapariyāyena buddhassa vaṇṇam bhāsati, dhammassa

vaṇṇaṃ bhāsati, saṅghassa vaṇṇaṃ bhāsati. itiha te ubho ācariyantevāsī aññamaññassa ujuvipaccanīkavādā bhagavantaṃ piṭṭhito piṭṭhito anubaddhā¹ honti bhikkhusaṅghaṃ ca.

2. Later on, the Auspicious One entered the King's Cottage at Ambalatthika with the Bhikkhu Sangha to spend one night. The wanderer Suppiya also entered the King's Cottage at Ambalatthika with his pupil, brahmin youth Brahmadatta, to spend one night. There too, the wanderer Suppiya, in various ways, only spoke in dispraise of the Buddha, spoke in dispraise of the Dhamma, spoke in dispraise of the Sangha. However, the wanderer Suppiya's pupil, the brahmin youth Brahmadatta, in various ways, spoke in praise of the Buddha, spoke in praise of the Dhamma, spoke in praise of the Sangha. Thus indeed, both teacher and pupil spoke directly opposing one another as they dwelled.

atha kho bhagavā ambalaṭṭhikāyaṃ rājāgārake ekarattivāsaṃ upagañchi saddhiṃ bhikkhusaṅghena. suppiyo'pi kho paribbājako ambalaṭṭhikāyaṃ rājāgārake ekarattivāsaṃ upagañchi saddhiṃ antevāsinā brahmadattena māṇavena. tatra'pi sudaṃ suppiyo paribbājako anekapariyāyena buddhassa avaṇṇaṃ bhāsati, dhammassa avaṇṇaṃ bhāsati, saṅghassa avaṇṇaṃ bhāsati. suppiyassa pana paribbājakassa antevāsī brahmadatto māṇavo buddhassa vaṇṇaṃ bhāsati, dhammassa vaṇ-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>anubandhā, machasaṃ.

ņaṃ bhāsati, saṅghassa vaṇṇaṃ bhāsati. itiha te ubho ācariyantevāsī aññamaññassa ujuvipaccanīkavādā viharanti.

Then, as the night [turned to] early morning, many bhikkhus having arisen, having assembled at the round pavilion, this topic of conversation arose as they settled: "It is marvellous, O friends. It is unprecedented, O friends, in so far as the Auspicious One who knows and sees, the Arahant, the rightly self-awakened One, has well known the diverse dispositions of beings. Indeed, this wanderer Suppiya, in various ways, spoke in dispraise of the Buddha, spoke in dispraise of the Dhamma, spoke in dispraise of the Sangha. However, the wanderer Suppiya's pupil, the brahmin youth Brahmadatta, in various ways, spoke in praise of the Buddha, spoke in praise of the Dhamma, spoke in praise of the Sangha. Thus indeed, both teacher and pupil spoke directly opposing one another as they followed behind the Auspicious One and the Bhikkhu Sangha."

atha kho sambahulānam bhikkhūnam rattiyā paccūsasamayam paccuṭṭhitānam maṇḍalamāļe sannisinnānam sannipatitānam ayam saṅkhiyādhammo udapādi: "acchariyam āvuso, abbhutam āvuso, yāvañcidam tena bhagavatā jānatā passatā arahatā sammāsambuddhena sattānam nānādhimuttikatā suppaṭividitā. ayam hi suppiyo paribbājako anekapariyāyena buddhassa avaṇṇam

bhāsati, dhammassa avaṇṇaṃ bhāsati, saṅghassa avaṇṇaṃ bhāsati. suppiyassa pana paribbājakassa antevāsī brahmadatto māṇavo buddhassa vaṇṇaṃ bhāsati, dhammassa vaṇṇaṃ bhāsati, saṅghassa vaṇṇaṃ bhāsati. itiha'me ubho ācariyantevāsī aññamaññassa ujuvipaccanīkavādā bhagavantaṃ piṭṭhito piṭṭhito anubaddhā honti bhikkhusaṅghaṃ cā"ti.

Then the Auspicious One, having known the topic of conversation of those bhikkhus, by which [way led to] the round pavilion, by that way he approached. Having approached, he sat down on a prepared seat. Having sat down, the Auspicious One addressed the bhikkhus: "What form of conversation, O bhikkhus, were you having now as you have settled here, having assembled? And what was the talk underway that was left unfinished by you?" When thus was said, those bhikkhus said this to the Auspicious One: "Here, O Bhante, as the night turned to early morning, we, having arisen, having assembled at the round pavilion, this topic of conversation arose as we settled: "It is marvellous, O friends. It is unprecedented, O friends, in so far as the Auspicious One who knows and sees, the Arahant, the rightly self-awakened One, has well known the diverse dispositions of beings. Indeed, this wanderer Suppiya, in various ways, spoke in dispraise of the Buddha, spoke in dispraise of the Dhamma, spoke in dispraise of the Sangha. However, the wanderer Suppiya's pupil, the brahmin youth Brahmadatta, in various ways, spoke in praise of the Buddha, spoke in praise of the Dhamma, spoke in praise of the Sangha. Thus indeed, both teacher and pupil spoke directly opposing one another as they followed behind the Auspicious One and the Bhikkhu Sangha." This, O Bhante, was the talk underway that was left unfinished by us. Then the Auspicious One arrived."

atha kho bhagavā tesam bhikkhūnam imam sankhivādhammam viditvā yena mandalamāļo tenupasankami. upasankamitvā pannatte āsane nisīdi. nisajja kho bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi: "kāya nu'ttha bhikkhave etarahi kathāya sannisinnā sannipatitā? kā ca pana vo antarā kathā vippakatā?"ti. evam vutte te bhikkhū bhagavantam etadavocum: "idha bhante amhākam rattiyā paccūsasamayam paccutthitānam mandalamāle sannisinnānam sannipatitānam ayam sankhiyādhammo udapādi "acchariyam āvuso, abbhutam āvuso yāvañcidam tena bhagavatā arahatā sammāsambuddhena sattānam nānādhimuttikatā suppatividitā. avam hi suppiyo paribbajako anekapariyayena buddhassa avannam bhāsati, dhammassa avannam bhāsati, sanghassa avannam bhāsati. suppiyassa pana paribbājakassa antevāsī brahmadatto mānavo buddhassa vannam bhāsati. dhammassa vannam bhāsati, sanghassa vannam bhāsati. itiha'me ubho ācariyantevāsī aññamaññassa ujuvipaccanīkavādā bhagavantam pitthito pitthito anubaddhā honti bhikkhusanghancā'ti. ayam kho no bhante antarākathā vippakatā. atha bhagavā anuppatto"ti.

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5. "O bhikkhus, should others speak in dispraise of me, or should speak in dispraise of the Dhamma, or should speak in dispraise of the Sangha, no malice, no discontentment, no resentment in the mind is to be done by you. O bhikkhus, should others speak in dispraise of me, or should speak in dispraise of the Dhamma, or should speak in dispraise of the Sangha, if there is annovance or displeasure in you therein, that is a hindrance for you alone. O bhikkhus, should others speak in dispraise of me, or should speak in dispraise of the Dhamma, or should speak in dispraise of the Sangha, if there is annoyance or displeasure in you therein, would you understand of others [what is] well-spoken and badly-spoken?" "Certainly not, Bhante." O bhikkhus, should others speak in dispraise of me, or should speak in dispraise of the Dhamma, or should speak in dispraise of the Sangha, you should unravel the false from the false therein: "Such as this is false. Such as this is untrue. But there is not this in us. On the contrary, this is not to be found in us."

"mamaṃ vā bhikkhave pare avaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, dhammassa vā avaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, saṅghassa vā avaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, tatra tumhehi na āghāto na appaccayo na cetaso anabhiraddhi karaṇīyā. mamaṃ vā bhikkhave pare avaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, dhammassa vā avaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, saṅghassa vā avaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, tatra ce tumhe assatha kupitā vā anattamanā vā, tumhaṃ yevassa tena antarāyo. mamaṃ vā bhikkhave pare avaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, dhammassa vā avaṇnam bhāseyyum, saṅghassa vā avaṇnam bhāseyyum,

tatra tumhe assatha kupitā vā anattamanā vā, api nu paresam subhāsitam dubbhāsitam tumhe ājāneyyāthā?"ti. "no hetam bhante. " "mamam vā bhikkhave pare avaņnam bhāseyyum, dhammassa vā avaņnam bhāseyyum, saṅghassa vā avaṇṇam bhāseyyum, tatra tumhehi abhūtam abhūtato nibbeṭhetabbam: 'iti'petam abhūtam. iti'petam ataccham. natthi cetam amhesu. na ca panetam amhesu saṃvijjatī'ti. "

6. "O bhikkhus, should others speak in praise of me, or should speak in praise of the Dhamma, or should speak in praise of the Sangha, no rejoicing, no mental pleasure, no elation in the mind is to be done by you. O bhikkhus, should others speak in praise of me, or should speak in praise of the Dhamma, or should speak in praise of the Sangha, if there is rejoicing or gladness in you therein, that is a hindrance for you alone. O bhikkhus, should others speak in praise of me, or should speak in praise of the Dhamma, or should speak in praise of the Sangha, you should acknowledge the truth from the truth therein: "Such as this is true. Such as this is correct. And there is this in us. And still, this is to be found in us."

"mamaṃ vā bhikkhave pare vaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, dhammassa vā vaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, saṅghassa vā vaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, tatra tumhehi na ānando na somanassaṃ na cetaso ubbilāvitattaṃ² karaṇīyaṃ. mamaṃ vā bhikkhave pare vaṇṇaṃ bhāseyyuṃ, dhammassa vā vaṇ-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>ubbillāvitattam, machasam.

nam bhāseyyum, saṅghassa vā vaṇṇam bhāseyyum, tatra ce tumhe assatha ānandino sumanā ubbilāvino <sup>3</sup>, tumham yevassa tena antarāyo. mamam vā bhikkhave pare vaṇṇam bhāseyyum, dhammassa vā vaṇṇam bhāseyyum, saṅghassa vā vaṇṇam bhāseyyum, tatra vā tumhehi bhūtam bhūtato paṭijānitabbam: "iti'petam bhūtam, iti'petam taccham. atthi cetam amhesu. saṃvijjati ca panetam amhesū'ti."

7. "But this, O bhikkhus, is a trifling, insignificant, mere virtue, by which one who is a puthujjana might say when speaking in praise of the Tathagata." "And which, O bhikkhus, is that trifling, insignificant, mere virtue by which one who is a puthujjana might say when speaking in praise of the Tathagata?"

"appamattakam kho panetam bhikkhave oramattakam sīlamattakam, yena puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇam vadamāno vadeyya. katamañca tam bhikkhave appamattakam oramattakam sīlamattakam, yena puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇam vadamāno vadeyya. ?

**8.** "Having abandoned the killing of living beings, the samana Gotama abstains from the killing of living beings. Having buried the rod, having buried the sword, he dwells conscientious, with kindness and sympathy, compassionate for the welfare for all living beings." It is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in

³ubbillāvino, machasaṃ.

praise of the Tathagata might say.

"pāṇātipātaṃ pahāya pāṇātipātā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo nihitadaṇḍo nihitasattho lajjī dayāpanno sabbapāṇabhūtahitānukampī viharatī"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

9. "Having abandoned the taking of what is not given, the samana Gotama abstains from taking what is not given, accepting what is given, expecting what is given. By not theiving, he dwells having become pure himself." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"adinnādānam pahāya adinnādānā paţivirato samaņo gotamo dinnādāyī dinnapāţikankhī athenena sucibhūtena attanā viharatī"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

**10.** "Having abandoned unchastity, the samana Gotama is a celibate one, living apart, abstaining from sexual intercourse, the villager's habit." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"abrahmacariyam pahāya brahmacārī samaņo gotamo ārācārī virato methunā gāmadhammā"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

11. "Having abandoned false speech, the samana Gotama abstains from false speech. He speaks the truth. He is dependable, reliable, trustworthy, not a deceiver of the world." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"musāvādam pahāya musāvādā paṭivirato samaņo gotamo saccavādī saccasandho theto paccayiko avisamvādako lokassā"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇam vadamāno vadeyya.

12. "Having abandoned divisive speech, the samana Gotama abstains from divisive speech. Having heard from here, he does not tell there to divide these [from those], or having heard from there, he does not tell here to divide those [from these]. Thus is he, a reconciler of the divided, a bestower of togetherness. He delights in harmony, is delighted with harmony, rejoices in harmony, utters speech that creates harmony." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"pisuṇaṃ vācaṃ pahāya pisuṇāya vācāya paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo. ito sutvā na amutra akkhātā imesambhedāya. amutra vā sutvā na imesaṃ akkhātā

amūsambhedāya. iti bhinnānam vā sandhātā samhitānam vā anuppadātā. samaggārāmo samaggarato samagganandī samaggakaranim vācam bhāsitā"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vannam vadamāno vadeyya.

13. "Having abandoned harsh speech, the samana Gotama abstains from harsh speech. That speech which is gentle, pleasant to the ear, endearing, heartwarming, polite, pleasing to many, agreeable to many, that form of speech he utters." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"pharusam vācam pahāya pharusāya vācāya paṭivirato samaņo gotamo. yā sā vācā neļā kaṇṇasukhā pemanīyā hadayaṅgamā porī bahujanakantā bahujanamanāpā, tathārūpim vācam bhāsitā"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vannam vadamāno vadeyya.

14. "Having abandoned senseless prattle, the samana Gotama abstains from senseless prattle. He speaks at the proper time, [speech that is] truthful, meaningful, in accordance with the Dhamma, in accordance with the Vinaya, speech worth treasuring, at the proper time he utters speech that is reasonable, speech worth remembering, speech connected with profit." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"samphappalāpam pahāya samphappalāpā paṭivirato samaņo gotamo, kālavādī bhūtavādī atthavādī dhammavādī vinayavādī, nidhānavatim vācam bhāsitā kālena sāpadesam pariyantavatim atthasamhitanti" iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇam vadamāno vadeyya.

