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Editor's Preface

This work gives a selection of verses that are recited when worshipping the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the Sangha; and a collection of discourses that are popularly used as Safeguards.

Part of the chants found in this book are meant to be recited every day, and part rotate on a weekly basis.

The system for the chanting is as follows: first there is Recollection of the Three Treasures and other objects of worship, this is followed by Pūjā (which will depend on what is being offered).

Then the daily Parittam section begins. After the Opening go to the chants for whatever day of the week it is.

At the end of the chants for the day there is meditation, and when finished you can proceed with the Conclusion.

In the Appendix are two other short pieces that can be recited in the indicated place when monastics are present.

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This book is dedicated with great respect to the memory of

Ven. Rerukane Chandavimala

former Mahānāyaka of the Swejin Mahānikāya who worked so tirelessly on behalf of the Sāsana

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Worship

Namakkāram Reverence

Namo tassa Bhagavato Arahato Sammāsambuddhassa

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Buddhaguṇavandanā Worshipping the Virtues of the Buddha

Iti pi so Bhagavā Araham Sammāsambuddho,

Such is he, the Gracious One, the Worthy One, the Perfect Sambuddha,

vijjācaraņasampanno Sugato lokavidū,

the one endowed with understanding and good conduct, the Fortunate One, the one who understands the worlds.

anuttaro purisadammasārathī,

the unsurpassed guide for those people who need taming,

Satthā devamanussānam Buddho Bhagavā ti.

the Teacher of gods and men, the Buddha, the Gracious One.

Buddham jīvitam yāva Nibbānam saraņam gacchāmi.

I go for life-long refuge to the Buddha right up until Nibbāna.

Ye ca Buddhā atītā ca, ye ca Buddhā anāgatā,

Those who were Buddhas in the past, those who will be Buddhas in the future,

paccuppannā ca ye Buddhā, aham vandāmi sabbadā!

and those who are Buddhas in the present, I worship them every day!

Natthi me saranam aññam, Buddho me saranam varam!

For me there is no other refuge, for me the Buddha is the best refuge!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Uttamangena vandeham pādapamsu varuttamam,

With my head I worship the most excellent dust of his feet,

Buddhe yo khalito doso Buddho khamatu tam mamam!

for any fault or wrong against the Buddha may the Buddha forgive me for that!

Dhammaguṇavandanā Worshipping the Virtues of the Dhamma

Svākkhāto Bhagavatā Dhammo, sandiţţhiko, akāliko,

The Dhamma has been well-proclaimed by the Gracious One, it is visible, not subject to time,

ehipassiko, opanaviko, paccattam veditabbo viññūhī ti.

inviting inspection, onward leading, and can be understood by the wise for themselves.

Dhammam jīvitam yāva Nibbānam saraņam gacchāmi.

I go for life-long refuge to the Dhamma right up until Nibbāna.

Ye ca Dhammā atītā ca, ye ca Dhammā anāgatā,

That which was Dhamma in the past, that which will be Dhamma in the future,

paccuppannā ca ye Dhammā, aham vandāmi sabbadā!

and that which is Dhamma in the present, I worship it every day!

Natthi me saraṇam aññam, Dhammo me saraṇam varam!

For me there is no other refuge, for me the Dhamma is the best refuge!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Uttamangena vandeham Dhammam ca tividham varam,

With my head I worship the excellent threefold Dhamma,

Dhamme yo khalito doso Dhammo khamatu tam mamam!

for any fault or wrong against the Dhamma may the Dhamma forgive me for that!

Saṅghaguṇavandanā Worshipping the Virtues of the Saṅgha

Supațipanno Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

The Gracious One's Sangha of disciples are good in their practice,

ujupaţipanno Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

the Gracious One's Sangha of disciples are upright in their practice,

ñāyapaţipanno Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

the Gracious One's Sangha of disciples are systematic in their practice,

sāmīcipaṭipanno Bhagavato sāvakasaṅgho,

the Gracious One's Sangha of disciples are correct in their practice,

yad-idam cattāri purisayugāni attha purisapuggalā,

that is to say, the four pairs of persons, the eight individual persons,

esa Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

this is the Gracious One's Sangha of disciples,

āhuneyyo, pāhuneyyo, dakkhiņeyyo, añjalikaranīyo,

they are worthy of offerings, of hospitality, of gifts, and of reverential salutation,

anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā ti.

they are an unsurpassed field of merit for the world.

Sangham jīvitam yāva Nibbānam saranam gacchāmi.

I go for life-long refuge to the Sangha right up until Nibbāna.

Ye ca Sanghā atītā ca, ye ca Sanghā anāgatā,

Those who were the Sangha in the past, those who will be the Sangha in the future,

paccuppannā ca ye Sanghā, aham vandāmi sabbadā!

and those who are the Sangha in the present, I worship them every day!

Natthi me saraṇam aññam, Sangho me saraṇam varam!

For me there is no other refuge, for me the Sangha is the best refuge!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te javamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Uttamangena vandeham Sangham ca tividhottamam,

With my head I worship the Sangha who are supreme in three ways,

Sanghe yo khalito doso Sangho khamatu tam mamam!

for any fault or wrong against the Sangha may the Sangha forgive me for that!

Paṇāmagāthā Verses on Obeisance

Buddhadhammā ca Paccekabuddhā Sanghā ca sāmikā,

The Buddhas, Dhamma, Independent Buddhas, and the revered Sangha,

dāsoham-asmi me tesam, guņam thātu sire sadā!

I am their servant, may that good quality always be on my head!

Tisaraṇam tilakkhaṇūpekkham Nibbānam-antimam,

The three refuges, equanimity about the three signs, and final Nibbana,

suvande sirasā niccam labhāmi tividhā-m-aham.

I always worship these with my head and I receive threefold (return).

Tisaranam ca sire thātu, sire thātu tilakkhanam,

May the three refuges be placed on my head, may the three signs be placed on my head,

upekkhā ca sire thātu, Nibbānam thātu me sire!

may equanimity be placed on my head, and may Nibbana be placed on my head!

Buddhe sakarune vande, Dhamme Paccekasambuddhe,

I worship the compassionate Buddhas, the Dhamma, the Independent Sambuddhas,

Sanghe ca sirisā yeva, tidhā niccam namāmyaham.

and the Sangha with my head, I constantly bow down three times.

Namāmi Satthuno vādā appamādavacantimam,

I bow down to the words of the Teacher, and the last words on heedfulness,

sabbe pi cetiye vande, upajjhācariye mamam,

and also to all the shrines, to my preceptor and teacher,

mayham paṇāmatejena cittam pāpehi muñcatan-ti!

by the power of this obeisance may my mind be free from evil!

Āmisapūjā Material Offerings

(first worshipping the main objects of veneration)

Vandāmi cetiyam sabbam sabbatthānesu patitthitam,

I worship all the shrines in all of the places that they stand,

sārīrikadhātu Mahā Bodhim, Buddharūpam sakalam sadā!

the bodily relics, the Great Bodhi Tree, and all the Buddha images forever!

Iccevam-accantanamassaneyyam namassamāno Ratanattayam yam,

In this way I can revere the Three Treasures without end, and while revering them,

puññābhisandham vipulam alattham, tassānubhāvena hatantarāyo!

I have received an abundant overflow of merit, by that power may (any) obstacle be destroyed!

(only chant verses for those things you are offering)

(lights)

Ghanasārappadittena dīpena tamadhamsinā,

With a lamp that burns intensely, destroying the darkness,

tilokadīpam Sambuddham pūjayāmi tamonudam.

I worship the Sambuddha, the light of the three worlds, the darkness-dispeller.