"The samana Gotama abstains from injuring seed 15. life and vegetation. The samana Gotama eats his meal in one sitting, refraining from eating in the evening, abstaining from eating outside the proper time. The samana Gotama abstains from dancing, singing, music and watching shows. The samana Gotama abstains from the establishment of wearing adornments and decorations with garlands, fragrances and ointments. The samana Gotama abstains from high and large beds and seats. The samana Gotama abstains from accepting gold and silver. The samana Gotama abstains from accepting uncooked grains. The samana Gotama abstains from accepting uncooked meat. The samana Gotama abstains from accepting women and girls. The samana Gotama abstains from accepting male and female slaves. The samana Gotama abstains from accepting goat and sheep. The samana Gotama abstains from accepting chicken and pigs. The samana Gotama abstains from the acquisition of elephants, cows, horses and mares. The samana Gotama abstains from the acquisition of fields and lands. The samana Gotama abstains from the practice of going on errands and going as a messenger. The samana Gotama abstains from buying and selling. The samana Gotama abstains from dealing in false weighing, dealing in fake metals, dealing in false measures, bribery, cheating and fraud. The samana Gotama abstains from the crooked ways of slaughtering, imprisoning, execution and robbery. The samana Gotama abstains from plunder and violence." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"bījagāmabhūtagāmasamārambhā pativirato samano gotamo. ekabhattiko samano gotamo rattuparato virato vikālabhojanā. naccagītavāditavisūkadassanā pațivirato samano gotamo. mālāgandhavilepanadhāranamandanavibhūsanatthānā pativirato samano gotamo. uccāsayanamahāsayanā pativirato samano gotamo. jātarūparajatapatiggahanā pativirato samano gotamo. āmakadhaññapatiggahanā pativirato samano gotamo. āmakamamsapatiggahanā pativirato samaņo gotamo. itthikumārikapatiggahanā pativirato samano gotamo. dāsidāsapatiggahanā pativirato samano gotamo. ajelakapaţiggahanā paţivirato samano gotamo. kukkuţasūkarapatiggahanā pativirato samano gotamo. hatthigavāssavalavapatiggahanā pativirato samano gotamo. khettavatthupaţiggahanā paţivirato samano gotamo. dūteyya pahinagamanānuyogā pativirato samaņo gotamo. kayavikkayā pativirato samaņo gotamo. tulākūta - kamsakūta - mānakūtā paţivirato samaņo gotamo, ukkotana - vañcananikati - sācivogā pativirato

samaņo gotamo. chedana - vadhabandhana - viparāmosa - ālopasahasākārā paṭivirato samaņo gotamo "ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

16. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of injuring seed life and vegetation, such as: root seeds, stem seeds, joint seeds, bud seeds and actual seeds as the fifth. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of injuring seed life and vegetation." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpaṃ bījagāmabhūtagāmasamārambhaṃ anuyuttā viharanti seyyathīdaṃ: mūlabījaṃ khandhabījaṃ phalubījaṃ aggabījaṃ bījabījameva pañcamaṃ. iti vā iti evarūpā bījagāmabhūtagāmasamārambhā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

17. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of storing up things for use, such as: storing up boiled rice; storing up drinks; storing up cloths; storing up vehicles; storing up beds; storing up fragrances;

storing up meats. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of storing up things for use." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhā-deyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpaṃ sannidhikā-raparibhogaṃ anuyuttā viharanti. seyyathīdaṃ: annasannidhiṃ pānasannidhiṃ vatthasannidhiṃ yānasannidhiṃ sayanasannidhiṃ gandhasannidhiṃ āmisasannidhiṃ. iti vā iti evarūpā sannidhikāraparibhogā paṭi-virato samaṇo gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthuj-jano tathāgatassa vaṇnaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

8. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of the watching of shows, such as: dancing; singing; music; theatrical performances; story telling; instrumentals; pictured houses; drumming; shows of the heavenly musicians; acrobatic performances by Candalas; elephant battles; horse battles; stick fights; fist fights; wrestling; sham fights; battle arrays; army battles and regimental reviews. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of the watching of shows." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaņabrāhmaņā saddhā-

deyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpam visūkadassanam anuyuttā viharanti. seyyathīdam: naccam gītam vāditam pekkham akkhānam pānissaram vetālam kumbhathūnam sobhanakam caṇḍālam vaṃsam dhovanam hatthiyuddham assayuddham daṇḍayuddham muṭṭhiyuddham nibbuddham uyyodhikam balaggam senābyuham anīkadassanam. iti vā iti evarūpā visūkadassanā paṭivirato samano gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇam vadamāno vadeyya.

19. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of endulging in gambling that are the bases for negligence, such as: eight-row chess; ten-row chess; checkers in the air; hopscotch; spillikins; board-games; tip-cat; drawing straws; dice; leaf-flutes; toy plows; somersaults; pinwheels; toy measures; toy carts; toy bows; guessing words from syllables; and guessing another's thoughts. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of endulging in gambling that are the bases for negligence." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaņabrāhmaņā saddhā-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>vetālaṃ, [pts].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>sobhaṇa garakaṃ, [pts].

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deyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpam jūtappamādaţţhānānuyogam anuyuttā viharanti - seyyathīdam: aţţhapadam dasapadam ākāsam parihārapatham santikam khalikam ghaţikam salākahattham akkham paṅgacīram vaṅkakam mokkhacikam ciṅgulakam pattāļhakam rathakam dhanukam akkharikam manesikam yathāvajjam. iti vā iti evarūpā jūtappamādaţţhānānuyogā paţivirato samaņo gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇam vadamāno vadeyya.

"Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, 20. having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of high and large beds and seats, such as: spacious couches; thrones with animal figures carved on the supports; long-haired coverlets; multi-coloured patchwork coverlets; white woollen coverlets; woollen coverlets embroidered with flowers; quilts stuffed with cotton; woollen coverlets embroidered with animal figures: woollen coverlets with hair on both sides or on one side; bedspreads embroidered with gems; silk coverlets; dance-hall carpets; elephant, horse or chariot rugs; rugs of antelope-skins; choice spreads made of kadalideer hides; spreads with red awnings overhead; couches with red cushions for the head and feet. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of high and large beds and seats." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

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"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhā-deyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpaṃ uccāsayana-mahāsayanaṃ anuyuttā viharanti. seyyathīdaṃ: āsandiṃ pallaṅkaṃ gonakaṃ cittakaṃ paṭikaṃ paṭalikaṃ tulikaṃ vikatikaṃ uddalomiṃ ekantalomiṃ kaṭṭhissaṃ koseyyaṃ kuttakaṃ hatthattharaṃ assattharaṃ rathattharaṃ ajinappaveṇiṃ kādalimigapavarapaccattharaṇaṃ sauttaracchadaṃ ubhatolohitakūpadhānaṃ. iti vā iti evarūpā uccāsayanamahāsayanā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

"Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, 21. having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of endulging in the establishment of wearings, decorations and adornments, such as: rubbing fragrances on the body; massaging with oils; being bathed by others; kneading the limbs; using mirrors; collyrium (for the eyes); garlands; scents; unguents; face-powders; makeup; bracelets; head-bands; decorated walking sticks; ornamented medicine-tubes; rapiers; sunshades; embroidered sandals; turbans; diadems; yaktail whisks; and long-fringed white robes. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of endulging in the establishment of wearings, decorations and adornments." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpaṃ maṇḍanavibhusanaṭṭhānānuyogaṃ anuyuttā viharanti - seyyathīdaṃ: ucchādanaṃ parimaddanaṃ nahāpanaṃ sambāhanaṃ ādāsaṃ añjanaṃ mālāvilepanaṃ mukhacuṇṇakaṃ mukhalepanaṃ hatthabandhaṃ sikhābandhaṃ daṇḍakaṃ nālikaṃ asiṃ chattaṃ citrūpāhanaṃ uṇhīsaṃ maṇiṃ vālavījaniṃ odātāni vatthāni dīghadasāni. iti vā iti evarūpā maṇḍanavibhusanaṭṭhānānuyogā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

**22.** "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of animal talk, such as: talk about kings, talk about thieves, talk about ministers, talk about armies, talk about dangers, talk about battles, talk about food, talk about drinks, talk about garments, talk about lodgings, talk about garlands, talk about perfumes, talk about lineages, talk about vehicles, talk about villages, talk about towns, talk about cities, talk about countries, talk about women, talk about heroes, talk about streets, talk about wells, talk about those of former days who are dead, talk about diverse topics, speculate about the world, speculate about the sea, talk about being or non-being as such. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of animal talks." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

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"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpaṃ tiracchānakathaṃ anuyuttā viharanti. seyyathīdaṃ: rājakathaṃ corakathaṃ mahāmattakathaṃ senākathaṃ bhayakathaṃ yuddhakathaṃ annakathaṃ pānakathaṃ vatthakathaṃ sayanakathaṃ mālākathaṃ gandhakathaṃ ñātikathaṃ yānakathaṃ gāmakathaṃ nigamakathaṃ nagarakathaṃ janapadakathaṃ itthikathaṃ sūrakathaṃ visikhākathaṃ kumbhaṭṭhānakathaṃ pubbapetakathaṃ nānattakathaṃ lokakkhāyikaṃ samuddakkhāyikaṃ itibhavābhavakathaṃ. iti vā iti evarūpāya tiracchānakathāya paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

23. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of quarrelsome talk, such as: "You don't understand this dhamma and discipline. I understand this dhamma and discipline. How can you understand this dhamma and discipline? You have entered the wrong path. I have entered the right path. I'm consistent. You are inconsistent. What should have been said first, you said last, what should have been said last, you said first. That practice of yours has been overturned. Your doctrine has been invalidated. You are defeated. Go on and save your doctrine, or disentangle yourself now if you can." The samana Gotama abstains from such or

such forms of quarrelsome talk." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpaṃ viggāhikakathaṃ anuyuttā viharanti. seyyathīdaṃ: na tvaṃ imaṃ dhammavinayaṃ ājānāsi. ahaṃ imaṃ dhammavinayaṃ ājānāmi. kiṃ tvaṃ imaṃ dhammavinayaṃ ājānissasi? micchāpaṭipanno tvamasi, ahamasmi sammā paṭipanno. sahitaṃ me, asahitaṃ te. pure vacanīyaṃ pacchā avaca. pacchā vacanīyaṃ pure avaca. āciṇṇaṃ te viparāvattaṃ. āropito te vādo. niggahito tvamasi. cara vādappamokkhāya. nibbeṭhehi vā sace pahosī'ti. iti vā iti evarūpāya viggāhikakathāya paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vannam vadamāno vadeyya.

24. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, dwell engaged in such forms of the practice of going on errands and going as a messenger, such as: running errands for kings, king's ministers, khattiyas, brahmins, householders, or young men who say: "Go here, go to such and such a place. Take this, bring that from such and such a place." The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of practice of going on errands and going as a messenger." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhā-deyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpaṃ dūteyyapa-hiṇagamanānuyogaṃ anuyuttā viharanti. seyyathīdaṃ: raññaṃ rājamahāmattānaṃ khattiyānaṃ brāhmaṇā-naṃ gahapatikānaṃ kumārānaṃ 'idha gaccha. amutrāgaccha. idaṃ hara. amutra idaṃ āharā'ti. iti vā iti evarūpā dūteyyapahiṇagamanānuyogā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo'ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇnam vadamāno vadeyya.

25. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, having strong desires, [engage in] hinting, muttering holy words for pay, fortune-telling, belittling others good qualities, and pursuing gain with gain. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of hinting and flattering." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhā-deyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te kuhakā ca honti lapakā ca nemittikā ca nippesikā ca lābhena lābhaṃ nijigiṃ-sitāro. iti vā iti evarūpā kuhanalapanā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

**26.** "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, they earn their living

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by such forms of wrong livelihood of animal sciences such as: [interpreting:] signs on limbs, unusual events, dreams, characteristic marks, cloths gnawed by mice; [offering:] fire oblations, oblations from a ladle, grain husk oblations, broken rice oblations, rice-grain oblations, ghee oblations, oil oblations, oblations from the mouth, blood oblations; palmistry, the science of identifying auspicious sites for building, the science of identifying auspicious fields, the science of interpreting the cries of jackals, the science of exorcism, the science of earthen house, the science of snakes, the science of poisons, the science of scorpions, the science of rats, the science of birds, the science of crows, predicting the number of years left to live, protective charms against arrows, commanding animals. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of wrong livelihood." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvena jīvikam kappenti - seyyathīdam: aṅgam nimittam uppātam supinam lakkhaṇam mūsikacchinnam aggihomam dabbihomam thusahomam kaṇahomam taṇḍulahomam sappihomam telahomam muckhahomam lohitahomam aṅgavijjā vatthuvijjā khattavijjā sivavijjā bhūtavijjā bhurivijjā ahivijjā visavijjā vicchikavijjā mūsikavijjā sakuṇavijjā vāyasavijjā pakkajjhānam saraparittāṇam migapakkham. iti vā iti evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvā paṭivirato samaṇo

gotamo"ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

27. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas. having eating food offered in faith, they earn their living by such forms of wrong livelihood of animal sciences such as: telling a person's fortune from the characteristics of gems, characteristics of a walking sticks, characteristics of a garments, characteristics of a sword, characteristics of an arrow, characteristics of a bow, characteristics of a weapon, characteristics of a woman, characteristics of a man, characteristics of a boy, characteristics of a girl, characteristics of a male slave, characteristics of a female slave, characteristics of an elephant, characteristics of a horse, characteristics of a buffalo, characteristics of a bull, characteristics of a cow, characteristics of a goat, characteristics of a sheep, characteristics of a cock, characteristics of a quail, characteristics of an iguana, characteristics of a rabbit, characteristics of a turtle, characteristics of a deer. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of wrong livelihood." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvena jīvikaṃ kappenti - seyyathīdaṃ: maṇilakkhaṇaṃ daṇḍalakkhaṇaṃ vatthalakkhaṇaṃ asilakkhaṇaṃ usulakkhaṇaṃ dhanulakkhaṇaṃ āvudhalakkhaṇaṃ itthilakkhaṇaṃ purisalakkhaṇaṃ kumāralakkhaṇaṃ kumārīlakkhaṇaṃ dāsalakkhaṇaṃ dāsīlakkhaṇaṃ hatthilakkhaṇaṃ assalakkhaṇaṃ mahisalakkhaṇaṃ usabhalakkhaṇaṃ golakkhaṇaṃ ajalakkhaṇaṃ meṇḍalakkhaṇaṃ kukkuṭalakkhaṇaṃ vaṭṭalakkhaṇaṃ godhālakkhaṇaṃ kaṇṇikālakkhaṇaṃ kacchapalakkhaṇaṃ migalakkhaṇaṃ. iti vā iti evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo'ti. iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

28. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, they earn their living by such forms of wrong livelihood of animal sciences such as: the king will march forth; the king will not march forth; our king will attack and the foreign king will retreat; the foreign king will attack and our king will retreat; our king will triumph and the foreign king will be defeated; the foreign king will triumph and our king will be defeated; thus there will be victory for one and defeat for the other. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of wrong livelihood." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvena jīvikam kappenti - seyyathīdam: raññam niyyānam bhavissati. raññam atiyānam bhavissati. abbhantarānam raññam upayānam bhavissati. bāhirānam raññam upayānam bhavissati. bāhirānam raññam upayānam bhavissati. abbhantarānam raññam jayo bhavissati. bāhirānam raññam parājayo bhavissati. bāhirānam raññam parājayo bhavissati. bāhirānam raññam jayo bhavissati. abbhantarānam raññam parājayo bhavissati. iti imassa jayo bhavissati. imassa parājayo bhavissati. iti vā iti evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo'ti. iti vā bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇaṇam vadamāno vadeyya.

29. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, they earn their living by such forms of wrong livelihood of animal sciences such as: there will be an eclipse of the moon, there will be an eclipse of the sun, there will be an eclipse of a constellation; the sun and the moon will stay on their proper courses; the sun and the moon will deviate from their proper courses; the constellations will stay on their proper courses; the constellations will deviate from their proper courses; there will be a fall of meteors; there will be a blaze in the quarters; there will be an earthquake; there will be an earth-tremor; there will be a thundering of the [rain] devas; there will be a rising and setting, a darkening and brightening, of the moon, sun, and con-

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stellations; such will be the results of an eclipse of the moon, such will be the results of an eclipse of the sun, such will be the results of an eclipse of a constellation; such will be the results of the sun and the moon staying on their proper courses; such will be the results of the sun and the moon deviating from their proper courses; such will be the results of the constellations staying on their proper courses; such will be the results of the constellations deviating from their proper courses; such will be the results of a fall of meteors; such will be the results of a blaze in the quarters; such will be the results of an earthquake; such will be the results of an earth-tremor; such will be the results of a thundering of the [rain] devas; such will be the results of a rising and setting, a darkening and brightening, of the moon, sun, and constellations. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of wrong livelihood." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhā-deyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpāya tiracchāna-vijjāya micchājīvena jīvikaṃ kappenti - seyyathīdaṃ: candaggāho bhavissati, suriyaggāho bhavissati, nak-khattaggāho bhavissati, candimasuriyānaṃ pathagamanaṃ bhavissati, candimasuriyānaṃ uppathagamanaṃ bhavissati, nakkhattānaṃ pathagamanaṃ bhavissati, nakkhattānaṃ uppathagamanaṃ bhavissati, ukkāpāto bhavissati, disāḍāho bhavissati, bhūmicālo bhavissati, devadundubhi bhavissati, candimasuriyanak-

khattānam uggamanam ogamanam samkilesam vodānam bhavissati, evamvipāko candaggāho bhavissati, evamvipāko surivaggāho bhavissati, evamvipāko nakkhattaggāho bhavissati, evamvipākam candimasuriyānam pathagamanam bhavissati, evamvipākam candimasuriyanam uppathagamanam bhavissati, evam vipākam nakkhattānam pathagamanam bhavissati, evamvipākam nakkhattānam uppathagamanam bhavissati, evamvipāko ukkāpāto bhavissati, evamvipāko disādāho bhavissati, evamvipāko bhūmicālo bhavissati. evamvipāko devadundūbhi bhavissati, evamvipākam candimasuriyanakkhattanam uggamanam ogamanam sankilesam vodānam bhavissati. iti vā iti evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvā pativirato samano gotamo'ti. " iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vannam vadamāno vadeyya.

**30.** "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, they earn their living by such forms of wrong livelihood of animal sciences such as: there will be abundant rain; there will be a drought; there will be abundant food; there will be a famine; there will be security; there will be danger; there will be sickness; there will be health; or they earn their living by accounting, computation, calculation, the composing of poetry, and moral philosophy. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of wrong livelihood." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking

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in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvena jīvikaṃ kappenti - seyyathīdaṃ: subbuṭṭhikā bhavissati, dubbuṭṭhikā bhavissati, subhikkhaṃ bhavissati, dubbhikkhaṃ bhavissati, khemaṃ bhavissati, bhayaṃ bhavissati, rogo bhavissati, ārogyaṃ bhavissati. muddā gaṇanā saṅkhānaṃ kāveyyaṃ lokāyataṃ. iti vā iti evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo'ti. " iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

"Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, they earn their living by such forms of wrong livelihood of animal sciences such as: getting a wife for a young man; getting a husband for a young woman; arranging engagements; arranging divorces; advising on times for savings; advising on times for spending; invoking good luck; invoking bad luck; reviving fetuses; incantations to bind the tongue; incantations to cause dumbness; incantations to cause vomiting; incantations to bind the jaw; whispering in the ear; questioning a mirror as an oracle; questioning a girl as an oracle; questioning a deva as an oracle; worshiping the sun; worshiping the Great Brahma; spitting out fire; invoking the goddess of luck. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of wrong livelihood." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking

in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvena jīvikaṃ kappenti - seyyathīdaṃ: āvāhanaṃ vivāhanaṃ saṃvadanaṃ vivadanaṃ saṅkiraṇaṃ vikiraṇaṃ subhagakaraṇaṃ dubbhagakaraṇaṃ viruddhagabbhakaraṇaṃ jivhānitthambhanaṃ hanusaṃhananaṃ hatthābhijappanaṃ hanujappanaṃ kaṇṇajappanaṃ ādāsapañhaṃ kumārikapañhaṃ devapañhaṃ ādiccupaṭṭhānaṃ mahatupaṭṭhānaṃ abbhujjalanaṃ sirivhānaṃ. iti vā iti evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo'ti. " iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

32. "Whereas some honorable samanas and brahmanas, having eating food offered in faith, they earn their living by such forms of wrong livelihood of animal sciences such as: rituals for peace, rituals for aspirations, rituals for wisdom, rituals for rainfall, rituals for infertility, rituals for sites, ceremonies for sites, consecration of sites, ceremonial rinsing of the mouth, ceremonial bathing, offering of sacrifices, administering emetics, administering purgatives, administering up-going purgatives, administering head purgatives, administering ear ointments, administering eye restoratives, administering nasal medicine, adminis-

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tering ointments and counter-ointments; practising fine surgery; practising general surgery; practising as a children's doctor; the application of medicinal roots; the binding on of medicinal herbs and remedies. The samana Gotama abstains from such or such forms of wrong livelihood." Or it is indeed thus, O bhikkhus, that a puthujjana speaking in praise of the Tathagata might say.

"yathā vā paneke bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā saddhādeyyāni bhojanāni bhuñjitvā te evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvena jīvikaṃ kappenti - seyyathīdaṃ: santikammaṃ paṇidhikammaṃ bhūrikammaṃ vassakammaṃ vossakammaṃ vatthukammaṃ vatthuparikammaṃ vatthuparikiraṇaṃ ācamanaṃ nahāpanaṃ juhanaṃ vamanaṃ virecanaṃ uddhavirecanaṃ adhovirecanaṃ sīsavirecanaṃ kaṇṇatelaṃ nettatappanaṃ natthukammaṃ añjanaṃ paccañjanaṃ sālākiyaṃ sallakattiyaṃ dārakatikicchā mūlabhesajjānaṃ anuppadānaṃ osadhīnaṃ paṭimokkho. iti vā iti evarūpāya tiracchānavijjāya micchājīvā paṭivirato samaṇo gotamo'ti. "iti vā hi bhikkhave puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇaṃ vadamāno vadeyya.

**33.** This, O bhikkhus, is the trifling, insignificant, mere virtue, by which one who is a puthujjana might say when speaking in praise of the Tathagata.

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sīlamattakam yena puthujjano tathāgatassa vaṇṇam vadamāno vadeyya.

34. There are, O bhikkhus, also other dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say. And which, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say?

atthi bhikkhave aññeva dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā, ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ. katame ca te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyum?

35. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorists, who [hold] views in line with the past, who assert various theories concerning the past by eighteen grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorists, who [hold] views in line with the past, assert various theories concerning the past by these eighteen grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbantakappikā pubbantānudiṭṭhino pubbantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti aṭṭhādasahi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha pubbantakappikā pubbantānudiṭṭhino pubbantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti aṭṭhārasahi vatthūhi?

36. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism, who declare the self and the world [to be] eternal by four grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas declare the self and the world [to be] eternal by four grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha sassatavādā sassatam attānañca lokañca paññā-

## penti catūhi vatthūhi?

37. "Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he recollects his manifold past abodes, that is: one birth, two births, three births, four births, five births, ten births, twenty births, thirty births, forty births, fifty births, a hundred births, a thousand births, a hundred thousand births, many hundreds of births, many thousands of births, many hundreds of thousands of births. "There I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared elsewhere; and there too I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared here." Thus with their aspects and particulars, he recollects his manifold past abodes. He says thus: The self and the world are eternal, barren, permanent, as stable as a pillar, immovable. It is just beings that run through, move about continuously, passing away and re-arising. There is only this forever and ever. What is the reason for that? Because I, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of applica-

tion, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touch such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, I recollect my manifold past abodes, that is: one birth, two births, three births, four births, five births, ten births, twenty births, thirty births, forty births, fifty births, a hundred births, a thousand births, a hundred thousand births, many hundreds of births, many thousands of births, many hundreds of thousands of births. "There I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared elsewhere; and there too I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared here." Thus with their aspects and particulars, I recollect my manifold past abodes. In this way I understand this: Whereas the self and the world are eternal, barren, permanent, as stable as a pillar, immovable, beings run through, move about continuously, passing away and re-arising, there is only this forever and ever." This, O bhikkhus, is the first ground owing to which, having regard for which, some samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism declare the self and the world to be eternal.

idha bhikkhave ekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpaṃ cetosamādhiṃ phusati yathā samāhite citte anekavi-

hitam pubbenivāsam anussarati, seyyathīdam: ekampi jātim dvepi jātiyo tissopi jātiyo catassopi jātiyo pañcapi jātiyo dasapi jātiyo vīsatimpi jātiyo timsampi jātivo cattārīsampi jātiyo paññāsampi jātiyo jātisatampi jātisahassampi jātisatasahassampi anekānipi jātisatāni anekānipi jātisahassāni anekānipi jātisatasahassāni amutrāsim evannāmo evangotto evamvanno evamāhāro evamsukhadukkhapatisamvedī evamāvuparivanto. so tato cuto amutra upapādim tatrāpāsim evannāmo evangotto evamvanno evamāhāro evamsukhadukkhapatisamvedī evamāyupariyanto. so tato cuto idhūpapanno'ti." iti sākāram sauddesam anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarati, so evamāha: 'sassato attā ca loko ca vañjho kūtattho esikatthāyitthito. teva sattā sandhāvanti saṃsaranti cavanti upapajjanti, atthitveva sassatisamam. tam kissa hetu? aham hi ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusāmi yathā samāhite citte anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarāmi, seyyathīdam: ekampi jātim dvepi jātiyo tissopi jātiyo catassopi jātiyo pañcapi jātiyo dasapi jātivo vīsatimpi jātivo timsampi jātivo cattārīsampi jātiyo paññāsampi jātiyo jātisatampi jātisahassampi jātisatasahassampi anekānipi jātisatāni anekānipi jātisahassāni anekānipi jātisatasahassāni amutrāsim evannāmo evangotto evamvanno evamāhāro evamsukhadukkhapatisamvedī evamāyupariyanto. so tato cuto amutra upapādim tatrāpāsim evannāmo evangotto evamvanno evamāhāro evamsukhadukkhapatisamvedī evamāyupariyanto, so tato cuto idhūpapanno'ti, iti sākāram sauddesam anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarāmi. imināmaham etam jānāmi: yathā sassato attā ca loko ca vañjho kūṭaṭṭho esikaṭṭhāyiṭṭhito. teva sattā sandhāvanti samsaranti cavanti upapajjanti atthitveva sassatisama"nti. idam bhikkhave paṭhamam ṭhānam yam āgamma yam ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassatam attānanca lokanca pañnāpenti.

And in the second place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism, declare the self and the world to be eternal? "Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he recollects his manifold past abodes, that is: one world-contraction and expansion, two worldcontraction and expansion, three world-contraction and expansion, four world-contraction and expansion, five world-contraction and expansion, ten world-contraction and expansion. "There I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared elsewhere; and there too I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away

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from there, I appeared here." Thus with their aspects and particulars, he recollects his manifold past abodes. He says thus: The self and the world are eternal, barren, permanent, as stable as a pillar, immovable. It is just beings that run through, move about continuously, passing away and re-arising. There is only this forever and ever. What is the reason for that? Because I, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touch such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, I recollect my manifold past abodes, that is: one world-contraction and expansion, two world-contraction and expansion, three world-contraction and expansion, four world-contraction and expansion, five world-contraction and expansion, ten world-contraction and expansion "There I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared elsewhere; and there too I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared here." Thus with their aspects and particulars, I recollect my manifold past abodes. In this way I understand this: Whereas the self and the world are eternal, barren, permanent, as stable as a pillar, immovable, beings, run through, move about continuously, passing away and re-arising, there is only this forever and ever." This, O bhikkhus, is the second ground owing to which, having

regard for which some samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism declare the self and the world to be eternal.

dutiye ca bhonto samanabrāhmanā kimāgamma kimārabbha sassatavādā sassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti? idha bhikkhave ekacco samano vā brāhmano vā ātappamanvāva padhānamanvāva anuvogamanvāva appamādamanvāva sammāmanasikāramanvāva tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusati yathā samāhite citte anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarati, seyyathīdam: ekampi samvattavivattam dvepi samvattavivattani tinipi samvattavivattāni cattāripi samvattavivattāni pañcapi samvattavivattāni dasapi samvattavivattāni amutrāsim evannāmo evangotto evamvanno evamāhāro evamsukhadukkhapatisamvedī evamāyupariyanto. so tato cuto amutra upapādim tatrāpāsim evannāmo evangotto evamvanno evamāhāro evamsukhadukkhapatisamvedī evamāyupariyanto. so tato cuto idhūpapanno'ti. iti sākāram sauddesam anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarati. so evamāha: 'sassato attā ca loko ca vañjho kutattho esikatthāyitthito. teva sattā sandhāvanti samsaranti cavanti upapajjanti atthitveva sassatisamam. tam kissa hetu? aham hi ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāva tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusāmi yathā samāhite citte anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarāmi, sevyathīdam: ekampi samvattavivattam dvepi samvattavivattāni tīnipi samvattavivattāni cattāripi samvattavivattāni pañcapi samvattavivattāni dasapi samvaṭṭavivaṭṭāni amutrāsiṃ evannāmo evaṅgotto evaṃ-vaṇṇo evamāhāro evaṃsukhadukkhapaṭisaṃvedī eva-māyupariyanto. so tato cuto amutra upapādiṃ tatrā-pāsiṃ evannāmo evaṅgotto evaṃvaṇṇo evamāhāro evaṃ-sukhadukkhapaṭisaṃvedī evamāyupariyanto. so tato cuto idhūpapanno'ti. " iti sākāraṃ sauddesaṃ ane-kavihitaṃ pubbenivāsaṃ anussarāmi. iminā'pāhaṃ etaṃ jānāmi yathā sassato attā ca loko ca vañjho kuṭaṭṭho esikaṭṭhāyiṭṭhito. teva sattā sandhāvanti saṃ-saranti cavanti upapajjanti. atthitveva sassatisamaṃ'ti." idaṃ bhikkhave dutiyaṃ ṭhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassatā attānañca lokañca paññāpenti.

39. And in the third place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism, declare the self and the world to be eternal? "Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he recollects his manifold past abodes, that is: ten world-contraction and expansion, twenty world-contraction and expansion, forty world-contraction and expansion "There I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure

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and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared elsewhere; and there too I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared here." Thus with their aspects and particulars, he recollects his manifold past abodes. He says thus: The self and the world are eternal, barren, permanent, as stable as a pillar, immovable. It is just beings that run through, move about continuously, passing away and re-arising. There is only this forever and ever. What is the reason for that? Because I, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touch such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, I recollect my manifold past abodes, that is: ten world-contraction and expansion, twenty worldcontraction and expansion, thirty world-contraction and expansion, forty world-contraction and expansion "There I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared elsewhere; and there too I was so named, of such a clan, with such an appearance, such was my nutriment, such my experience of pleasure and pain, such my life span; and passing away from there, I appeared here." Thus with their aspects and particulars, I recollect my manifold past abodes. In this way I understand this: Whereas the self and the world are eternal, barren. permanent, as stable as a pillar, immovable, beings, run

through, move about continuously, passing away and re-arising, there is only this forever and ever." This, O bhikkhus, is the third ground owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism declare the self and the world to be eternal.

tatiye ca bhonto samanabrāhmanā kimāgamma kimārabbha sassatavādā sassatam attānanca lokanca panñāpenti? idha bhikkhave ekacco samano vā brāhmano vā ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāva sammāmanasikāramanvāva tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusati vathā samāhite citte anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarati, sevvathīdam: dasapi samvattavivattāni vīsatimpi samvattavivattāni timsampi samvattavivattāni cattārīsampi samvattavivattāni amutrāsim evannāmo evangotto evamvanno evamāhāro evamsukhadukkhapatisamvedī evamāyuparivanto, so tato cuto amutra upapādim tatrāpāsim evannāmo evangotto evamvanno evamāhāro evamsukhadukkhapatisamvedī evamāyupariyanto. so tato cuto idhūpapanno'ti. iti sākāram sauddesam anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarati. so evamāha: "sassato attā ca loko ca vañjho kūtattho esikatthāyitthito. teva sattā sandhāvanti samsaranti cavanti upapajjanti atthitveva sassatisamam, tam kissa hetu? aham hi ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusāmi vathā samāhite citte anekavihitam pubbenivāsam anussarāmi, seyyathīdam: dasapi

saṃvaṭṭavivaṭṭāni vīsatimpi saṃvaṭṭavivaṭṭāni tiṃsampi saṃvaṭṭavivaṭṭāni cattārīsampi saṃvaṭṭavivaṭṭāni amutrāsiṃ evannāmo evaṅgotto evaṃvaṇṇo evamāhāro evaṃsukhadukhapaṭisaṃvedī evamāyupariyanto. so tato cuto amutra upapādiṃ tatrāpāsiṃ evannāmo evaṅgotto evaṃvaṇṇo evamāhāro evaṃsukhadukhapaṭisaṃvedī evamāyupariyanto. so tato cuto idhūpapanno'ti. iti sākāraṃ sauddesaṃ anekavihitaṃ pubbenivāsaṃ anussarāmi. iminā mahaṃ etaṃ jānāmi. yathā sassato attā ca loko ca vañjho kūṭaṭṭho esikaṭṭhāyiṭṭhito teva sattā sandhāvanti saṃsaranti cavanti upapajjanti atthitveva sassatisamaṃ'ti." idaṃ bhikkhave tatiyaṃ ṭhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassataṃ attānaṃ ca lokaṃ ca paññāpenti.