(incense)

Sugandhikāyavadanam, anantaguņagandhinam,

° With this fragrance and perfume I worship the Realised One,

Sugandhināham gandhena pūjayāmi Tathāgatam.

who is fragrant in body and speech, and has fragrant endless virtues.

(water)

Sugandham sītalam kappam, pasannamadhuram subham,

° Please accept this fragrant, cool, clear, sweet, and attractive drink

pānīyam-etam Bhagavā, paţigganhātu-m-uttama!

that has been prepared, O Gracious One supreme!

(medicinal drink)

Bhesajjehi samāyuttam gilānapaccayam imam,

° Please accept this medicine together with this herbal drink,

anukampam upādāya, paţiggaņhātu-m-uttama!

having compassion on us, O Gracious One supreme!

(flowers)

Vannagandhagunopetam, etam kusumasantatim,

° With these long lasting flowers, endowed with the qualities of beauty

pūjayāmi Munindassa siripādasaroruhe.

and fragrance, I worship the glorious lotus feet of the lord of Sages.

Pūjemi Buddham kusamenanena, puñnena-m-etena labhāmi mokkham.

I worship the Awakened One with these flowers, may I gain release with (the help of) this merit.

Puppham milāyāti yathā idam me, kāyo tathā yāti vināsabhāvam.

Just as a flower withers and fades away, so too this my body will go to destruction.

(aspiration)

Imāya Buddhapūjāya katāya suddhacetasā,

By this worship of the Buddha, performed with a pure mind,

ciram titthatu Saddhammo, loko hotu sukhī sadā!

may the True Dhamma last a long time, and may the world be always happy!

Safeguard Recitals

Devārādhanā The Invitation to the Gods

(Chanted by One Person)

Samantā cakkavāļesu atrāgacchantu devatā

May the gods from all over the universe assemble here

saddhammam Munirājassa suņantu saggamokkhadam:

and listen to the King of the Sage's true Dhamma about heaven and release:

Parittassavaņakālo ayam bhadantā!

Reverend Sirs, this is the time for hearing the safeguard!

Parittassavanakālo ayam bhadantā!

Reverend Sirs, this is the time for hearing the safeguard!

Dhammaparittassavaņakālo ayam bhadantā!

Reverend Sirs, this is the time for hearing the Dhamma safeguard!

Namakkāram Reverence

(Chanted by All Present)

Namo tassa Bhagavato Arahato Sammāsambuddhassa

Reverence to him, the Gracious One, the Worthy One, the Perfect Sambuddha

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(Now follow the Schedule according to the Day)

(monastics can chant the Reflections found in the appendix here)

Monday

Āṇakkhettaparittaṁ, 1 Safeguard in this Order's Domain

Ye santā santacittā, tisaraņasaraņā, ettha lokantare vā,

Those (gods) who are peaceful, with peaceful minds, who have taken refuge in the triple refuge, whether here, or above the worlds,

bhummā bhummā ca devā, guņagaņagahaņā, byāvaţā sabbakālam,

the various earth gods, that group who have taken up, and are engaged in, virtuous deeds all of the time,

ete āyantu devā, varakanakamaye, Merurāje vasanto,

may these gods come, those who dwell on the majestic Mt. Meru, that excellent golden mountain,

santo santo sahetum Munivaravacanam sotumaggam samaggam.

peacefully, and with good reason, (to hear) the Sage's excellent word about entering the stream, and harmony.

Sabbesu cakkavāļesu yakkhā devā ca brahmuno,

May all yakkhas, gods, and deities, from the whole universe,

Yam amhehi katam puññam sabbasampattisādhukam

° After partaking of the merits, and of all the thoroughly good fortune

Sabbe tam anumoditvā samaggā sāsane ratā,

We have acquired, being in harmony, and delighting in the teaching,

Pamādarahitā hontu ārakkhāsu visesato.

Be not heedless and grant us complete protection.

Sāsanassa ca lokassa vuddhi bhavatu sabbadā,

May the teaching and the world be on the increase every day,

Sāsanam-pi ca lokañ-ca devā rakkhantu sabbadā.

And may the gods every day protect the teaching and the world.

Saddhim hontu sukhī sabbe parivārehi attano,

° May you, and all those who are around you, together with

Anīghā sumanā hontu, saha sabbehi ñātibhi.

All your relatives, be untroubled, happy, and easy in mind.

Rājato vā, corato vā, manussato vā, amanussato vā,

(May you be protected) from the king, thieves, humans, and non-humans,

aggito vā, udakato vā, pisācato vā, khāņukato vā, kaņţakato vā,

from fire and water, demons, stumps, and thorns,

nakkhattato vā, janapadarogato vā,

from unlucky stars, and epidemics,

asaddhammato vā, asandiţţhito vā, asappurisato vā,

from what is not the true dhamma, not right view, not a good person,

canda-hatthi-assa-miga-gona-kukkura-ahivicchika-manisappa-

and from fierce elephants, horses, antelopes, bulls, dogs, snakes, scorpions, poisonous serpents,

dīpi-accha-taraccha-sukara-mahisa-yakkha-rakkhasādihi

panthers, bears, hyenas, wild boars, buffaloes, yakkhas, rakkhasas, and so on,

nānā bhayato vā, nānā rogato vā,

from the manifold fears, the manifold diseases.

nānā upaddavato vā, ārakkham ganhantu!

the manifold calamities, (from all of these troubles) may you receive protection!

Dasadhammasuttam The Discourse on the Ten Things

Evam me sutam:

Thus I have heard:

ekam samayam Bhagavā Sāvatthiyam viharati

at one time the Gracious One was dwelling near Sāvatthi

Jetavane Anāthapiņdikassa ārāme.

at Anāthapindika's grounds in Jeta's Wood.

Tatra kho Bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi:

There it was that the Gracious One addressed the monks, saying:

"Bhikkhavo!" ti, "Bhadante!" ti te bhikkhū Bhagavato paccassosum,

"Monks!", "Reverend Sir!" those monks replied to the Gracious One,

Bhagavā etad-avoca:

and the Gracious One said this:

"Dasa ime bhikkhaye dhammā

"There are these ten things, monks,

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbā.

that one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on.

Katame dasa?

What are the ten?

"Vevanniyamhi ajjhupagato" ti,

"I have become one who has no class".

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [1]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Parapațibaddhā me jīvikā" ti,

"I am bound to others for my livelihood",

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [2]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Añño me ākappo karaņīyo" ti,

"I should comport myself differently",

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [3]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Kacci nu kho me attā sīlato na upavadatī?" ti

"Can I myself find no fault with my virtue?"

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [4]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Kacci nu kho mam anuvicca viññū sabrahmacārī, sīlato na upavadantī?" ti

"Will my wise companions in the spiritual life, after testing me, find no fault with my virtue?"

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [5]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Sabbehi me piyehi manāpehi nānābhāvo vinābhāvo" ti,

"There is alteration in, and separation from, all that is dear and appealing to me",

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [6]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Kammassakomhi, kammadāvādo,

"It is actions that I own, it is actions that I am heir to,

kammayoni, kammabandhu, kammapatisarano,

it is actions that I am born from, actions are my kinsfolk, actions are my refuge,

yam kammam karissāmi, kalyāņam vā pāpakam vā,

whatever actions I perform, whether good or bad,

tassa dāyādo bhavissāmī" ti,

to that I will be the heir",

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [7]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Katham bhūtassa me rattimdivā vītipatantī?" ti

"In what way do the nights and days pass for me?"

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [8]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Kacci nu khoham suññāgāre abhiramāmī?" ti

"Do I delight in empty places?"

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [9]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

"Atthi nu kho me uttarimanussadhammā,

"Has a state beyond (ordinary) human beings,

alam-ariyañāṇadassanaviseso adhigato?

the distinction of what is truly noble knowledge and seeing been attained by me?