40. And in the fourth place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism, declare the self and the world to be eternal? "Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana is a logician, an investigator. Having hammered out by argumentations accompanied by investigation according to his own intelligence, he says thus: The self and the world are eternal, barren, permanent, as stable as a pillar, immovable. It is just beings that run through, move about continuously, passing away and re-arising. There is only this forever and ever." This, O bhikkhus, is the fourth ground owing to which, having

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regard for which some samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism declare the self and the world to be eternal.

catutthe ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha sassatavādā sassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti? idha bhikkhave ekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā takkī hoti vīmaṃsī. so takkapariyāhataṃ vīmaṃsānucaritaṃ sayampaṭibhānaṃ evamāha: 'sassato attā ca loko ca vañjho kūṭaṭṭho esikaṭṭhāyiṭṭhito. teva sattā sandhāvanti saṃsaranti cavanti upapajjanti atthitveva sassatisamanti. idaṃ bhikkhave catutthaṃ ṭhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassataṃ attānaṃ ca lokaṃ ca paññāpenti.

41. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism declare the self and the world [to be] eternal by four grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas, whose teaching is eternalism, who declare the self and the world [to be] eternal, all those [do so] by only these four grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā sassatavādā sassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti, sabbe te imeheva catūhi etesaṃ vā aññatarena natthi ito ba-

hiddhā.

42. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: 'ime kho diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evaṃgahitā evaṃparāmaṭṭhā evaṃgatikā bhavissanti evaṃabhisamparāyā'ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. taṃ ca pajānanaṃ na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattaññeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānaṃ samudayañca atthagamañca assādañca ādīnavañca nissaraṇañca yathābhūtaṃ viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

43. These, O bhikkhus, are really those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, most excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge,

causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say this.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paņītā atakkāvacarā nipuņā paņḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayam abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccam vaṇṇam sammā vadamānā vadeyyum.

44. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers, who declare the self and the world [to be] partially eternal and partially non-eternal by four grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas declare the self and the world [to be] partially eternal and partially non-eternal by four grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā ekaccasassatikā ekaccasassatikā ekaccaṃ sassataṃ ekaccaṃ asassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha ekaccasassatikā ekaccaṃ sassataṃ ekaccaṃ asassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi. ?

**45.** At some time or other, O bhikkhus, there comes to

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be a long lapse of time which this world contracts. In a contracting world, the majority of beings are mostly Abhassara [brahma world] bound. There they are mindmade, feeding on rapture, self-luminous, roaming through the air, ever beautiful, and they remain like that for a very long time. At some time or other, O bhikkhus, there comes to be a long lapse of time which this world expands. In an expanding world, an empty brahma palace appears. Then a certain being, having passed away from the Abhassara group [due to] the exhaustion of life or exhaustion of merits, arises in the empty brahma palace. There he is mind-made, feeding on rapture, self-luminous, roaming through the air, ever beautiful, and he remains like that for a very long time. Of him being alone in that place for a long time, an uneasiness, discontent and longing arises: "O, that other beings too were to come to this state." Then certain beings too, having passed away from the Abhassara group [due to] the exhaustion of life or exhaustion of merits, arise in the brahma palace in companionship of that being. Those too are mind-made, feeding on rapture, self-luminous, roaming through the air, ever beautiful, and they remain like that for a very long time. There, O bhikkhus, the being who arose first, it occurs to him thus: "I am Brahmā, the Great Brahmā, the Conqueror, the Unconquered, the All Seeing, the Wielder of Power, the Master, the Maker and Creator, the Foremost, the Ordainer, the Almighty, the Father of all that are and are to be. These beings are created by me. What is the reason for that? Formerly this occurred to me: "O, that other beings too were to come to this state;" and because of such mental aspiration of mine, these beings have come to this state." Those beings too who arose afterwards, it occurs to those too: "This is Brahmā, the Great Brahmā, the Conqueror, the Unconquered, the All Seeing, the Wielder of Power, the Master, the Maker and Creator, the Foremost, the Ordainer, the Almighty, the Father of all that are and are to be. In this way we were created by Brahma. What is the reason for that? Because we see that he arose here first. However, we arose afterwards."

hoti kho so bhikkhave samayo yam kadāci karahaci dīghassa addhuno accavena avam loko samvattati. samvattamāne loke yebhuyyena sattā ābhassarasamvattanikā honti. te tattha honti manomayā pītibhakkhā sayampabhā antalikkhacarā subhatthāyino ciram dīghamaddhanam titthanti. hoti kho so bhikkhave samayo yam kadāci karahaci dīghassa addhuno accayena ayam loko vivattati. vivattamāne loke suññam brahmavimānam pātubhavati. athaññataro satto āyukkhayā vā puññakkhayā vā ābhassarakāyā cavitvā suññam brahmavimānam upapajjati. so tattha hoti manomayo pītibhakkho sayampabho antalikkhacaro subhatthāvī ciram dīghamaddhānam titthati. tassa tattha ekakassa digharattam nibbusitatta anabhirati paritassanā uppajjati: 'aho vata aññe'pi sattā itthattam āgaccheyyunti'. atha aññatare'pi sattā āyukkhayā vā puññakkhayā vā ābhassarakāyā cavitvā brahmavimānam upapajjanti tassa sattassa sahavyatam. te'pi tattha honti manomayā pītibhakkhā sayampabhā antalikkhacarā subhatthāyino ciram dīghamaddhānam titthanti. tatra bhikkhave yo so satto pathamam upapanno tassa evam hoti: 'ahamasmi brahmā mahābrahmā abhibhū anabhibhūto aññadatthudaso vasavattī issaro kattā nimmātā settho sajitā vasī pitā bhūtabhavyānam. mavā ime sattā nimmitā. tam kissa hetu? mamam hi pubbe etadahosi: aho vata aññe'pi sattā itthattam āgacchevvunti. iti mamañca<sup>7</sup> manopanidhi. ime ca sattā itthattam āgatā'ti. ye'pi te sattā pacchā upapannā<sup>8</sup> tesampi evam hoti: avam kho bhavam brahmā mahābrahmā abhibhū anabhibhūto aññadatthudaso vasavattī issaro kattā nimmātā settho sajitā vasī pitā bhūtabhavyānam. iminā mayam bhotā brahmunā nimmitā. tam kissa hetu? mamam hi mayam addasāma idha pathamam upapannam. mayam panamhā pacchā upapannā'ti.

46. There, O bhikkhus, the being who arose first is longer lived, more beautiful and possesses greater power. However, those beings who arose afterwards are shorter lived, less beautiful and possess less power. But it is possible, O bhikkhus, it is to be found that a certain being, having passed away from that group comes to this state of existence. Having come to this state of existence, he goes forth from the house [life] into homelessness. Having gone forth from the house [life] into homelessness as a samana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>mama ca. machasa<u>m</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>upapannā. sī mu. 1.

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of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, he mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he recollects his former abode, [but apart] from there, he does not recollect others. He says thus: "He who is Brahmā, the Great Brahmā, the Conqueror, the Unconquered, the All Seeing, the Wielder of Power, the Master, the Maker and Creator, the Foremost, the Ordainer, the Almighty, the Father of all that are and are to be, we were created by Brahma. He is permanent, stable, eternal, not liable to change. He just remains thus forever and ever. However, we who were created by Brahma, we are impermanent, unstable, short lived, liable to fall away and come to this state of existence." This, O bhikkhus, is the first ground owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers declare the self and the world to be partially eternal and partially non-eternal.

tatra bhikkhave yo so satto paṭhamaṃ upapanno, so dīghāyukataro ca hoti vaṇṇavantataro ca mahesakkhataro ca. ye pana te sattā pacchā upapannā, te appāyukatarā ca honti dubbaṇṇatarā ca appesakkhatarā ca. ṭhānaṃ kho panetaṃ bhikkhave vijjati yaṃ aññataro satto tamhā kāyā cavitvā itthattaṃ āgacchati. itthattaṃ āgato samāno agārasmā anagāriyaṃ pabbajati. agārasmā anagāriyaṃ pabbajito samāno ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpaṃ

cetosamādhim phusati yathā samāhite citte tam pubbenivāsam anussarati, tato param nānussarati. so evamāha: 'yo kho so bhavam brahmā mahābrahmā abhibhū anabhibhūto aññadatthudaso vasavattī issaro kattā nimmātā seṭṭho sajitā vasī pitā bhūtabhavyānam, yena mayam bhotā brahmuṇā nimmitā, so nicco dhuvo sassato avipariṇāmadhammo sassatisamam tatheva ṭhassati. ye pana mayam ahumhā tena bhotā brahmuṇā nimmitā, te mayam aniccā addhuvā appāyukā cavanadhammā itthattam āgatā'ti. idam bhikkhave paṭhamam ṭhānam yam āgamma yam ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā ekaccasassatikā ekaccam sassatam ekaccam asassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti.

47. And in the second place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers, declare the self and the world [to be] partially eternal and partially non-eternal? There are, O bhikkhus, devas named amusement revelers. They dwell excessively engaged in the habit of laughter and enjoyment. Of those dwelling excessively engaged in the habit of laughter and enjoyment, [their] mindfulness become muddled. With muddled mindfulness those devas pass away from that group. But it is possible, O bhikkhus, it is to be found, that a certain being from that group, having passed away, comes to this state of existence. Having

come to this state of existence, he goes forth from the house [life] into homelessness. Having gone forth from the house [life] into homelessness as a samana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, he mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he recollects his former abode, [but apart] from there, he does not recollect others. He says thus: "Those honorable devas who are not amusement revelers, they do not dwell excessively engaged in the habit of laughter and enjoyment. For those not dwelling excessively engaged in the habit of laughter and enjoyment, their mindfulness is not muddled. With mindfulness not muddled, those devas do not pass away from that group. They are permanent, stable, eternal, not liable to change. They just remain thus forever and ever. However, we who were amusement revelers, dwelling excessively engaged in the habit of laughter and enjoyment, [our] mindfulness became muddled. With muddled mindfulness we passed away from that group. We are impermanent, unstable, short lived, liable to fall away and come to this state of existence." This, O bhikkhus, is the second ground owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial noneternal theorizers declare the self and the world to be partially eternal and partially non-eternal.

dutiye ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha ekaccasassatikā ekaccasassatikā ekaccam sas-

satam ekaccam asassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti? santi bhikkhave khiddapadosika nama deva. te ativelam hassakhiddaratidhammasamapanna viharanti. tesam ativelam hassakhiddāratidhammasamāpannānam viharatam sati mussati. satiyā sammosā te devā tamhā kāvā cavanti. thānam kho panetam bhikkhave vijjati yam aññataro satto tamhā kāyā cavitvā itthattam āgacchati. itthattam āgato samāno agārasmā anagāriyam pabbajati. agārasmā anagāriyam pabbajito samāno ātappamanvāva padhānamanvāva anuyogamanvaya appamadamanvaya sammamanasikāramanvāya tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusati yathāsamāhite citte tam pubbenivāsam anussarati, tato param nānussarati. so evamāha: ye kho te bhonto devā na khiddāpadosikā, te na ativelam hassakhiddāratidhammasamāpannā viharanti. tesam na ativelam hassakhiddaratidhammasamapannanam viharatam sati na mussati. satiyā asammosā te devā tamhā kāyā na cavanti, niccā dhuvā sassatā aviparināmadhammā sassatisamam tatheva thassati. ye pana mayam ahumbha khiddapadosika, te mayam ativelam hassakhiddaratidhammasamāpannā viharimbha. tesam no ativelam hassakhiddāratidhammasamāpannānam viharatam sati mussi. satiyā sammosā evam mayam tambhā kāyā cutā aniccā addhuvā appāyukā cavanadhammā itthattam āgatā'ti. idam bhikkhave dutiyam thānam yam āgamma vam ārabbha eke samana brāhmanā ekaccasassatikā ekaccaasassatikā ekaccam sassatam ekaccam asassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti.

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And in the third place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers, declare the self and the world [to be] partially eternal and partially non-eternal? There are, O bhikkhus, devas named corrupted in mind. They excessively reflect upon one another. Those excessively reflecting upon one another, they cause to corrupt one another's minds. Those who corrupt one another's minds, their bodies become tired and their minds become tired. Those devas pass away from that group. But it is possible, O bhikkhus, it is to be found, that a certain being from that group, having passed away, comes to this state of existence. Having come to this state of existence, he goes forth from the house [life] into homelessness. Having gone forth from the house [life] into homelessness as a samana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, he mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he recollects his former abode, [but apart] from there, he does not recollect others. He says thus: "Those honorable devas who are not corrupted in mind, they do not excessively reflect upon one another. Those not excessively reflecting upon one another, they do not cause to corrupt one another's minds. Those who do not corrupt one another's minds, their bodies do not become tired and their minds do not become tired. Those devas do not pass away from that group. They are permanent, stable, eternal, not liable to change. They just remain thus forever and ever. However, we who were corrupted in mind, we excessively reflected upon one another. Excessively reflecting upon one another, we caused to corrupt one another's minds. We who corrupted one another's minds, our bodies became tired and our minds became tired. We passed away from that group. We are impermanent, unstable, short lived, liable to fall away and come to this state of existence." This, O bhikkhus, is the third ground owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers declare the self and the world to be partially eternal and partially non-eternal.

tatiye ca bhonto samanabrāhmanā kimāgamma kimārabbha ekaccasassatikā ekaccaasassatikā ekaccam sassatam ekaccam asassatam attānanca lokanca pannāpenti? santi bhikkhave manopadāsikā nāma devā. te ativelam aññamaññam upanijjhāyanti. te ativelam aññamaññam upanijjhāyantā aññamaññamhi cittāni padūsenti. te aññamaññamhi padutthacittā kilantakāyā kilantacittā, te devā tamhā kāyā cavanti, thānam kho bhikkhave vijjati vam aññataro satto tamhā kāvā cavitvā itthattam āgacchati. itthattam āgato samāno agārasmā anagāriyam pabbajati. agārasmā anagāriyam pabbajito samāno ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvaya appamadamanvaya sammamanasikāramanvāva tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusati vathāsamāhite citte tam pubbenivāsam anussarati tato param nānussarati. so evamāha: ye kho te bhonto devā na manopadosikā, te na ativelam aññamaññam

upanijjhāyanti. te na ativelam aññamaññam upanijjhāyantā aññamaññamhi appaduţţhacittā akilantakāyā akilantacittā. te devā tamhā kāyā na cavanti niccā dhuvā sassatā avipariṇāmadhammā sassatisamam tatheva ţhassanti. ye pana mayam ahumha manopadosikā, te mayam ativelam aññamaññam upanijjhāyimha. te mayam ativelam aññamaññam upanijjhāyantā aññamaññamhi paduţṭhacittā kilantakāyā kilantacittā evam tamhā kāyā cutā aniccā addhuvā appāyukā cavanadhammā itthattam āgatā'ti. idam bhikkhave tatiyam ṭhānam yam āgamma yam ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā ekaccasassatikā ekaccam sassatam ekaccam asassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti.

49. And in the fourth place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers, declare the self and the world [to be] partially eternal and partially non-eternal? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana is a logician, an investigator. Having hammered out by argumentations accompanied by investigation according to his own intelligence, he says thus: "That which is said to be this: the eyes, also the ears, also the nose, also the tongue, also the body," this self is impermanent, unstable, not eternal, liable to change. "And that which is the mental or the mind or

<sup>9</sup>aññamaññaṃ. sīmu. pts page 021 consciousness, this self is permanent, stable, eternal, not liable to change. It just remains thus forever and ever.". This, O bhikkhus, is the fourth ground owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers declare the self and the world to be partially eternal and partially non-eternal.

catutthe ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha ekaccasassatikā ekacca asassatikā ekaccaṃ sassataṃ ekaccaṃ asassataṃ attatāṇañca lokañca paññāpenti? idha bhikkhave ekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā takkī hoti vīmaṃsī. so takkapariyāhataṃ vimaṃsānucaritaṃ sayampaṭibhānaṃ evamāhaṃ: yaṃ kho idaṃ vuccati cakkhunti'pi sotanti'pi ghāṇaṃ'ti'pi kāyo'ti'pi, ayaṃ attā anicco addhuvo asassato vipariṇāmadhammo. yaṃ ca kho idaṃ vuccati cittanti vā mano'ti vā viññāṇanti vā ayaṃ attā nicco dhuvo sassato avipariṇāmadhammo sassatisamaṃ tatheva ṭhassatī ti. idaṃ bhikkhave catutthaṃ ṭhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā ekaccaṣassatikā ekaccaṣassatikā ekaccaṃ sassataṃ ekaccaṃ asassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti.

**50.** Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers declare the self and the world [to be] partially eternal and partially non-eternal by four grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are partial eternal and partial non-

eternal theorizers, who declare the self and the world [to be] partially eternal and partially non-eternal, all those [do so] by only these four grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

ime hi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā ekaccasassatikā ekaccaasassatikā ekaccaṃ sassataṃ ekaccaṃ asassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā ekaccasassatikā ekaccaasassatikā ekaccaṃ sassataṃ ekaccaṃ asassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti, sabbe te imeheva catūhi vatthūhi, etesaṃ vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

51. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bha-

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vissanti evam abhisamparāyā"ti. tam ca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tam ca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattamyeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayanca atthagamanca assādanca ādīnanca nissaraņanca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

52. These, O bhikkhus, are really those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, most excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say this.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

53. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists, who declare the world to be finite or infinite from four grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas declare the self and the world [to be] finite or infinite by four grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi?

**54.** Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he abides percipient of the world as finite. He says thus: "This world is finite and bounded. What is the reason for that? Because I, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touch such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, I abide percipient of the world as finite. In this way I understand just how this world is finite and bounded." This, O bhikkhus, is the first ground, owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists. declare the world [to be] finite or infinite.

idha bhikkhave ekacco samano vā brāhmano vā ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusati yathāsamāhite citte antasaññī lokasmim viharati. so evamāha: "antavā ayam loko parivatumo. tim kissa hetu? aham hi ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusāmi yathā samāhite citte antasaññī lokasmim viharāmi. iminā maham etam jānāmi: yathā antavā ayam loko parivaṭumo"ti. idam bhikkhave paṭhamam ṭhānam yam āgamma yam ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā antānantikā antānantam lokassa paññāpenti.

And in the second place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists declare the world [to be] finite or infinite? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he abides percipient of the world as infinite. He says thus: "This world is infinite and boundless. What is the reason for that? Because I, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touch such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, I abide percipient of the world as infinite. In this way I understand just how this world is infinite and boundless." This, O bhikkhus, is the second ground, owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists declare the world [to be]

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dutiye ca bhonto samanabrāhmanā kimāgamma kimārabbha antānantikā antānantam lokassa paññāpenti? idhe bhikkhave ekacco samano vā brāhmano vā ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusati yathā samāhite citte anantasaññī lokasmim viharati. so evamāha: "ananto ayam loko aparivanto, ve te samanabrāhmanā evamāhamsu: antavā ayam loko parivatumo'ti, tesam musā. ananto ayam loko apariyanto. tam kissa hetu? aham hi ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpam cetosamādhim phusāmi yathāsamāhite citte antasaññī lokasmim viharāmi. imināmaham etam jānāmi yathā ananto ayam loko apariyanto'ti." idam bhikkhave dutiyam thanam yam agamma yam arabbha eke samaņabrāhmaņā antānantikā antānantam lokassa paññāpenti.

56. And in the third place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists declare the world [to be] finite or infinite? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he abides percipient of the

world as finite above and below and as infinite across. He says thus: "This world is both finite and infinite. Those samanas and brahmanas who say thus: "This world is finite and bounded" lie. Those samanas and brahmanas who also say thus: "This world is infinite and boundless" also lie. This world is both finite and infinite. What is the reason for that? Because I, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of endeavour, in consequence of application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, mentally touch such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, I abide percipient of the world as finite above and below and as infinite across. In this way I understand just how this world is both finite and infinite." This, O bhikkhus, is the third ground, owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists. declare the world [to be] finite or infinite.

tatiye ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti? idha bhikkhave ekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpaṃ cetosamādhiṃ phusati yathā samāhite citte uddhamadho antasaññī lokasmiṃ viharati tiriyaṃ anattasaññī. so evamāha: "antavā ca ayaṃ loko ananto ca. ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā evamāhaṃsu: 'antavā ayaṃ loko parivaṭumo'ti, tesaṃ musā. ye'pi te samaṇabrāhmaṇā evamāhaṃsu: 'ananto ayaṃ loko apariyanto'ti, tesampi musā. antavā ca ayam loko ananto ca. tam kissa

hetu? ahaṃ hi ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpaṃ cetosamādhiṃ phusāmi yathā samāhite citte uddhamadho antasaññī lokasmiṃ viharāmi tiriyaṃ anantasaññī. imināmahaṃ etaṃ jānāmi: yathā antavā ca ayaṃ loko ananto" cāti. idaṃ bhikkhave tatiyaṃ ṭhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti.

57. And in the fourth place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists declare the world [to be] finite or infinite? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana is a logician, an investigator. Having hammered out by argumentations accompanied by investigation according to his own intelligence, he says thus: "This world is neither finite nor infinite. Those samanas and brahmanas who say thus: "This world is finite and bounded" lie. Those samanas and brahmanas who also say thus: "This world is infinite and boundless" also lie. Those samanas and brahmanas who say thus: "This world is both finite and infinite" also lie. This world is neither finite nor infinite." This, O bhikkhus, is the fourth ground, owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists declare the world [to be] finite or infinite.

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catutthe ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti? idha bhikkhave ekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā takkī hoti vīmaṃsī. so takkapariyāhataṃ vīmaṃsānucaritaṃ sayampaṭibhānaṃ evamāha: "nevāyaṃ loko antavā na panānanto. ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā evamāhaṃsu: 'antavā ayaṃ loko parivaṭumo'ti, tesaṃ musā. ye'pi te samaṇabrāhmaṇā evamāhaṃsu: 'ananto ayaṃ loko apariyanto'ti, tesampi musā. ye'pi te samaṇabrāhmaṇā evamāhaṃsu: 'antavā ca ayaṃ loko ananto cā'ti tesampi musā. nevāyaṃ loko antavā na panānanto"ti. idaṃ bhikkhave catutthaṃ ṭhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā antānantikā antānantam lokassa paññāpenti.

**58.** Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorists declare the world [to be] finite or infinite by four grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are finite or infinite world theorists, who declare the world [to be] finite or infinite, all those [do so] by only these four grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti, sabbe te imeheva ca-

tūhi vatthūhi, etesam vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

59. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evam abhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti, tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattaññeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayañca atthagamañca assādañca ādīnavañca nissaraṇañca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

**60.** These, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes

to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paņītā atakkāvacarā nipuņā paņḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayam abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccam vaṇṇam sammā vadamānā vadeyyum.

61. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up. They set about confusing statements and endless equivocation by four grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up, and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation by four grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhaṃ samānā vācāvikkhepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikkhepaṃ catūhi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhā samānā vācāvikkhepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikkhepaṃ catūhi vatthūhi?

**62.** Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana

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does not understand as it has come to be, "this is wholesome." He does not understand as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome." It occurs to him thus: "I do not understand as it has come to be, "this is wholesome." I do not understand as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome." But [if] I, simply not understanding as it has come to be, "this is wholesome," not understanding as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome," were to declare: "This is wholesome" or were to declare: "This is unwholesome," there might be a desire or lust or hate or aversion for me therein. Wherein there might be a desire or lust or hate or aversion for me, that is a lie of mine. That which is a lie of mine, that is a vexation for me. That which is a vexation for me, that is an obstacle for me.". Thus, for fear of speaking a lie, disgust with speaking a lie, he neither declares: "This is wholesome," and yet nor declares: "This is unwholesome." [When] so and so question is asked, he sets about confusing statements and endless equivocation: Thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." This, O bhikkhus is the second ground, owing to which, having regard for which some honorable samanas and brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up, and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation.

idha bhikkhave ekacco samaņo vā brāhmaņo vā idam kusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāti. idam akusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāti. tassa evam hoti: "aham

kho idam kusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāmi. idam akusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāmi. ahañceva kho pana idam kusala'nti vathābhūtam nappajānanto, idam akusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānanto, idam kusala'nti vā vyākareyyam, idam akusala'nti vā vyākareyyam, tattha me assa chando vā rāgo vā doso vā patigho vā. yattha me assa chando vā rāgo vā doso vā patigho vā. tam mamassa musā. yam mamassa musā, so mamassa vighāto. yo mamassa vighāto, so mamassa antarāvo"ti, iti so musāvādabhavā musāvādaparijegucchā nevidam kusala'nti vyākaroti. na panidam akusala'nti vyākaroti. tattha tattha pañham puttho samāno vācāvikkhepam āpajjati amarāvikkhepam: "evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no"ti. idam bhikkhave pathamam thanam yam agamma yam arabbha eke samanabrāhmanā amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañham putthā samānā vācāvikkhepam āpajjanti amarāvikkhepam.

63. And in the second place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up, and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana does not understand as it has come to be, "this is wholesome." He does not understand as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome." It occurs to him

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thus: "I do not understand as it has come to be, "this is wholesome." I do not understand as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome." But [if] I, simply not understanding as it has come to be, "this is wholesome," not understanding as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome," were to declare: "This is wholesome" or were to declare: "This is unwholesome," there might be a desire or lust or hate or aversion for me therein. Wherein there might be a desire or lust or hate or aversion for me, that is holding of mine. That which is a holding of mine, that is a vexation for me. That which is a vexation for me, that is an obstacle for me.". Thus, for fear of holding, disgust with holding, he neither declares: "This is wholesome," and yet nor declares: "This is unwholesome." [When] so and so question is asked, he sets about confusing statements and endless equivocation: Thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." This, O bhikkhus is the second ground, owing to which, having regard for which some honorable samanas and brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up, and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation.

dutiye ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhā samānā vācāvikkhepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikkhepaṃ? idha bhikkhave ekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā idaṃ kusala'nti yathābhūtaṃ nappajānāti. idaṃ akusala'nti

yathābhūtam nappajānāti. tassa evam hoti: "aham kho idam kusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāmi. idam akusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāmi. ahañceva kho pana idam kusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānanto, idam akusala'nti yathabhūtam nappajananto, idam kusala'nti vā vvākarevvam, idam akusala'nti vā vvākarevvam, tattha me assa chando vā rāgo vā doso vā patigho vā. yattha me assa chando vā rāgo vā doso vā patigho vā. tam mamassa upādānam. yam mamassa upādānam, so mamassa vighāto. yo mamassa vighāto, so mamassa antarāyo"ti. iti so upādānabhayā upādānaparijegucchā nevidam kusala'nti vyākaroti. na panidam akusala'nti vyākaroti. tattha tattha pañham puttho samāno vācāvikkhepam āpajjati amarāvikkhepam: "evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no"ti. idam bhikkhave dutiyam thanam yam agamma yam arabbha eke samanabrāhmanā amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañham putthā samānā vācāvikkhepam āpajjanti amarāvikkhepam.

64. And in the third place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up, and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana does not understand as it has come to be, "this is wholesome." He does not understand as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome." It occurs to him thus:

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"I do not understand as it has come to be, "this is wholesome." I do not understand as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome." But [if] I, simply not understanding as it has come to be, "this is wholesome," not understanding as it has come to be, "this is unwholesome," were to declare: "This is wholesome" or were to declare: "This is unwholesome," there are indeed samanas and brahmanas who are ever so wise, clever, accomplished in other's doctrines. One would think they roam about splitting by wisdom [the views of] those who are wellsettled in views, like archers who can split hairs. Those might cross question me, therein might asks for reasons, might converse together, of those I might not be able to explain. Of which I might not be able to explain, that is a vexation for me. That which is a vexation for me, that is an obstacle for me.". Thus, for fear of inquiry, disgust with inquiry, he neither declares: "This is wholesome," and yet nor declares: "This is unwholesome." [When] so and so question is asked, he sets about confusing statements and endless equivocation: Thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." This, O bhikkhus is the third ground, owing to which, having regard for which some honorable samanas and brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up, and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation.

tatiye ca bhonto samanabrāhmanā kimāgamma kimā-

rabbha amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañham putthā samānā vācāvikkhepam āpajjanti amarāvikkhepam? idha bhikkhave ekacco samano vā brāhmano vā idam kusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāti. idam akusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāti. tassa evam hoti: "aham kho idam kusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāmi. idam akusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānāmi, ahañceva kho pana idam kusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānanto, idam akusala'nti yathābhūtam nappajānanto, idam kusala'nti vā vyākarevyam, idam akusala nti vā vyākarevyam, santi hi kho pana samanabrāhmaņā paņditā nipuņā kataparappavādā vālavedhirūpā vobhindantā maññe caranti paññagatena ditthigatani, te mam tattha samanuyuñjeyyum samanugāheyyum samanubhāseyyum, tesāham na sampāyeyyam, yesāham na sampāyeyyam, so mamassa vighāto, yo mamassa vighāto, so mamassa antarāyo"ti. iti so anuyogabhayā anuyogaparijegucchā nevidam kusala'nti vyākaroti. na panidam akusala'nti vyākaroti. tattha tattha pañham puttho samāno vācāvikkhepam āpajjati amarāvikkhepam: "evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no"ti. idam bhikkhave tatiyam thānam yam āgamma yam ārabbha eke samanabrāhmanā amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañham putthā samānā vācāvikkhepam āpajjanti amarāvikkhepam.