Soham pacchime kāle sabrahmacārīhi puttho,

Will I at the end, when questioned by my companions in the spiritual life,

na manku bhavissāmī?" ti

not be embarrassed?"

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam. [10]

one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on this.

Ime kho bhikkhave dasadhammā,

These are the ten things, monks,

pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbā" ti.

that one who has gone forth should frequently reflect on.

Idam-avoca Bhagavā,

The Gracious One said this,

attamanā te bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāsitam abhinandun-ti.

and those monks were uplifted and greatly rejoiced in the Gracious One's words.

Āsīvāda Blessing

Etena saccavajjena sotthi te hotu sabbadā!

By this declaration of the truth may you be safe at all times!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Etena saccavajjena sabbarogo vinassatu!

By this declaration of the truth may all disease be destroyed!

Meditation... then go to Conclusion part 1: Sabbapāpassa akaraṇam. p. 44

Tuesday

Ārakkhā Bhāvanā Protective Meditations

Buddhānussati, mettā ca, asubham, maraņassati,

Recollection of the Buddha, friendliness, unattractiveness, and mindfulness of death,

iti imā caturārakkhā bhikkhu bhāveyya sīlavā.

these are the four protective meditations that a virtuous monk should develop.

Anantavitthāraguņam guņatonussaram Munim,

Recollecting the Sage's virtue, and his endless, extensive, good qualities,

bhāveyya buddhimā bhikkhu Buddhānussati-m-ādito.

the wise monk should develop the recollection of the Buddha first.

Buddhānussati Recollection of the Buddha

(Ārakkhā Bhāvanā 1)

Savāsane kilese so eko sabbe nighātiya,

Alone he destroyed all the corruptions, and (bad) predispositions,

ahū susuddhasantāno pūjānam ca sadāraho. [1]

and being continually and fully pure he is worthy of worship at all times.

Sabbakālagate dhamme sabbe sammā sayam Muni,

The Sage by himself has, throughout the whole of time in every way,

sabbākārena bujjhitvā, eko sabbaññutam gato. [2]

completely awakened to all things, and alone he has arrived at omniscience.

Vipassanādi vijjāhi sīlādi caraņehi ca,

° Being endowed with great psychic power, good conduct, virtue, and so on,

susamiddhehi sampanno, gaganābhehi nāyako. [3]

true understanding, insight, and so on, the leader was like the shining sky.

Sammāgato subham thānam amoghavacano ca so,

He who never spoke foolish words, has arrived at that glorious state (Nibbāna),

tividhassāpi lokassa ñātā niravasesato. [4]

he knew the threefold world system (completely) without leaving anything out.

Anekehi gunoghehi sabbasattuttamo ahū,

Overflowing with countless good qualities he is supreme among all beings,

Anekehi upāyehi naradamme damesi ca. [5]

with countless skilful means he tamed those men who could be tamed.

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Eko sabbassa lokassa sabbam-atthānusāsako,

He alone, to the whole world was the teacher of everything good,

Bhāgya-issariyādīnam guṇānam paramo nidhī. [6]

he is the highest treasure, having qualities such as good fortune, mastery, and so on.

Paññāssa sabbadhammesu karuņā sabbajantusu,

Being wise in regard to all things compassionate to everybody,

attatthānam paratthānam sādhikā gunajetthikā. [7]

he exceeded (others) in the best qualities, (knowing) what was for his own and others' good.

Dayāya pāramī citvā paññāyattānam-uddharī,

Through sympathy he set his mind on the perfections through wisdom he raised himself up,

uddharī sabbadhamme ca, dayāyaññe ca uddharī. [8]

he raised himself above all things, through sympathy he raised others too.

Dissamāno pi tāvassa rūpakāyo acintayo,

Even his visible form-body was beyond thought,

asādhāraņañāṇaddhe dhammakāye kathā va kā ti? [9]

what can be said of his spiritual body, which was unique, having powerful knowledge?

Mahāmaṅgalasuttaṁ The Discourse on the Great Blessings

Evam me sutam:

Thus I have heard:

ekam samayam Bhagavā Sāvatthiyam viharati

at one time the Gracious One was dwelling near Sāvatthi

Jetavane Anāthapiņḍikassa ārāme.

at Anāthapiṇḍika's grounds in Jeta's Wood.

Atha kho aññatarā devatā abhikkantāya rattiyā,

Then a certain god, towards the end of the night,

abhikkantavannā kevalakappam Jetavanam obhāsetvā,

having lit up the whole of Jeta's Wood with his surpassing beauty,

yena Bhagavā tenupasankami,

approached the Gracious One,

upasankamitvā Bhagavantam abhivādetvā, ekam-antam aṭṭhāsi.

and after approaching and worshipping the Gracious One, he stood on one side.

Ekam-antam thitā kho sā devatā Bhagavantam gāthāya ajjhabhāsi:

While standing on one side that god addressed the Gracious One with a verse:

"Bahū devā manussā ca mangalāni acintayum

"Many are the gods and the men who have thought about the blessings

Ākaṅkhamānā sotthānam: brūhi maṅgalam-uttamam." [1]

Hoping for safety: now please say what is the supreme blessing."

"Asevanā ca bālānam, paņditānañ-ca sevanā,

"Not associating with fools, but associating with the wise,

Pūjā ca pūjanīyānam: etam mangalam-uttamam. [2]

Honouring those worthy of honour: this is the supreme blessing.

Paţirūpadesavāso ca, pubbe ca katapuññatā,

Living in a suitable place, formerly having done good deeds,

Attasammāpaņidhi ca: etam mangalam-uttamam. [3]

Aspiring in a right way oneself: this is the supreme blessing.

Bāhusaccañ-ca sippañ-ca, vinayo ca susikkhito,

Having great learning and craft, and being disciplined and well trained,

Subhāsitā ca yā vācā: etam mangalam-uttamam. [4]

And whatever words are well spoken: this is the supreme blessing.

Mātāpitu-upaţţhānam, puttadārassa sangaho,

Attendance on one's mother and father, looking after one's wife and children,

Anākulā ca kammantā: etam mangalam-uttamam. [5]

With works that are not agitating: this is the supreme blessing.

Dānañ-ca Dhammacariyā ca, ñātakānañ-ca saṅgaho,

Giving, and living by the Dhamma, and looking after one's relatives,

Anavajjāni kammāni: etam mangalam-uttamam. [6]

(Performing) actions that are blameless: this is the supreme blessing.

Ārati virati pāpā, majjapānā ca saññamo,

Abstinence, avoidance of bad deeds, restraint from intoxicating drink,

Appamādo ca dhammesu: etam mangalam-uttamam. [7]

Being heedful regarding (all) things: this is the supreme blessing.

Gāravo ca nivāto ca, santuṭṭhī ca kataññutā,

Having respect, being humble, being satisfied and grateful,

Kālena Dhammasavaņam: etam mangalam-uttamam. [8]

Listening to Dhamma at the right time: this is the supreme blessing.

Khantī ca sovacassatā, samaņānañ-ca dassanam,

Being patient and easily spoken to, seeing ascetics,

Kālena Dhammasākacchā: etam mangalam-uttamam. [9]

Discussing Dhamma at the right time: this is the supreme blessing.

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Tapo ca brahmacariyañ-ca, ariyasaccāna' dassanam,

Austere, living spiritually, insight into the noble truths,

Nibbānasacchikiriyā ca: etam mangalam-uttamam. [10]

The experience of Nibbana: this is the supreme blessing.

Phutthassa lokadhammehi, cittam yassa na kampati,

He whose mind does not waver, when it is touched by things of this world,

Asokam virajam khemam: etam mangalam-uttamam. [11]

(being) griefless, dustless, and secure: this is the supreme blessing.

Etādisāni katvāna, sabbattha-m-aparājitā,

Having done as here directed, they are undefeated everywhere,

sabbattha sotthim gacchanti: tam tesam mangalam-uttaman"-ti. [12]

They go everywhere in safety: for them this is the supreme blessing."

Āsīvāda Blessing

Etena saccavajjena sotthi te hotu sabbadā!

By this declaration of the truth may you be safe at all times!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Etena saccavajjena sabbarogo vinassatu!

By this declaration of the truth may all disease be destroyed!

Meditation... then go to Conclusion part 1: Sabbapāpassa akaranam. p. 44

Wednesday

Āṇakkhettaparittam, 2 Safeguard in this Order's Domain

Paņidhānato paṭṭhāya, Tathāgatassa dasapāramiyo,

Beginning with the aspiration (for Buddhahood, and thinking of) the Realised One's ten perfections,

dasa-upapāramiyo, dasaparamatthapāramiyo - samatimsapāramiyo - ten minor perfections, ten great perfections - altogether thirty perfections -

pañcamahāpariccāge, tisso cariyā, pacchimabhave gabbhāvakkantim, jātim, his five great sacrifices, three ways of conduct, descent into the womb for his final existence, birth,

Abhinikkhamanam, padhānacariyam, Bodhipallankam, Māravijayam, Great Renunciation, life of effort, sitting cross legged at the Bodhi tree, victory over Māra,

sabbaññutañāṇapaṭivedham, navalokuttaradhamme ti,

his penetration and knowledge of omniscience, and his nine supermundane attainments,

sabbe pime Buddhaguņe āvajjitvā, Vesāliyam tīsu pākārantaresu, and after considering all these Buddha qualities, (going around) the three walls of Vesāli,

tiyāmarattim, parittam karonto āyasmā Ānandatthero, during the three watches of the night, the venerable elder Ānanda,

viya kāruññacittam upaţţhapetvā:

after establishing great compassion in his heart, made this safeguard:

Koţisatasahassesu cakkavāļesu devatā

The gods in the ten hundred thousand million universes

yassāṇam patigaṇhanti yañ-ca Vesāliyam pure, accepted the order (given) in the city of Vesāli,

rogāmanusssadubbhikkha sambhūtam tividham bhayam, and disease, non-human beings, and famine, the threefold fear that had arisen,

khippam-antaradhāpesi, parittam tam bhaṇāmahe:

quickly disappeared, we will recite that safeguard:

Wednesday - 20

Ratanasuttam The Discourse on the Treasures

Yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni, bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe, Whatever beings have come together here, whether of the earth or in the firmament,

sabbe va bhūtā sumanā bhavantu, atho pi sakkacca suṇantu bhāsitaṁ. [1] may the minds of all those beings be happy, and may they listen carefully to what is said.

Tasmā hi bhūtā nisāmetha sabbe, mettam karotha mānusiyā pajāya, Therefore, all of you beings, be attentive, be friendly towards this generation of men,

divā ca ratto ca haranti ye balim, tasmā hi ne rakkhatha appamattā. [2] they who bring offerings by day and by night, therefore, being heedful, you must protect them.

Yam kiñci vittam - idha vā huram vā saggesu vā - yam ratanam panītam Whatever riches there are - here or elsewhere or in the heavens - that excellent treasure

na no samam atthi Tathāgatena, idam-pi Buddhe ratanam paṇītam: is not equal unto the Realised One, this excellent treasure is in the Buddha:

etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [3]

by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Khayam virāgam amatam paņītam yad-ajjhagā Sakyamunī samāhito, (Pollutants') end, dispassion, deathlessness, excellence: which the concentrated Sakyan sage attained.

na tena dhammena samatthi kiñci, idam-pi Dhamme ratanam paṇītam: there is nothing that is equal to that state, this excellent treasure is in the Dhamma:

etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [4]

by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Yam-Buddhaseṭṭho parivaṇṇayī suciṁ, samādhim-ānantarikañ-ñam-āhu, That which the Buddha, the Great One, praised as pure, the concentration said to have prompt (result),

samādhinā tena samo na vijjati, idam-pi Dhamme ratanam panītam: no equal to that concentration is found, this excellent treasure is in the Dhamma:

etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [5]

by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Ye puggalā aṭṭha satam pasatthā, cattāri etāni yugāni honti, Those eight individuals praised by the good, there are these four pairs (of individuals),

te dakkhineyyā Sugatassa sāvakā, etesu dinnāni mahapphalāni, those disciples of the Fortunate One are worthy of gifts, those things that have been given to them have great fruit,

idam-pi Saṅghe ratanaṁ paṇītaṁ: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [6] this excellent treasure is in the Saṅgha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Wednesday - 21

Ye suppayuttā manasā daļhena, nikkāmino Gotamasāsanamhi, Those who have firm and devoted minds, without sense desire in Gotama's dispensation,

te pattipattā amatam vigayha, laddhā mudhā nibbutim bhunjamānā, those who have attained, and entered the deathless, are enjoying emancipation, gained for free,

idam-pi Saṅghe ratanaṁ paṇītaṁ: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [7] this excellent treasure is in the Saṅgha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Yathindakhīlo paṭhavim sito siyā, catubbhi vātehi asampakampiyo, Just as a locking post stuck fast in the earth does not waver on account of the four winds,

Tathūpamam sappurisam vadāmi, yo ariyasaccāni avecca passati, in the same way, I say, is the true person, the one who sees the noble truths completely,

idam-pi Sanghe ratanam panītam: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [8] this excellent treasure is in the Sangha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Ye ariyasaccāni vibhāvayanti, gambhīrapaññena sudesitāni, Those who clearly distinguish the noble truths, which were well preached by the one with deep wisdom.

kiñcāpi te honti bhusappamattā, na te bhavam aṭṭhamam ādiyanti, however great they become in heedlessness still they do not take up an eighth existence,

idam-pi Sanghe ratanam panītam: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [9] this excellent treasure is in the Sangha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Sahā vassa dassanasampadāya tayassu dhammā jahitā bhavanti: With his attainment of (liberating) insight there are a triad of things that are given up:

Sakkāyadiţthi vicikicchitañ-ca sīlabbatam vāpi yad-atthi kiñci. embodiment view, uncertainty, and whatever (grasping at) virtue and practices there is.

Catūhapāyehi ca vippamutto, cha cābhiṭhānāni abhabbo kātum, He is free from (rebirth in) the four lower worlds, he is incapable of the six great crimes.

idam-pi Saṅghe ratanaṁ paṇītaṁ: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [10] this excellent treasure is in the Saṅgha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Kiñcāpi so kammam karoti pāpakam, kāyena vācā uda cetasā vā, Whatever bad action there is that he performs by way of body, or of speech, or of mind,

abhabbo so tassa paţicchādāya, abhabbatā diţṭhapadassa vuttā, he is incapable of covering it up, this incapacity is said of one who has seen the state (of peace),

idam-pi Saṅghe ratanaṁ paṇītaṁ: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [11] this excellent treasure is in the Saṅgha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Vanappagumbe yathā phussitagge gimhānamāse paṭhamasmim gimhe, Just like a tall woodland tree crowned with blossom in the summer months, in the early summer,

Tathūpamam Dhammavaram adesayī, Nibbānagāmim paramamhitāya, in the same way he preached the Dhamma which is best, which goes to Nibbāna, the highest benefit,

idam-pi Buddhe ratanam paṇītam: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [12] this excellent treasure is in the Buddha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Varo varaññū varado varāharo, anuttaro Dhammavaraṁ adesayī. The best one, knowing the best, giving the best, brought the best, brought the best, unsurpassed he preached the best Dhamma.

idam-pi Buddhe ratanam paṇītam: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [13] this excellent treasure is in the Buddha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

Khīṇam purāṇam navam natthi sambhavam, virattacittā āyatike bhavasmim, The old is destroyed, and nothing new is produced, (their) minds are unexcited by future rebirth,

te khīṇabījā avirūļhicchandā, nibbanti dhīrā yathāyam-padīpo, they have destroyed the seeds, and have no desire for growth, the wise are still, just as this lamp (is still),

idam-pi Saṅghe ratanaṁ paṇītaṁ: etena saccena suvatthi hotu! [14] this excellent treasure is in the Saṅgha: by virtue of this truth may there be safety!