**65.** And in the fourth place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so ques-

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tions are brought up, and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana is stupid and dull. [Due to] his stupidity and dullness, [when] so and so question is asked, he sets about confusing statements and endless equivocation: "Is there another world?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There is another world," "there is another world," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Is there not another world?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There is not another world," "there is not another world," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Is there both another world and not another world?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There is both another world and not another world," "there is both another world and not another world," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Is there neither another world nor not another world?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There is neither another world nor not another world," "there is neither another world nor not another world," would be declared for

you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Are there beings born spontaneously?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There are beings born spontaneously," "There are beings born spontaneously," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Are there not beings born spontaneously?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There are not beings born spontaneously," "There are not beings born spontaneously," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Are there both beings born spontaneously and not beings born spontaneously?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There are both beings born spontaneously and not beings born spontaneously," "There are both beings born spontaneously and not beings born spontaneously," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Are there neither beings born spontaneously nor not beings born spontaneously?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There are neither beings

born spontaneously nor not beings born spontaneously." "There are neither beings born spontaneously nor not beings born spontaneously," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Are there fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There are fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done," "There are fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Are there not fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There are not fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done," "There are not fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Are there both fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done and not fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There are both fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done and not

fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done," "There are both fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done and not fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Are there neither fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done nor not fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "There are neither fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done nor not fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done," "There are neither fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done nor not fruits and results of kamma, of what is well done and badly done," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too. is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Does the Tathagata exists after death?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "The Tathagata exists after death," "the Tathagata exists after death," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Does the Tathagata not exist after death?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "The Tathagata does not exist after death," "the Tathagata does not exist after death," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Does the Tathagata both exists and not exist after death?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "The Tathagata both exists and not exist after death," "the Tathagata both exists and not exist after death," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." "Does the Tathagata neither exists nor not exist after death?" If you ask of me thus, if of me thus [occurs]: "The Tathagata neither exists nor not exist after death," "the Tathagata neither exists nor not exist after death," would be declared for you thus. [But] thus, is not [declared] by me. "Just so" too, is not [declared] by me. "Otherwise" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not" too, is not [declared] by me. "Not not" too, is not [declared] by me." This, O bhikkhus is the fourth ground, owing to which, having regard for which some honorable samanas and brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up, and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation.

catutthe ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhā samānā vācāvikkhepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikkhepaṃ? idha bhikkhave ekacco samano vā brāhmano vā mando hoti momuho, so mandatta momuhatta tattha tattha pañham puttho samāno vācāvikkhepam āpajjati amarāvikkhepam: "atthi paro loko'ti iti ce mam pucchasi, atthi paro loko'ti iti ce me assa, atthi paro loko'ti iti te nam vyākarevvam, evampi me no, tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. natthi paro loko'ti? iti ce mam pucchasi, natthi paro loko'ti iti ce me assa, natthi paro loko'ti iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. atthi ca natthi ca paro loko? iti ce mam pucchasi, atthi ca natthi ca paro loko'ti iti ce me assa, atthi ca natthi ca paro loko'ti iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. "atthi sattā opapātikā? iti ce mam pucachasi, atthi sattā opapātikā iti ce mam assa, atthi sattā opapātikā iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. "natthi sattā opapātikā iti ce mam pucchasi, natthi sattā opapātikā iti ce me assa, natthi satthā opapātikā iti te nam vyākareyya. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. "atthi ca natthi ca sattā opapātikā iti ce mam pucchasi, atthi ca natthi ca sattā opapātikā iti ce me assa, atthi ca natthi ca sattā opapātikā iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. nevatthi na natthi sattā opapātikā? iti ce mam pucchasi, nevatthi na natthi

sattā opapātikā iti ce me assa, nevatthi na natthi sattā opapātikā iti ce nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. nevatthi na natthi sattā opapātikā iti ce mam pucchasi, nevatthi na natthi sattā opapātikā iti ce me assa, nevatthi na natthi sattā opapātikā iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. "atthi sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko? iti ce mam pucchasi, atthi sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko iti ce me assa, atthi sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. "natthi sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko? iti ce mam pucchasi, natthi sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko iti ce me assa, natthi sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. "atthi ca natthi ca sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko? iti ce mam pucchasi, atthi ca natthi ca sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko iti ce me assa, atthi ca natthi ca sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. "nevatthi na natthi sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko? iti ce mam pucchasi, nevatthi na natthi sukatadukkatānam kammānam phalam vipāko iti ce me assa, nevatthi na natthi sukatadukka-

tānam kammānam phalam vipāko iti te nam vyākareyvam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. "hoti tathagato parammarana iti ce mam pucchasi, hoti tathāgato parammaranā iti ce me assa, hoti tathāgato parammaranā iti te nam vyākarevvam, evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. hoti tathagato parammarana na hoti tathāgato parammaranā iti ce mam pucchasi, na hoti tathāgato parammaranā iti ce me assa, na hoti tathāgato parammaranā iti te nam vyākareyya. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. na hoti tathagato parammaranā? hoti ca na hoti ca tathāgato parammaranā iti ce mam pucchasi, hoti ca na hoti ca tathagato parammaranā iti ce me assa, hoti ca na hoti ca tathāgato parammaranā iti te nam vyākareyya. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. hoti ca na hoti ca tathagato parammaranā? neva hoti na na hoti tathāgato parammaraṇā iti ce mam pucchasi, iti ce me assa, neva hoti na na hoti tathāgato parammaranā iti te nam vyākareyya. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no'ti'pi me no. neva hoti na na hoti tathagato parammarana ti? iti ce mam pucchasi "neva hoti na na hoti tathagato parammaranā'ti iti ce me assa, neva hoti na na hoti tathāgato parammaranā'ti iti te nam vyākareyyam. evampi me no. tathā'ti'pi me no. aññathā'ti'pi me no. no'ti'pi me no. no no 'ti'pi me no"ti. idam bhikkhave catuttham

ţhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha puṭṭhā samānā vācāvikkhepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikkhepaṃ.

66. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas who give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up, set about confusing statements and endless equivocation by four grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas give evasive answers [when] so and so questions are brought up and set about confusing statements and endless equivocation, all those [do so] by only these four grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā amarāvik-khepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhā samānā vācāvik-khepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikhepaṃ catūhi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā amarāvik-khepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhā samānā vācā-vikkhepaṃ āpajjanti, amarāvikhepaṃ, sabbe te imeheva catūhi vatthūhi, etesaṃ vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

67. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what tran-

scends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattam yeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayanca atthagamanca assādanca ādīnavanca nissaraṇanca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

**68.** These, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā

vadamānā vadeyyum.

69. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who are fortuitous origination theorists, who declare the self and the world to have originated fortuitously by two grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, do those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are fortuitous origination theorists, declare the self and the world to have originated fortuitously by two grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti dvīhi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti dvīhi vatthūhi?

**70.** There are indeed, O bhikkhus, devas who are non-percipient beings. However, those devas pass away from that group upon the coming into existence of perception. But it is possible, O bhikkhus, it is to be found, that a certain being, having passed away from that group, comes to this state of existence. Having come to this state of existence, he goes forth from the house [life] into homelessness. Having gone forth from the house [life] into homelessness as a samana, in consequence of ardour, in consequence of

application, in consequence of vigilance, in consequence of right attention, he mentally touches such a form of samadhi where in that state of mind, he recollects his former abode [but apart] from there, he does not recollect others. He says thus: "The self and the world have arisen without a cause. What is the reason for that? Because formerly, I was not. At present, I am. Not having been, [I] was transformed into the state of having existence." This, O bhikkhus, is the first ground owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas declare the self and the world to have originated fortuitously.

santi bhikkhave asaññasattā nāma devā. saññuppādā ca pana te devā tamhā kāyā cavanti. ṭhānaṃ kho panetaṃ bhikkhave vijjati yaṃ aññataro satto tamhā kāyā cavitvā itthattaṃ āgacchati. itthattaṃ āgato samāno agārasmā anagāriyaṃ pabbajati. agārasmā anagāriyaṃ pabbajito samāno ātappamanvāya padhānamanvāya anuyogamanvāya appamādamanvāya sammāmanasikāramanvāya tathārūpaṃ cetosamādhiṃ phusati yathā samāhite citte saññuppādaṃ anussarati tato paraṃ nānussarati. so evamāha: "adhiccasamuppanno attā ca loko ca. taṃ kissa hetu? ahaṃ hi pubbe nāhosiṃ. so'mhi etarahi ahutvā santattāya<sup>10</sup> pariṇato"ti. idaṃ bhikkhave paṭhamaṃ ṭhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti.

<sup>10</sup>sattattāya, katthaci. bjt page 52 71. And in the second place, owing to what, having regard for what, [do] those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are fortuitous origination theorists, declare the self and the world to have originated fortuitously. Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana is a logician, an investigator. Having hammered out by argumentations accompanied by investigation according to his own intelligence, he says thus: "The self and the world have arisen without a cause." This, O bhikkhus, is the second ground owing to which, having regard for which some samanas and brahmanas declare the self and the world to have originated fortuitously.

dutiye ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti? idha bhikkhave ekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā takkī hoti vīmaṃsī. so takkapariyāhataṃ vīmaṃsānucaritaṃ sayampaṭibhānaṃ evamāha: "adhiccasamuppanno attā ca loko cā"ti. idaṃ bhikkhave dutiyaṃ ṭhānaṃ yaṃ āgamma yaṃ ārabbha eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti.

**72.** Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas who are fortuitous origination theorists, declare the self and the world to have originated fortuitously by two grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are fortuitous origination theorists, declare the self and the world to have originated fortuitously, all those [do so] by only these

two grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti dvīhi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti, sabbe te imeheva dvīhi vatthūhi, etesaṃ vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

73. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattam yeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayanca atthagamanca assādanca ādīnavanca nissarananca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

74. These, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

75. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorists, who [hold] views in line with the past, assert various theories concerning the past by these eighteen grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are past world-cycle theorists, who [hold] views in line with the past, assert various theories concerning the past, all those [do so] by only these eighteen grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

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imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbanta-kappikā pubbantānudiṭṭhino pubbantaṃ ārabbha ane-kavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti aṭṭhārasahi vat-thūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā pubbantakappikā pubbantānudiṭṭhino pubbantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti, sabbe te imeheva aṭṭhārasahi vatthūhi, etesaṃ vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

76. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattam yeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayañca atthagamañca assādañca ādīnavañca nissaraṇañca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

77. These, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paņītā atakkāvacarā nipuņā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

78. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who are future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the future, who assert various theories concerning the future by these forty four grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, do those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the future, assert various theories concerning the future by these forty four grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā aparantakappikā aparantānudiṭṭhino aparantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti catucattārīsāya vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha aparantakappikā aparantānudiṭṭhino aparantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti catucattārīsāya vatthūhi?

79. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and percipient after death by sixteen grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, do those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and percipient after death by sixteen grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā saññīvādā uddhamāghātanā saññim attānam paññāpenti soļasahi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha uddhamāghātanika saññivādā uddhamāghātanā saññim attānam paññāpenti soļasahi vatthūhi?

**80.** They declare: "The self is possessed of form, percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is formless, percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is [both] possessed of form and formless, percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is neither possessed of form nor formless, percipient and free from sickness after

death." They declare: "The self is finite, percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is infinite, percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is both finite and infinite, percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is neither finite nor infinite, percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is of unified perception and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is of diversified perception and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is of limited perception and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is of boundless perception and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is percipient of only pleasure and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is percipient of only pain and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is percipient of both pleasure and pain and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is percipient of neither pleasure nor pain and free from sickness after death."

rūpī attā hoti arogo parammaraņā saññīti nam paññāpenti. arūpī attā hoti arogo parammaraņā saññīti nam paññāpenti. rūpī ca arūpī ca attā hoti arogo parammaraņā saññīti nam paññāpenti. neva rūpī na rūpī attā hoti arogo parammaraņā saññīti nam paññāpenti. antavā attā hoti arogo parammaraņā saññīti nam paññāpenti. anantavā attā hoti arogo parammaraņā saññīti nam paññāpenti. antavā ca anantavā ca attā hoti arogo parammaraņā saññīti nam paññāpenti. nevan-

tavā<sup>11</sup> ca nānantavā ca attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti. ekattasaññī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti. nānattasaññī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti. parittasaññī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti. appamāṇasaññī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti. ekantasukhī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti. ekantadukhī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti. sukhadukhī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti. adukhamasukhī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā saññīti naṃ paññāpenti.

81. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and percipient after death by sixteen grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and percipient after death, all those [do so] by only these sixteen grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā saññivādā uddhamāghātanā saññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpenti soļasahi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave sa-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>nevantavā ca. katthaci. bit page 56

maṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā uddhamāghātanikā saññivādā uddhamāghātanā saññim attānam paññāpenti sabbe te imeheva soļasahi vatthūhi, etesam vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

**82.** That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattaññeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayañca atthagamañca assādañca ādīnavañca nissaraṇañca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

**83.** These, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to

be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

**84.** There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is non-percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and non-percipient after death by eight grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, do those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is non-percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and non-percipient after death by eight grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā asaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā asaññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha uddhamāghātanikā asaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā asaññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi?

85. They declare: "The self is possessed of form, non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is formless, non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is [both] possessed of form and formless, non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is neither possessed of form nor formless, non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is finite, non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is infinite, non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is neither finite and infinite, non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is neither finite nor infinite, non-percipient and free from sickness after death."

'rūpī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā asaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'arūpī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā asaññī'ti
naṃ paññāpenti. 'rūpī ca arūpī ca attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā asaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'neva rūpi nārūpī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā asaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'antavā attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā asaññī'ti
naṃ paññāpenti. 'anantavā attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā asaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'antavā ca anantavā
ca attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā asaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'nevantavā nānantavā attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā asaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti.

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86. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is non-percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and non-percipient after death by eight grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is non-percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and non-percipient after death, all those [do so] by only these eight grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā asaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā asaññim attānam paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā uddhamāghātanikā asaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā asaññim attānam paññāpenti, sabbe te imeheva aṭṭhahi vatthūhi, etesam vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

87. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated

through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattam yeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayanca atthagamanca assādanca ādīnavanca nissaraṇanca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

88. These, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

**89.** There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose

teaching is neither percipient nor non-percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and neither percipient nor non-percipient after death by eight grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, do those honorable samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is neither percipient nor non-percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and non-percipient after death by eight grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā nevasaññīnāsaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā nevasaññīnāsaññim attānam paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha uddhamāghātanikā nevasaññīnāsaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā nevasaññīnāsaññim attānam paññāpenti atthahi vatthūhi?

90. They declare: "The self is possessed of form, neither percipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is formless, neither percipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is [both] possessed of form and formless, neither percipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is neither percipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is finite, neither percipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is infinite, neither percipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is infinite, neither per-

cipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is both finite and infinite, neither percipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death." They declare: "The self is neither finite nor infinite, neither percipient nor non-percipient and free from sickness after death."

"rūpi attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'arūpī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'rūpī ca arūpī ca attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'nevarūpī nārūpī attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'antavā attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'antavā ca anantavā ca attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'antavā ca anantavā ca attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'nevantavā nānantavā attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti. 'nevantavā nānantavā attā hoti arogo parammaraṇā nevasaññī nāsaññī'ti naṃ paññāpenti.

91. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is neither percipient nor non-percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and neither percipient nor non-percipient after death by eight grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is neither percipient nor non-percipient [immortality], declare the self to be immortal and nei-

ther percipient nor non-percipient after death, all those [do so] by only these eight grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā nevasaññīnāsaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā nevasaññīnāsaññim attānam paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā uddhamāghātanikā nevasaññīnāsaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā nevasaññīnāsaññim attānam paññāpenti, sabbe te imeheva aṭṭhahi vatthūhi, etesam vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

**92.** That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattam yeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayanca atthagamanca assādanca ādīnavanca nissaraņanca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

93. These, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

94. There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is the annihilation of an existing being, who declare the annihilation, destruction, nonbeing by seven grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, do those honorable samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is the annihilation of an existing being, declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being by seven grounds?

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santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā ucchedavādā sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti sattahi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha ucchedavādā sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti sattahi vatthūhi?

**95.** Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana is of such doctrine, such view: "Really, Sir, since this self, possessed of form, [composed] of the four great elements, originating from father and mother, at the break up of the body, will be annihilated, destroyed and does not exist after death, it is really to this extent, sir, that this self is rightly well-annihilated." In this way, some declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being of an existing being.

idha bhikkhave ekacco samaņo vā brāhmaņo vā evamvādī hoti evamdiţţhi: 'yato kho bho ayam attā rūpī cātummahābhūtiko mātāpettikasambhavo kāyassa bhedā ucchijjati vinassati na hoti parammaraņā. ettāvatā kho bho ayam attā sammā samucchinno hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa ucchedam vināsam vibhavam paññāpenti.

96. To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist. But sir, it is not to this extend that this self is rightly well-annihilated. Sir, there exists another self which is

divine, possessed of form, belonging to the sensual realm, subsisting on food taking in lumps. You don't know it, you don't see it. I know it, I see it. Sir, since, with the breakup of the body, that self becomes annihilated and destroyed and does not exist after death, it is to this extend, sir, that this self is rightly well-annihilated." In this way, some declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being of an existing being.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yaṃ tvaṃ vadesi. neso natthīti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayaṃ attā ettāvatā sammā samucchinto hoti. atthi kho bho añño attā dibbo rūpī kāmāvacaro kabaliṅkārā<sup>12</sup> hārabhakkho, taṃ tvaṃ na jānāsi na passasi. tamahaṃ jānāmi passāmi. so kho bho attā yato kāyassa bhedā ucchijjati vinassati na hoti parammaraṇā. ettāvatā kho bho ayaṃ attā sammā samucchinno hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti.