(Spoken by Sakka, lord of the gods:)

Yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni, bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe, Whatever beings have come together here, whether of the earth or in the firmament,

Tathāgatam devamanussapūjitam, Buddham namassāma suvatthi hotu! [15] the Realised One is revered by gods and men, we honour the Buddha - may there be safety!

Yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni, bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe, Whatever beings have come together here, whether of the earth or in the firmament,

Tathāgatam devamanussapūjitam, Dhammam namassāma suvatthi hotu! [16] the Realised One is revered by gods and men, we honour the Dhamma - may there be safety!

Yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni, bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe, Whatever beings have come together here, whether of the earth or in the firmament,

Tathāgatam devamanussapūjitam, Sangham namassāma suvatthi hotu! [17] the Realised One is revered by gods and men, we honour the Sangha - may there be safety!

Wednesday - 23

Āsīvāda **Blessing**

Etena saccavajjena sotthi te hotu sabbadā!

By this declaration of the truth may you be safe at all times!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Etena saccavajjena sabbarogo vinassatu!By this declaration of the truth may all disease be destroyed!

Meditation... then go to Conclusion part 1: Sabbapāpassa akaraṇam. p. 44

Thursday

Mettā Bhāvanā The Development of Friendliness Meditation

(Ārakkhā Bhāvanā 2)

Attūpamāya sabbesam sattānam sukhakāmatam,

In a similar way to oneself, all beings desire happiness,

passitvā kamato mettam sabbasattesu bhāvaye. [1]

having seen that one should gradually develop friendliness towards all beings.

Sukhī bhaveyyam niddukkho, aham niccam, aham viya

May I constantly be happy, free from suffering, and like myself

hitā ca me sukhī hontu, majjhattā catha verino. [2]

may my benefactors be happy, neutral persons, and foes also.

Imamhi gāmakkhettamhi, sattā hontu sukhī sadā,

In this village, and its surrounding fields, may beings always be happy,

tato parañ-ca rajjesu, cakkavāļesu jantuno. [3]

and those in other countries, and people throughout the universe.

Samantā cakkavāļesu sattānantesu pāņino,

° Throughout the entire universe may the countless beings, creatures,

sukhino puggalā bhūtā attabhāvagatā siyum, [4]

persons, and bhūtas, who have attained individuality, be happy,

tathā itthī pumā ceva ariyā anariyā pi ca,

and so too (all) women, men, noble ones, and also ignoble ones,

devā narā apāyaṭṭhā, tathā dasadisāsu cā ti. [5]

gods, humans, and fallen creatures, and likewise (all beings) in the ten directions.

Karaṇīyamettasuttaṁ

The Discourse on how Friendliness Meditation should be Done

Karaṇīyam-atthakusalena, yan-tam santam padam abhisamecca:

What should be done by one skilled in goodness, who has comprehended the state of peace:

sakko ujū ca sūjū ca, suvaco cassa mudu anatimānī, [1]

he ought to be able, straight, and upright, easy to speak to, meek, without conceit,

santussako ca subharo ca, appakicco ca sallahukavutti,

satisfied (with little), easy to support, free from duties, and light in living,

santindriyo ca nipako ca, appagabbho kulesu ananugiddho, [2]

with faculties at peace, prudent, not forward, and greedless among the families,

na ca khuddam samācare kinci yena vinnu pare upavadeyyum. he should not do the slightest thing whereby others who are wise might find fault (with him).

"Sukhino vā khemino hontu, sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhitattā! [3] "(May all beings) be happy and secure, may all beings in their hearts be happy!

Ye keci pāṇabhūtatthi tasā vā thāvarā vā anavasesā, Whatsoever breathing beings there are, trembling, firm, or any other (beings),

dīghā vā ye mahantā vā, majjhimā rassakāņukathūlā, [4] whether they be long or great, of middle (size), short, tiny, or of compact (body),

diṭṭhā vā ye ca addiṭṭhā, ye ca dūre vasanti avidūre, those who are seen, and those who are unseen, those who live far away, those who are near,

bhūtā vā sambhavesī vā sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhitattā!" [5] those who are born, and those who still seek birth, may all beings in their hearts be happy!"

Na paro param nikubbetha, nātimaññetha katthaci nam kañci, No one should cheat another, nor should he despise anyone wherever he is,

byārosanā paṭighasaññā nāññam-aññassa dukkham-iccheyya. [6] he should not long for suffering for another because of anger or resentment.

Mātā yathā niyam puttam āyusā ekaputtam-anurakkhe, In the same way as a mother would protect her child, her only child, with her life,

evam-pi sabbabhūtesu mānasam bhāvaye aparimāṇam. [7] so too towards all beings one should develop the measureless thought (of friendliness).

Mettañ-ca sabbalokasmim mānasam bhāvaye aparimāṇam, Towards the entire world he should develop the measureless thought of friendliness,

uddham adho ca tiriyañ-ca, asambādham averam asapattam. [8] above, below, and across (the middle), without barriers, hate, or enmity.

Tiṭṭhaṁ caraṁ nisinno vā, sayāno vā yāvatassa vigatamiddho, Standing, walking, sitting, lying, for as long as he is without torpor,

etam satim adhiţţheyya, brahmam-etam vihāram idha-m-āhu. [9] he should be resolved on this mindfulness, for this, they say here, is the (true) spiritual life.

Ditthin-ca anupagamma, sīlavā dassanena sampanno,Without going near a (wrong) view, virtuous, and endowed with (true) insight,

kāmesu vineyya gedham, na hi jātu gabbhaseyyam punar-etī ti. [10] having removed greed towards sense pleasures, he does not come to lie in a womb again.

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Āsīvāda Blessing

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By this declaration of the truth may you be safe at all times!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Etena saccavajjena sabbarogo vinassatu!

By this declaration of the truth may all disease be destroyed!

Meditation... then...

Dhammapadagāthā Verses from the Dhammapada

Sabbapāpassa akaraņam, kusalassa upasampadā,

Not doing any bad deeds, undertaking wholesome deeds,

sacittapariyodapanam etam Buddhāna' sāsanam. [183]

and purifying one's mind this is the teaching of the Buddhas.

Khantī paramam tapo titikkhā, Nibbānam paramam vadanti Buddhā. Forbearing patience is the supreme austerity, Nibbāna is supreme say the Buddhas.

Na hi pabbajito parūpaghāti, samaņo hoti param viheṭhayanto. [184] One gone forth does not hurt another, (nor does) an ascetic harass another.

Anūpavādo, anūpaghāto, pātimokkhe ca samvaro,

Not finding fault, not hurting, restraint in regard to the precepts,

mattaññutā ca bhattasmim, pantañ-ca sayanāsanam,

knowing the correct measure in food, (living in) a remote dwelling place,

adhicitte ca āyogo etam Buddhāna' sāsanam. [185]

being devoted to meditation this is the teaching of the Buddhas.

Sabbe sankhārā aniccā ti, yadā pañnāya passati,

All conditioned things are impermanent, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [277]

then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Sabbe sankhārā dukkhā ti, yadā pannāya passati,

All conditioned things are suffering, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [278]

then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Sabbe dhammā anattā ti, yadā paññāya passati,

All things are without a self, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [279]

then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Mahājayamaṅgalagāthā The Verses on the Great Blessings of Success

Mahākāruņiko nātho, hitāya sabbapāņinam,

The lord of great compassion, for the benefit of all living creatures,

pūretvā pāramī sabbā patto Sambodhim-uttamam.

having fulfilled all the perfections has attained supreme and Complete Awakening.

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam! [1]

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Jayanto Bodhiyā mūle Sakyānam nandivaddhano,

Succeeding at the root of the Bodhi tree he furthered the Sakyans' joy,

evam tuyham jayo hotu, jayassu jayamangalam! [2]

so may you be successful, may you succeed with the blessing of success!

Sakkatvā Buddharatanam, osadham uttamam varam,

Having honoured the Buddha treasure, the best and supreme medicine,

hitam devamanussānam, Buddhatejena sotthinā

of benefit to gods and men, by the blessed power of the Buddha

nassantupaddavā sabbe, dukkhā vūpasamentu te! [3]

may all adversities perish, and all suffering come to an end for you!

Sakkatvā Dhammaratanam, osadham uttamam varam,

Having honoured the Dhamma treasure, the best and supreme medicine,

pariļāhūpasamanam, Dhammatejena sotthinā

which brings fevers to an end, by the blessed power of the Dhamma

nassantupaddavā sabbe, bhayā vūpasamentu te! [4]

may all adversities perish, and all fear come to an end for you!

Sakkatvā Saṅgharatanam, osadham uttamam varam,

Having honoured the Sangha treasure, the best and supreme medicine,

āhuneyyam pāhuneyyam, Sanghatejena sotthinā

worthy of gifts and hospitality, by the blessed power of the Sangha

nassantupaddavā sabbe, rogā vūpasamentu te! [5]

may all adversities perish, and all disease come to an end for you!

Yam kiñci ratanam loke vijjati vividhā puthū

Whatever the many and various treasures there are in the world

ratanam Buddhasamam natthi: tasmā sotthī bhavantu te! [6] no treasure is equal to the Buddha: through this (truth) may you be safe!

Yam kiñci ratanam loke vijjati vividhā puthū

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Natthi me saraṇam aññam, Buddho me saraṇam varam! For me there is no other refuge, for me the Buddha is the best refuge!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam! [9]

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Natthi me saraṇam aññam, Dhammo me saraṇam varam!

For me there is no other refuge, for me the Dhamma is the best refuge!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam! [10]

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Natthi me saraṇam aññam, Sangho me saraṇam varam! For me there is no other refuge, for me the Sangha is the best refuge!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam! [11]

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Sabbītiyo vivajjantu sabbarogo vinassatu,

May you avoid all calamities and may all disease be destroyed,

mā te bhavatvantarāyo, sukhī dīghāyuko bhava!

may there be no obstacles for you, may you be happy and live long!

Now go to Conclusion part 2: Bhavatu sabbamangalam. p. 45

Friday

Asubhasaññā Perception of the Unattractive

(Ārakkhā Bhāvanā 3)

Aviññāṇasubhanibham saviññāṇasubham imam,

With consciousness it is unattractive, just as it is without (i.e. dead),

kāyam asubhato passam, asubham bhāvaye yati. [1]

seeing this body as unattractive, a monk should develop (the recollection) of the unattractive.

Vannasanthānagandhehi āsayokāsato tathā,

Thus by way of colour, shape, smell, location, and appearance,

paţikkūlāni kāye me kuṇapāni dvisoļasa. [2]

the thirty-two (parts) in my body (are like) repulsive corpses.

Patitamhā pi kuṇapā, jeguccham kāyanissitam,

The (parts) that depend on this body are contemptible, as is what falls from a corpse,

ādhāro hi 'suci tassa, kāye tu kuņape thitam. [3]

for their receptacle is impure, they are situated in this corpse of a body.

Mīlhe kimi va kāyoyam asucimhi samuţţhito,

Like a worm in excrement this body arose in what is impure (i.e. the womb),

anto asucisampunno punnavaccakutī viya. [4]

inside it is full of impurities just like a full lavatory.

Asucisandate niccam yathā medakathālikā,

Always the impurities overflow like fat (overflows) from a frying pan,

nānākimikulāvāso, pakkhacandanikā viya. [5]

various kinds of worms dwell in it, the same as in a cesspool.

Gaṇḍabhūto, rogabhūto, vaṇabhūto, samussayo,

This bodily heap is like a boil, like a disease, or like a sore,

atekiccho ti jeguccho pabhinnakuṇapūpamo ti. [6]

it is incurable, contemptible, just like a rotting corpse.

Khandhaparittam (part) The Protection of Mind and Body

"Virūpakkhehi me mettam, mettam Erāpathehi me,

"I am friendly with the Virūpakkhas, with the Erāpathas I am friendly,

Chabyāputtehi me mettam, mettam Kanhāgotamakehi ca. [1]

I am friendly with the Chabyāputtas, and friendly with the Kanhāgotamakas.

Apādakehi me mettam, mettam dipādakehi me,

I am friendly with those without feet, with those with two feet I am friendly,

catuppadehi me mettam, mettam bahuppadehi me. [2]

I am friendly with those with four feet, with those with many feet I am friendly.

Mā mam apādako himsi, mā mam himsi dipādako,

May the one without feet not hurt me, may the one with two feet not hurt me,

mā mam catuppado himsi, mā mam himsi bahuppado. [3]

may the one with four feet not hurt me, may the one with many feet not hurt me.

Sabbe sattā, sabbe pāṇā, sabbe bhūtā ca kevalā,

May all beings, all living creatures, all who are born, in their entirety,

sabbe bhadrāni passantu, mā kañci pāpam-āgamā. [4]

may all see prosperity, may nothing bad come to anyone.

Appamāņo Buddho! Appamāņo Dhammo! Appamāņo Saṅgho!

The Buddha is measureless! The Dhamma is measureless! The Sangha is measureless!

Pamāņavantāni sirimsapāni, ahivicchikā,

Measurable are creeping things, (such as) snakes, scorpions,

satapadī, unnānābhi, sarabhū, mūsikā.

centipedes, spiders, lizards, and rats.

Katā me rakkhā, katā me parittā, paţikkamantu bhūtāni!

I have made this protection, I have made this safeguard, may (all these) beings go away!

Soham namo Bhagavato, namo sattannam Sammāsambuddhānan"-ti.

I revere the Gracious One, I revere the seven Perfect Sambuddhas."

Āsīvāda Blessing

Etena saccavajjena sotthi te hotu sabbadā!

By this declaration of the truth may you be safe at all times!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Etena saccavajjena sabbarogo vinassatu!

By this declaration of the truth may all disease be destroyed!

Paţiccasamuppādam Conditional Arising

Avijjāpaccayā saṅkhārā,

With ignorance as condition there are (volitional) processes,

sankhārapaccayā viñnāņam,

with (volitional) processes as condition: consciousness,

viññāṇapaccayā nāmarūpam,

with consciousness as condition: mind and body,

nāmarūpapaccayā saļāyatanam,

with mind as condition and body: the six sense spheres,

saļāyatanapaccayā phasso,

with the six sense spheres as condition: contact,

phassapaccayā vedanā,

with contact as condition: feeling,

vedanāpaccayā taņhā,

with feeling as condition: craving,

tanhāpaccayā upādānam,

with craving as condition: attachment,

upādānapaccavā bhavo,

with attachment as condition: continuation,

bhavapaccayā jāti,

with continuation as condition: birth.

jātipaccavā jarāmaranam,

with birth as condition: old age, death,

sokaparidevadukkhadomanassupāyāsā sambhavanti,

grief, lamentation, pain, sorrow, and despair (all) originate,

evam-etassa kevalassa dukkhakkhandhassa samudayo hoti.

and so this whole mass of suffering comes to arise.