97. To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist. But sir, it is not to this extend that this self is rightly well-annihilated. Sir, there exists another self which is divine, possessed of form, mind-made, not defective of any sense-organ, complete in all its parts. You don't know it, you don't see it. I know it, I see it. Sir, since, with the breakup of the body, that self becomes annihilated and destroyed and does not exist after death, it is to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>kabalīkārāhāra bhakkho, machasam.

this extend, sir, that this self is rightly well-annihilated." In this way, some declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being of an existing being.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yam tvam vadesi. neso natthīti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayam attā ettāvatā sammā samucchinno hoti. atthi kho bho añño attā dibbo rūpī manomayo sabbaṅgapaccaṅgī ahīnindriyo. tam tvam na jānāsi na passasi. tamaham jānāmi passāmi. so kho bho attā yato kāyassa bhedā ucchijjati vinassati na hoti parammaraṇā. ettāvatā kho bho ayam attā sammā samucchinno hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa ucchedam vināsam vibhavam paññāpenti.

98. To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist. But sir, it is not to this extend that this self is rightly well-annihilated. Sir, there exists another self which is From the complete surmounting of perceptions of form, from the extinguishing of perceptions of resistance, from non-attention to perceptions of diversity, "space is infinite," reaches the domain of infinite space. You don't know it, you don't see it. I know it, I see it. Sir, since, with the breakup of the body, that self becomes annihilated and destroyed and does not exist after death, it is to this extend, sir, that this self is rightly well-annihilated." In this way, some declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being of an existing being.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yaṃ tvaṃ vadesi. neso natthīti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayaṃ attā ettāvatā sammā samucchinno hoti. atthi kho bho añño attā sabbaso rūpasaññānaṃ samatikkamā paṭighasaññānaṃ atthagamā nānāttasaññānaṃ amanasikārā ananto ākāsoti ākāsānañcāyatanūpago. taṃ tvaṃ na jānāsi na passasi. tamahaṃ jānāmi passāmi. so kho bho attā yato kāyassa bhedā ucchijjati vinassati na hoti parammaraṇā. ettāvatā kho bho ayaṃ attā sammā samucchinno hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa ucchedam vināsam vibhavam paññāpenti.

99. To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist. But sir, it is not to this extend that this self is rightly well-annihilated. Sir, there exists another self which, having completely surmounted the domain of infinite space, "consciousness is infinite," reaches the domain of infinite consciousness. You don't know it, you don't see it. I know it, I see it. Sir, since, with the breakup of the body, that self becomes annihilated and destroyed and does not exist after death, it is to this extend, sir, that this self is rightly well-annihilated." In this way, some declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being of an existing being.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yam tvam vadesi. neso natthīti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayam

attā ettāvatā sammā samucchinno hoti. atthi kho bho añño attā sabbaso ākāsānañcāyatanaṃ samatikkamma anantaṃ viññāṇanti viññaṇañcāyatanūpago. taṃ tvaṃ na jānāsi na passasi. tamahaṃ jānāmi passāmi. so kho bho attā yato kāyassa bhedā ucchijjati vinassati na hoti parammaraṇā. ettāvatā kho bho ayaṃ attā sammā samucchinno hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti.

100. To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist. But sir, it is not to this extend that this self is rightly well-annihilated. Sir, there exists another self which, having completely surmounted the domain of infinite consciousness, "there is nothing," reaches the domain of nothingness. You don't know it, you don't see it. I know it, I see it. Sir, since, with the breakup of the body, that self becomes annihilated and destroyed and does not exist after death, it is to this extend, sir, that this self is rightly annihilated." In this way, some declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being of an existing being.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yam tvam vadesi. neso natthīti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayam attā ettāvatā sammā samucchinno hoti. atthi kho bho añño attā sabbaso viññāṇañcāyatanam samatikkamma natthi kiñcīti ākiñcaññāyatanūpago tam tvam na jā-

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nāsi na passasi. tamaham jānāmi passāmi. so kho bho attā yato kāyassa bhedā ucchijjati vinassati na hoti parammaraṇā. ettāvatā kho bho ayam attā sammā samucchinno hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa ucchedam vināsam viditvā paññāpenti.

101. To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist. But sir, it is not to this extend that this self is rightly well-annihilated. Sir, there exists another self which, having completely surmounted the domain of nothingness, reaches the domain of neither perception nor non-perception. You don't know it, you don't see it. I know it, I see it. Sir, since, with the breakup of the body, that self becomes annihilated and destroyed and does not exist after death, it is to this extend, sir, that this self is rightly well-annihilated." In this way, some declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being of an existing being.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yam tvam vadesi. neso natthīti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayam attā ettāvatā sammā samucchinno hoti. atthi kho bho añño attā sabbaso ākiñcaññāyatanam samatikkamma santametam paṇītametanti nevasaññānāsaññāyatanūpago. tam tvam na jānāsi na passasi. tamaham jānāmi passāmi. so kho bho attā yato kāyassa bhedā ucchijjati vinassati na hoti parammaraṇā. ettāvatā kho bho ayam attā sammā samucchinno hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa ucchedam vināsam vibhavam paññāpenti.

102. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is the annihilation of an existing being, declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being by seven grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas, whose teaching is the annihilation of an existing being, declare the annihilation, destruction, non-being, all those [do so] by only these seven grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā ucchedavādā sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti sattahi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā ucchedavādā sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti, sabbe te imeheva sattahi vatthūhi, etesaṃ vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

103. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattam yeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayanca atthagamanca assādanca ādīnavanca nissaraṇanca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

104. These, O bhikkhus, are really those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, most excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say this.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

**105.** There are, O bhikkhus, some samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is nibbana in this life, who declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life by five grounds. Owing to what, having regard for what, do those honorable samanas and brahmanas whose teaching

is nibbana in this life, declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life by five grounds?

santi bhikkhave eke samaṇabrāhmaṇā diṭṭhadhammanibbānavādā sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti pañcahi vatthūhi. te ca bhonto samaṇabrāhmaṇā kimāgamma kimārabbha diṭṭhadhamma nibbānavādā sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti pañcahi vatthūhi?

**106.** Here, O bhikkhus, a certain samana or brahmana is of such doctrine, such view: "Really, sir, since this self, causes to amuse itself furnished and provided with the five cords of sensual pleasure, it is to this extend, sir, that this self has attained supreme nibbana in this life." In this way, some declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life.

idha bhikkhave ekacco samaņo vā brāhmaņo vā evamvādī hoti evamdiţţhi ' yato kho bho ayam attā pañcahi kāmagunehi samappito samangibhūto paricāreti, ettāvatā kho bho ayam attā paramadiţţhadhammanibbānam patto hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa paramadiţţhadhammanibbānam paññāpenti.

**107.** To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist." But sir, it is not to this extend that this self attains supreme

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nibbana in this life. What is the reason for that? Because sir, sensual pleasures are impermanent, suffering and liable to change. Their changing and becoming otherwise give rise to sorrow, lamentation, physical suffering, mental suffering and despair. Sir, since this self, quite secluded from sense-desires, secluded from unwholesome dhammas, enters upon and abides in the rapture and pleasure born of seclusion connected with thinking and pondering, the first jhana, it is to this extend, sir, that this self has attained supreme nibbana in this life." In this way, some declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yaṃ tvaṃ vadesi. neso natthīti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayaṃ attā ettāvatā paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ patto hoti taṃ kissa hetu? kāmā hi bho aniccā dukkhā vipariṇāmadhammā tesaṃ vipariṇāmañathābhāvā uppajjanti sokaparidevadukkhadomanassupāyāsā yato kho bho ayaṃ attā vivicceva kāmehi vivicca akusalehi dhammehi savitakkaṃ savicāraṃ vivekajaṃ pītisukhaṃ paṭhamaṃ jhānaṃ upasampajja viharati. ettāvatā kho bho ayaṃ attā paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ patto hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti.

**108.** To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist." But

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sir, it is not to this extend that this self attains supreme nibbana in this life. What is the reason for that? Because sir, it is just the thinking and pondering therein, that is declared coarse. "Sir, since this self, from the subsiding of thinking and pondering, with the internal tranquilization and unification of mind [due to] the absense of thinking and pondering, a bhikkhu enters upon and abides in the rapture and pleasure born of samadhi, the second jhana, it is to this extend, sir, that this self has attained supreme nibbana in this life." In this way, some declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yaṃ tvaṃ vadesi. neso natthiti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayaṃ attā ettāvatā paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ patto hoti. taṃ kissa hetu? yadeva tattha vitakkitaṃ vicāritaṃ etenetaṃ oļārikaṃ akkhāyati. yato kho bho ayaṃ attā vitakkavicārānaṃ vūpasamā ajjhattaṃ sampasādanaṃ cetaso ekodibhāvaṃ avitakkaṃ avicāraṃ samādhijaṃ pītisukhaṃ dutiyaṃ jhānaṃ upasampajja viharati. ettāvatā kho bho ayaṃ attā paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ patto hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti.

109. To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist." But sir, it is not to this extend that this self attains supreme nibbana in this life. What is the reason for that? Because sir, it is just the elation of mind well-settled in rapture therein, that is declared coarse. "Sir, since this self, with

detachment from rapture, a bhikkhu dwelling mindful and clearly comprehending, looks on with equanimity as he experiences pleasure in the body, of which the Noble Ones say: "He is a mindful one who [looks on with] equanimity, one who dwells in pleasure," enters upon and abides in the third jhana, it is to this extend, sir, that this self has attained supreme nibbana in this life." In this way, some declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā yaṃ tvaṃ vadesi. neso natthiti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayaṃ attā ettāvatā paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ patto hoti. taṃ kissa hetu? yadeva tattha pītigataṃ cetaso ubbillāvitattaṃ etenetaṃ oļārikaṃ akkhāyati. yato kho bho ayaṃ attā pītiyā ca virāgā upekkhako ca viharati sato ca sampajāno sukhaṃ ca kāyena paṭisaṃvedeti yantaṃ ariyā ācikkhanti upekkhako satimā sukhavihārīti tatiyaṃ jhānaṃ upasampajja viharati. ettāvatā kho bho ayaṃ attā paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ patto hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānam paññāpenti.

110. To him, another says thus: "Sir, there exists that self which you speak of. I do not say it does not exist." But sir, it is not to this extend that this self attains supreme nibbana in this life. What is the reason for that? Because sir, it is just the mental concern, "I am

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in pleasure" therein, that is declared coarse. "Sir, since this self, from the abandoning of [physical] pleasure and pain, from the extinction of former mental pleasure and mental pain, a bhikkhu enters upon and abides in the utter purity of mindfulness and equanimity without pain and pleasure, the fourth jhana, it is to this extend, sir, that this self has attained supreme nibbana in this life." In this way, some declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life.

tamañño evamāha: 'atthi kho bho eso attā, yaṃ tvaṃ vadesi, neso natthiti vadāmi. no ca kho bho ayaṃ attā ettāvatā paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ patto hoti. taṃ kissa hetu? yadeva tattha sukhamiti cetaso ābhogo etenetaṃ oļārikaṃ akkhāyati. yato kho bho ayaṃ attā sukhassa ca pahānā dukkhassa ca pahānā pubbeva somanassadomanassānaṃ atthagamā adukkhamasukhaṃ upekkhāsatipārisuddhiṃ catutthaṃ jhānaṃ upasampajja viharati, ettāvatā kho bho ayaṃ attā paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ patto hotī'ti. ittheke sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti.

111. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is nibbana in this life, declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life by five grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas, whose teaching is nibbana in this life, declare the supreme nibbana of an

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existing being in this life, all those [do so] by only these five grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā diṭṭhadhammanibbānavādā sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti pañcahi vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā diṭṭhadhammanibbānavādā sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti, sabbe te imeheva pañcahi vatthūhi, etesam vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

112. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattam yeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayañca atthagamañca assādañca ādīnavañca nissaraṇañca yathābhūtaṃ viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

113. These, O bhikkhus, are really those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, most excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say this.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

114. Indeed, it is these, O bhikkhus, by which those samanas and brahmanas who are future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the future, assert various theories concerning the future by these forty four grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas, who are future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the future, assert various theories concerning the future, all those [do so] by only these forty four grounds or by a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā aparanta-kappikā aparantānudiṭṭhino aparantaṃ ārabbha ane-kavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti catucattārīsāya vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā aparantakappikā aparantānudiṭṭhino aparantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti, sabbe te imeheva catucattārīsāya vatthūhi, etesaṃ vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

115. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: "ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam gahitā evam parāmaṭṭhā evamgatikā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā"ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti. tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattam
yeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayañca atthagamañca assādañca ādīnavañca nissaraṇañca yathābhūtam viditvā anupādā vimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

116. These, O bhikkhus, are those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paņītā atakkāvacarā nipuņā paņḍitavedanīyā ye tathāgato sayam abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccam vaṇṇam sammā vadamānā vadeyyum.

117. Those samanas and brahmanas, O bhikkhus, who are past world-cycle theorizers, future world-cycle theorizers, and past and future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past and the future, they assert various theories concerning the past and the future by these sixty-two grounds. Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are past world-cycle theorizers, and future world-cycle theorizers, and past and future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past and the future, assert various theories concerning the past and the future, all those [do so] by only these sixty-two grounds, or a certain one [among] these. Outside from these there is none.

imehi kho te bhikkhave samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbanta-kappikā ca aparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantamārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti dvā-saṭṭhiyā vatthūhi. ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brā-hmaṇā vā pubbantakappikā ca aparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantamārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti, sabbe te imeheva dvāsaṭṭhiyā vatthūhi, etesaṃ vā aññatarena. natthi ito bahiddhā.

118. That, O bhikkhus, the Tathagata understands this: "These standpoint for views, thus welcome, thus held on to, thus grasped, they will lead to such after death state." And that the Tathagata understands what transcends that understanding, and not being attached to that understanding, and not holding to it, he has just known personal extinguishing by final knowledge. And having known the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of feelings as they have come to be, the Tathagata, O bhikkhus, is liberated through not holding.

tayidam bhikkhave tathāgato pajānāti: ime diṭṭhiṭṭhānā evam āgatā evam parāmaṭṭhā evam gahitā bhavissanti evamabhisamparāyā'ti. tañca tathāgato pajānāti tato ca uttaritaram pajānāti. tañca pajānanam na parāmasati. aparāmasato cassa paccattaññeva nibbuti viditā. vedanānam samudayañca atthagamañca assādañca ādīnavañca nissaranañca yathābhūtam viditvā

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anupādāvimutto bhikkhave tathāgato.

119. These, O bhikkhus, are really those dhammas that are deep, difficult to see, difficult to awaken to, peaceful, most excellent, not within the sphere of reasoning, subtle, to be directly experienced by the wise, which the Tathagata, having realized by himself with higher knowledge, causes to make them known, by which those who rightly speak in praise of the Tathagata in conformity with the truth might say this.

ime kho te bhikkhave dhammā gambhīrā duddasā duranubodhā santā paṇītā atakkāvacarā nipuṇā paṇḍitavedanīyā, ye tathāgato sayaṃ abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedeti, yehi tathāgatassa yathābhuccaṃ vaṇṇaṃ sammā vadamānā vadeyyuṃ.

**120.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism, who declare the self and the world to be eternal by four grounds, that is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānatam apassatam vedayitam tanhāgatānam paritasita-

vipphanditameva.

121. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers, who declare the self and the world [to be] partially non-eternal by four grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā ekaccasassatikā ekaccam asassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi, tadapi tesam bhavatam samaṇabrāhmaṇānam ajānatam apassatam vedayitam taṇhāgatānam paritasitavipphanditameva.

113. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorizers, who declare the world to be finite or infinite by four grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā antānantikā antānantam lokassa paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, tadapi tesam bhavatam samaṇabrāhmaṇānam ajānatam apassatam vedayitam taṇhāgatānam paritasitavipphanditameva.

113. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who give evasive answers when so and so questions are brought up, who set about confusing statements and endless equivocation by four grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhā samānā vācāvikkhepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikkhepaṃ catūhi vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitaṃ taṇhāgatānaṃ paritasitavipphanditameva.

114. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who assert that things originate fortuitously, who declare the self and the world to be fortuitously originated by two grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti dvīhi vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitaṃ, taṇhāgatānaṃ paritasitavipphanditameva.

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115. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past, who assert various theories concerning the past by these eighteen grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbantakappikā pubbantānudiṭṭhino pubbantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti aṭṭhārasahi vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitaṃ, taṇhāgatānaṃ paritasitavipphanditameva.

116. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and percipient after death by sixteen grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā saññīvādā uddhamāghātanā saññim attānam paññāpenti soļasahi vatthūhi, tadapi tesam bhavatam samaṇabrāhmaṇānam ajānatam apassatam vedayitam, taṇhāgatānam paritasitavipphanditameva.

117. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and percipient after death by eight grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā asaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā asaññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitaṃ, taṇhāgatānaṃ paritasitavipphanditameva.

118. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is neither percipient nor non-percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and neither percipient nor non-percipient after death by eight grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā nevasaññīnāsaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā nevasaññiṃ nāsaññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitaṃ, taṇhāgatānaṃ paritasitavipphanditameva.

119. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is the annihilation of an existing being, who declare the annihilation, destruction, nonbeing by seven grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā ucchedavādā sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti sattahi vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitaṃ, taṇhāgatānaṃ paritasitavipphanditameva.

**120.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is nibbana in this life, who declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life by five grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā diṭṭhadhammanibbānavādā sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti pañcahi vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitam, tanhāgatānam paritasitavipphanditameva.

121. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the future, who assert various theories concerning the future by these forty four grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā aparantakappikā aparantānudiṭṭhino aparantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti catucattārīsāya vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitaṃ, taṇhāgatānaṃ paritasitavipphanditameva.

122. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorizers and future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past and future, who assert various theories concerning the past and the future by these sixty-two grounds, that too is only the feeling of agitation and vacillation of those honourable samanas and brahmanas who, not knowing, not seeing, are well-settled in craving.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbantakappikā ca aparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantakappikā

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ca pubbantāparantānudiṭṭhino pubbantāparantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti dvāsaṭṭhiyā vatthūhi, tadapi tesaṃ bhavataṃ samaṇabrāhmaṇānaṃ ajānataṃ apassataṃ vedayitaṃ, taṇhāgatānaṃ paritasitavipphanditameva.

**123.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism, who declare the self and the world to be eternal by four grounds, that is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

**124.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal, and partial non-eternal theorizers, who declare the self and the world to be partially non-eternal by four grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā ekaccasassatikā ekaccaasassatikā ekaccaṃ sassataṃ ekaccaṃ asassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

**125.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorizers, who

declare the world to be finite or infinite by four grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

**126.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who give evasive answers when so and so questions are brought up, who set about confusing statements and endless equivocation by four grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhā samānā vācāvikkhepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikkhepaṃ catūhi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

127. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who assert that things originate fortuitously who declare the self and the world to be fortuitously originated by two grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti dvīhi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

128. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brah-

manas who are past world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past, who assert various theories concerning the past by these eighteen grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbantakappikā pubbantānudiṭṭhino pubbantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti aṭṭhārasahi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

**129.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and percipient after death by sixteen grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā saññīvādā uddhamāghātanā saññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpenti solasahi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

**130.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is non-percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and non-percipient after death by eight grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā asaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā asaññiṃ attānaṃ

paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

**131.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is neither percipient nor non-percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and neither percipient nor non-percipient after death by eight grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā nevasaññīnāsaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā nevasaññiṃ nāsaññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpeti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

**132.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is the annihilation of an existing being, who declare the annihilation, destruction, nonbeing by seven grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā ucchedavādā sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti sattahi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

**133.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is nibbana in this life, who declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life by five grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā diṭṭhadham-manibbānavādā sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhamma-nibbānaṃ paññāpenti pañcahi vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

134. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the future, who assert various theories concerning future, by these forty four grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā aparantakappikā aparantānudiṭṭhino aparantam ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti catucattārīsāya vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā.

135. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorizers and future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past and future, who assert various theories concerning the past and the future by these sixty-two grounds, that too is in dependence on contact.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbantakappikā ca aparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantānudiṭṭhino pubbantāparantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti dvāsaṭṭhiyā vatthūhi, tadapi phassapaccayā. 136. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism, who declare the self and the world to be eternal by four grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā sassatavādā sassataṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānam vijjati.

137. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers, who declare the self and the world to be partially non-eternal by four grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā ekaccasassatikā ekaccam sassatam ekaccam asassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

138. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorizers, who declare the world to be finite or infinite by four grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā antānantikā antānantaṃ lokassa paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

139. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who give evasive answers when so and so questions are brought up, who set about confusing statements and endless equivocation by four grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā amarāvikkhepikā tattha tattha pañhaṃ puṭṭhā samānā vācāvikkhepaṃ āpajjanti amarāvikkhepaṃ catūhi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

**140.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who assert that things originate fortuitously who declare the self and the world to be fortuitously originated by two grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā adhiccasamuppannikā adhiccasamuppannaṃ attānañca lokañca paññāpenti dvīhi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭi-

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samvedissantīti netam thānam vijjati.

141. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past, who assert various theories concerning the past by these eighteen grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbantakappikā pubbantānudiṭṭhino pubbantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti aṭṭhārasahi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

**142.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and percipient after death by sixteen grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā saññivādā uddhamāghātanā saññim attānam paññāpenti soļasahi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

143. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brah-

manas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is non-percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and non-percipient after death by eight grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā asaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā asaññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

144. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is neither percipient nor non-percipient [immortality], who declare the self to be immortal and neither percipient nor non-percipient after death by eight grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā uddhamāghātanikā nevasaññīnāsaññīvādā uddhamāghātanā nevasaññiṃ nāsaññiṃ attānaṃ paññāpenti aṭṭhahi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

**145.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is the annihilation of an existing being, who declare the annihilation, destruction, non-

being by seven grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā ucchedavādā sato sattassa ucchedaṃ vināsaṃ vibhavaṃ paññāpenti sattahi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

**146.** Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is nibbana in this life, who declare the supreme nibbana of an existing being in this life by five grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā diṭṭhadhammanibbānavādā sato sattassa paramadiṭṭhadhammanibbānaṃ paññāpenti pañcahi vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netam ṭhānam vijjati.

147. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the future, who assert various theories concerning future by these forty four grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samanabrāhmanā aparantakap-

pikā aparantānudiţţhino aparantam ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti catucattārīsāya vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paţisamvedissantīti netam ţhānam vijjati.

148. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorizers and future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past and future, who assert various theories concerning the past and future, by these sixty-two grounds, "indeed, that they will experience [that feeling] apart from contact," this possibility is not to be found.

tatra bhikkhave ye te samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbantakappikā ca aparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantānudiṭṭhino pubbantāparantaṃ ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti dvāsaṭṭhiyā vatthūhi, te vata aññatra phassā paṭisaṃvedissantīti netaṃ ṭhānaṃ vijjati.

149. Therein, O bhikkhus, those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is eternalism, who declare the self and the world to be eternal by four grounds, also those samanas and brahmanas who are partial eternal and partial non-eternal theorizers, also those samanas and brahmanas who are finite or infinite world theorizers, also those samanas and brahmanas who give evasive answers, when so and so questions are brought up, also

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those samanas and brahmanas who assert that things originate fortuitously, also those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is percipient [immortality], also those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is non-percipient [immortality], also those samanas and brahmanas who are immortality after death theorizers, whose teaching is neither percipient nor non-percipient [immortality], also those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is the annihilation of an existing being, also those samanas and brahmanas whose teaching is nibbana in this life, also those samanas and brahmanas who are future world-cycle theorizers, also those samanas and brahmanas who are past world-cycle theorizers and future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past and future, who assert various theories concerning the past and future by these sixtytwo grounds, all those are caused to experience [feeling] by contacting again and again the six domains of contact. In dependence on feeling, thirst comes to be. In dependence on thirst, holding comes to be. In dependence on holding, being comes to be. In dependence on being, birth comes to be. In dependence on birth, old age and death, sorrow, lamentation, physical suffering, mental suffering and despair arise. From when, O bhikkhus, a bhikkhu wisely understands the arising, the extinction, the gratification, the liability and the stepping out of the six bases of contact as it has come to be, he wisely understands what simply transcends all these [views].

tatra bhikkhave ye te samanabrāhmanā sassatavādā sassatam attānañca lokañca paññāpenti catūhi vatthūhi, ve'pi te samanabrāhmaṇā ekaccasassatikā ekaccaasassatikā, ye'pi te samanabrāhmanā antānantikā, ye'pi te samanabrāhmanā amarāvikkhepikā, ye'pi te samanabrāhmanā adhiccasamuppannikā, ve'pi te samanabrāhmaņā pubbantakappikā, ye'pi te samaņabrāhmaņā uddhamāghātanikā saññīvādā, ye'pi te samaņabrāhmaņā uddhamāghātanikā asaññīvādā, ye'pi te samanabrāhmanā uddhamāghātanikā nevasaññīnāsaññīvādā, ve'pi te samanabrāhmanā ucchedavādā, ye'pi te samanabrāhmaņā ditthadhammanibbānavādā, ye'pi te samanabrāhmanā aparantakappikā, ye'pi te samaṇabrāhmaṇā pubbantakappikā ca aparantakappikā ca pubbantāparantakappikā ca, pubbantāparantānuditthino pubbantāparantam ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti dvāsatthivā vatthūhi, sabbe te chahi phassāvatanehi phussa phussa patisamvedenti. tesam vedanāpaccayā tanhā, tanhāpaccayā upādānam, upādānapaccayā bhavo, bhavapaccayā jāti, jātipaccayā jarāmaranam sokaparidevadukkhadomanassupāyāsā sambhavanti, vato kho bhikkhave bhikkhu channam phassāvatanānam samudayam ca atthagamam ca assādam ca ādīnavam ca nissaraņam ca yathābhūtam pajānāti, ayam imehi sabbeheva uttaritaram pajānāti.

**150.** Indeed, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are past world-cycle theorizers or future world-cycle theorizers or past and future world-cycle theorizers,

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who [hold] views in line with the past and the future, assert various theories concerning the past and the future, all those are caught in the net of just these sixty-two grounds. Emerging, they emerge certainly trapped here. Emerging, they emerge certainly caught in the net, included within [the net] here. Just as, O bhikkhus, a skilled fisherman or fisherman's apprentice might spread a fine-mesh net over a small pool of water, whichever of those large living beings are in this pool of water, all those emerging emerge caught in the net, certainly trapped here, emerging, they emerge certainly caught in the net, included within [the net] here, it is really just so, O bhikkhus, whichever samanas or brahmanas are past world-cycle theorizers or future world-cycle theorizers or past and future world-cycle theorizers, who [hold] views in line with the past and the future, who assert various theories concerning the past and the future, all those are caught in the net of just these sixty-two grounds. Emerging, they emerge certainly trapped here. Emerging, they emerge certainly caught in the net, included within [the net1 here.

ye hi keci bhikkhave samaṇā vā brāhmaṇā vā pubbantakappikā vā aparantakappikā vā pubbantāparantakappikā vā pubbantāparantamam ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti, sabbe te imeheva dvāsaṭṭhiyā vatthūhi antojālīkatā ettha sitā'va ummujjamānā ummujjanti, (nimujjamānā nimujjanti. ) ettha pariyāpannā antojālīkatā'va ummujjamānā ummujjanti, (nimujjamānā ni

mujjanti. )\* seyyathāpi bhikkhave dakkho kevatto vā kevattantevāsī vā sukhumacchikena jālena parittam udakadaham otthareyya, tassa evamassa: "ye kho keci imasmim udakadahe olārikā pānā, sabbe te antojālīkatā ettha sitā'va ummujjamānā ummujjanti, (nimujjamānā nimujjanti), ettha parivāpannā antojālīkatā 'va ummujjamānā ummujjanti, (nimujjamānā nimujjantī"ti)\* evameva kho bhikkhave ve hi keci samanā vā brāhmanā vā pubbantakappikā vā aparantakappikā vā pubbantāparantakappikā vā pubbantāparantānuditthino pubbantāparantam ārabbha anekavihitāni adhivuttipadāni abhivadanti, sabbe te imeheva dvāsatthiyā vatthūhi antojālīkatā ettha sitā'va ummujjamānā ummujjanti, (nimmujjamānā nimujjanti.)\* ettha pariyāpannā antojālīkatā'va ummujjamānā ummujjanti, (nimujjamānā nimuiianti.)\*

**151.** The body of the Tathagata stands, O bhikkhus, with the conduit to being cut. For as long as the body remains, for that long, devas and humans [will] see him. With the breakup of the body, after the exhaustion of life, devas and humans [will] see him no longer.

ucchinnabhavanettiko bhikkhave tathāgatassa kāyo tiţţhati. yāvassa kāyo ţhassati, tāva naṃ dakkhinti devamanussā. kāyassa bhedā uddhaṃ jīvitapariyādānā na nam dakkhinti devamanussā.

"Just as, O bhikkhus, when a bunch of mangoes on a stalk

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is cut, that which is the mango fruit bound to the stalk, all those follow, it is really just so, O bhikkhus, the body of the Tathagata stands with the conduit to being cut. For as long as the body remains, for that long, devas and humans [will] see him. With the breakup of the body, after the exhaustion of life, devas and humans [will] see him no longer."

seyyathāpi bhikkhave ambapiṇḍiyā vaṇṭacchinnāya yāni kānici ambāni vaṇṭapaṭibaddhāni, sabbāni tāni tadanvayāni bhavanti, evameva kho bhikkhave ucchinnabhavanettiko tathāgatassa kāyo tiṭṭhati. yāvassa kāyo ṭhassati, tāva naṃ dakkhinti devamanussā. kāyassa bhedā uddhaṃ jīvitapariyādānā na naṃ dakkhinti devamanussā'ti.

152. When thus was said, the venerable Ananda said this to the Auspicious One: "It is marvellous, O Bhante. It is unprecedented, O Bhante. What is the name of this dhamma discourse, O Bhante?" "Well then, O Ananda, you bear in mind this Dhamma discourse as the net of meaning; also bear it in mind as the net of Dhamma; also bear it in mind as the net of Brahma; also bear it in mind as the unsurpassed victory in battle."

evam vutte āyasmā ānando bhagavantam etadavoca: 'acchariyam bhante, abbhutam bhante, ko nāmāyam bhante dhammapariyāyo?'ti. "tasmātiha tvam ānanda imam dhammapariyāyam atthajālanti'pi nam dhārehi. dhammajālanti'pi nam dhārehi. brahmajālanti'pi nam

dhārehi. diṭṭhijālanti'pi naṃ dhārehi. anuttaro saṅgā-mavijayo'ti'pi naṃ dhārehī"ti.

**153.** This is what the Auspicious One said. Delighted, those bhikkhus rejoiced in the Auspicious One's words. "And while this exposition was being expounded, the ten thousand world system quaked."

idamavoca bhagavā. attamanā te bhikkhū bhagavato bhāsitam abhinandunti. imasmim ca pana veyyākaranasmim bhaññamāne dasasahassī lokadhātu akampitthāti.