Avijjāya tveva asesavirāganirodhā sankhāranirodho,

But with the complete fading away and cessation of ignorance, there is the cessation of (volitional) processes,

sankhāranirodhā vinnānanirodho,

with the cessation of (volitional) processes, the cessation of consciousness,

viññāṇanirodhā nāmarūpanirodho,

with the cessation of consciousness, the cessation of mind and body,

nāmarūpanirodhā saļāvatananirodho,

with the cessation of mind and body, the cessation of the six sense spheres,

saļāyatananirodhā phassanirodho,

with the cessation of the six sense spheres, the cessation of contact,

phassanirodhā vedanānirodho,

with the cessation of contact, the cessation of feeling,

vedanānirodhā tanhānirodho,

with the cessation of feeling, the cessation of craving,

tanhānirodhā upādānanirodho,

with the cessation of craving, the cessation of attachment,

upādānanirodhā bhavanirodho,

with the cessation of attachment, the cessation of continuation,

bhavanirodhā jātinirodho,

with the cessation of continuation, the cessation of birth,

jātinirodhā jarāmaraņam

grief, lamentation, pain, sorrow, and despair (all) cease,

sokaparidevadukkhadomanassupāyāsā nirujjhanti,

with the cessation of birth, old age, death,

evam-etassa kevalassa dukkhakkhandhassa nirodho hoti.

and so there is a cessation of this whole mass of suffering.

Paṭhama-Buddhavacanam The First Words of the Buddha

Anekajātisamsāram sandhāvissam anibbisam

Through countless births in samsara I have wandered without finding

gahakārakam gavesanto: dukkhā jāti punappunam.

the housebuilder I was seeking: born and suffering again and again.

Gahakāraka diţţhosi! Puna geham na kāhasi:

O housebuilder, now you are seen! You will not build the house again:

sabbā te phāsukā bhaggā, gahakūţam visankhitam,

all your rafters have been broken, and the ridgepole has been destroyed,

visankhāragatam cittam, tanhānam khayam-ajjhagā ti.

my mind has reached the unconditioned, and craving's end has been achieved.

Meditation... then go to Conclusion part 1: Sabbapāpassa akaraṇam. p. 44

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Maraṇānussati Recollection of Death

(Ārakkhā Bhāvanā 4)

Pavātadīpatulyāya, sāyusantatiyā khayam,

Comparing a lamp in a breeze, and the destruction of the life continuum,

parūpamāya sampassam bhāvaye maraņassatim. [1]

seeing oneself as similar to others one should develop mindfulness of death.

Mahāsampattisampattā yathā sattā matā idha,

Just as people who have attained great good fortune here have died,

tathā aham marissāmi maranam mama hessati. [2]

in the same way will I die death is (surely) coming to me.

Uppattiyā sahevedam maraņam āgatam sadā,

Indeed death always comes along with that which has arisen,

maranatthāya okāsam vadhako viya esati. [3]

it is like a murderer who is seeking an opportunity to kill.

Īsakam anivattam tam satatam gamanussukam,

° This life is slowly, without turning back, continually, eagerly,

jīvitam udayā attham suriyo viya dhāvati. [4]

going its way, it rises and falls just as the sun runs its course (and sets).

Vijjububbula-ussāva, jalarājī parikkhayam,

(Like) lightning, a bubble, dew, a line drawn on water, life (quickly goes to) destruction,

ghātako varipūtassa sabbatthā pi avāriyo. [5]

like an executioner in regard to his rival (death) can never be constrained.

Suyasatthāmapuññiddhī buddhivuddhī Jinadvayam,

Even the two kinds of Victors, who are famous, strong, meritorious, powerful, and of great intelligence,

ghātesi maraṇam khippam, kā tu mādisake kathā? [6]

were quickly slaughtered by death, so what to say about one like me?

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Paccayānañ-ca vekalyā bāhirajjhattupaddavā,

When conditions fail there are internal and external adversities.

marāmoram nimesā pi maramāno anukkhaņan-ti. [7]

dying at each and every moment I will die in less (time) than a blink of an eye.

Aṭṭhasaṁvegavatthūni The Eight Bases for Urgency

Bhāvetvā caturārakkhā āvajjeyya anantaram

Having developed these four protections one should consider next

mahāsamvegavatthūni, attha atthitavīriyo. [1]

the eight great bases for urgency, having non-stop energy.

Jātijarāvyādhicutī apāyā, atīta-appattakavaţţadukkham,

Birth, old age, sickness, death, the lower realms, the past and future suffering in the round,

idāni āhāragavetthidukkham samvegavatthūni imāni attha. [2]

the suffering in having to seek food in the present, these are the eight bases for urgency.

Pāto ca sāyam-api ceva imam vidhiñño,

If, in the morning and in the evening, one who knows the way,

āsevate satatam-attahitābhilāsi,

who desires his own benefit, practises (these meditations) continually,

pappoti so ti vipulam hatapāripantho,

° then after destroying (even) extensive obstacles, that sage

settham sukham muni visitthamatam sukhena cā ti. [3]

easily attains great happiness, and the distinction of the deathless.

Mettānisamsasuttam The Discourse on the Advantages of Friendliness Meditation

Evam me sutam:

Thus I have heard:

ekam samayam Bhagavā Sāvatthiyam viharati

at one time the Gracious One was dwelling near Sāvatthi

Jetavane Anāthapiņdikassa ārāme.

at Anāthapindika's grounds in Jeta's Wood.

Tatra kho Bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi:

There it was that the Gracious One addressed the monks, saying:

"Bhikkhavo!" ti, "Bhadante!" ti te bhikkhū Bhagavato paccassosum,

"Monks!", "Reverend Sir!" those monks replied to the Gracious One,

Bhagavā etad-avoca:

and the Gracious One said this:

"Mettāya bhikkhave cetovimuttiyā,

"Monks, from the freedom of mind by friendliness meditation,

āsevitāya, bhāvitāya, bahulīkatāya,

when practised, developed, made much of,

yānīkatāya, vatthukatāya, anuţţhitāya, paricitāya, susamāraddhāya, carried on, established, maintained, augmented, and properly instigated,

ekādasānisamsā pāţikankhā. Katame ekādasa?

eleven advantages are to be expected. What are the eleven?

Sukham supati, sukham patibujjhati, na pāpakam supinam passati,

He sleeps happily, he wakes up happily, he does not see bad dreams,

Manussānam piyo hoti, amanussānam piyo hoti,

He is dear to human beings, he is dear to non-human beings,

Devatā rakkhanti, nāssa aggi vā visam vā sattham vā kamati,

The gods protect him, neither fire, poison, or sword can affect him,

Tuvatam cittam samādhiyati, mukhavaņņo vippasīdati,

He can concentrate his mind quickly, his complexion becomes clear,

asammūļho kālam karoti,

he dies unbewildered,

uttarim appaţivijjhanto Brahmalokūpago hoti.

and if he penetrates no further, he will (at least) go to the Brahma world.

Mettāya bhikkhave cetovimuttiyā,

Monks, from the freedom of mind by friendliness meditation,

āsevitāya, bhāvitāya, bahulīkatāya,

when practised, developed, made much of,

yānīkatāya, vatthukatāya, anuţţhitāya, paricitāya, susamāraddhāya,

carried on, established, maintained, augmented, and properly instigated,

ime ekādasānisamsā pāţikankhā" ti.

there are these eleven advantages to be expected."

Idam-avoca Bhagavā,

The Gracious One said this,

attamanā te bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāsitam abhinandun-ti.

and those monks were uplifted and greatly rejoiced in the Gracious One's words.

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Āsīvāda **Blessing**

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By this declaration of the truth may you be safe at all times!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Etena saccavajjena sabbarogo vinassatu!By this declaration of the truth may all disease be destroyed!

Meditation... then go to Conclusion part 1: Sabbapāpassa akaraṇam. p. 44

Sunday

Dhajaggaparittam Safeguard through the Top of a Banner

Evam me sutam:

Thus I have heard:

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at one time the Gracious One was dwelling near Sāvatthi

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"Bhikkhavo!" ti, "Bhadante!" ti te bhikkhū Bhagavato paccassosum,

"Monks!", "Reverend Sir!" those monks replied to the Gracious One,

Bhagavā etad-avoca:

and the Gracious One said this:

"Bhūtapubbam bhikkhave devāsurasangāmo samūpabbūļho ahosi.

"Formerly, monks, there was a massed battle between the gods and the asuras.

Atha kho bhikkhave Sakko devānamindo deve Tāvatimse āmantesi:

Then, monks, the lord of the gods Sakka addressed the Tāvatimsa gods, saying:

"Sace mārisā devānam sangāmagatānam

"If, dear Sirs, to the gods who have gone into battle

uppajjeyya bhayam vā chambhitattam vā lomahamso vā,

there should arise fear, or terror, or horror,

mameva tasmim samaye dhajaggam ullokeyyātha.

at that time you could look for the top of my banner.

Mamam hi vo dhajaggam ullokayatam

For to those who look to the top of my banner

yam bhavissati bhayam vā chambhitattam vā, lomahamso vā so pahīyissati.

whatever fear there may be, or terror, or horror, will be given up.

No ce me dhajaggam ullokeyyātha,

If you cannot look to the top of my banner,

atha Pajāpatissa devarājassa dhajaggam ullokeyyātha.

then you could look for the top of the god-king Pajāpati's banner.

Pajāpatissa hi vo devarājassa dhajaggam ullokayatam

For to those who look to the top of the god-king Pajāpati's banner

yam bhavissati bhayam vā chambhitattam vā, lomahamso vā so pahīyissati. whatever fear there may be, or terror, or horror, will be given up.

No ce Pajāpatissa devarājassa dhajaggam ullokeyyātha,

If you cannot look to the top of the god-king Pajāpati's banner,

atha Varuņassa devarājassa dhajaggam ullokeyyātha.

then you could look for the top of the god-king Varuna's banner.

Varuņassa hi vo devarājassa dhajaggam ullokayatam

For to those who look to the top of the god-king Varuna's banner

yam bhavissati bhayam vā chambhitattam vā, lomahamso vā, so pahīyissati.

whatever fear there may be, or terror, or horror, will be given up.

No ce Varuņassa devarājassa dhajaggam ullokeyyātha,

If you cannot look to the top of the god-king Varuna's banner,

atha Īsānassa devarājassa dhajaggam ullokeyyātha.

then you could look for the top of the god-king Isana's banner.

Īsānassa hi vo devarājassa dhajaggam ullokayatam

For to those who look to the top of the god-king Īsāna's banner

yam bhavissati bhayam vā chambhitattam vā, lomahamso vā so pahīyissati.

whatever fear there may be, or terror, or horror, will be given up.

Tam kho pana bhikkhave Sakkassa vā devānamindassa dhajaggam ullokayatam,

But, monks, to he who looks to the top of the lord of the gods Sakka's banner,

Pajāpatissa vā devarājassa dhajaggam ullokayatam,

or who looks to the top of the god-king Pajāpati's banner,

Varuņassa vā devarājassa dhajaggam ullokayatam,

or who looks to the top of the god-king Varuna's banner,

Īsānassa vā devarājassa dhajaggam ullokayatam,

or who looks to the top of the god-king Isana's banner,

yam bhavissati bhayam vā chambhitattam vā lomahamso vā,

whatever fear there may be, or terror, or horror,

so pahīyethāpi no pi pahīyetha.

may be given up, and may not be given up.

Tam kissa hetu?

What is the reason for that?

Sakko bhikkhave devānamindo

The lord of the gods Sakka, monks,

avītarāgo avītadoso avītamoho, bhīrucchambhi utrāsi palāyi.

being fearful, terrified, scared, he ran away. is not free from passion, is not free from hatred, is not free from delusion,

Ahañ-ca kho bhikkhave evam vadāmi:

But I say this, monks:

Sace tumhākam bhikkhave araññagatānam vā,

If to you, monks, after going to the wilderness,

rukkhamūlagatānam vā, suññāgāragatānam vā,

or to the root of a tree, or to an empty place,

uppajjeyya bhayam vā chambhitattam vā lomahamso vā,

there should arise fear, or terror, or horror,

mameva tasmim samaye anussareyyātha:

at that time you could recollect me thus:

"Iti pi so Bhagavā Araham Sammāsambuddho,

"Such is he, the Gracious One, the Worthy One, the Perfect Sambuddha,

vijjācaraņasampanno Sugato lokavidū,

the one endowed with understanding and good conduct, the Fortunate One, the One who understands the worlds,

anuttaro purisadammasārathī,

the unsurpassed guide for those people who need taming,

Satthā devamanussānam Buddho Bhagavā" ti.

the Teacher of gods and men, the Buddha, the Gracious One."

Mamam hi vo bhikkhave anussaratam

For, monks, to those who recollect me

yam bhavissati bhayam vā chambhitattam vā lomahamso vā so pahīyissati.

whatever fear there may be, or terror, or horror, will be given up.

No ce mam anussareyyātha, atha Dhammam anussareyyātha:

If you cannot recollect me, then recollect the Dhamma thus:

"Svākkhāto Bhagavatā Dhammo, sandiţţhiko, akāliko,

"The Dhamma has been well-proclaimed by the Gracious One, it is visible, not subject to time,

ehipassiko, opanayiko, paccattam veditabbo viññūhī" ti.

inviting inspection, onward leading, and can be understood by the wise for themselves."

Dhammam hi vo bhikkhave anussaratam

For, monks, to those who recollect the Dhamma

yam bhavissati bhayam vā chambhitattam vā lomahamso vā so pahīyissati.

whatever fear there may be or terror, or horror, will be given up.

No ce Dhammam anussareyyātha, atha Sangham anussareyyātha:

If you cannot recollect the Dhamma, then recollect the Sangha thus:

"Supațipanno Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

"The Gracious One's Sangha of disciples are good in their practice,

ujupațipanno Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

the Gracious One's Sangha of disciples are upright in their practice,

ñāyapaţipanno Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

the Gracious One's Sangha of disciples are systematic in their practice,

sāmīcipaţipanno Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

the Gracious One's Sangha of disciples are correct in their practice,

yad-idam cattāri purisayugāni aṭṭha purisapuggalā,

that is to say, the four pairs of persons, the eight individual persons,

esa Bhagavato sāvakasangho,

this is the Gracious One's Sangha of disciples,

āhuneyyo, pāhuneyyo, dakkhiņeyyo, añjalikaranīyo,

they are worthy of offerings, of hospitality, of gifts, and of reverential salutation,

anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā" ti.

they are an unsurpassed field of merit for the world."

Sangham hi vo bhikkhave anussaratam

For, monks, to those who recollect the Sangha

yam bhavissati bhayam vā chambhitattam vā lomahamso vā so pahīyissati.

whatever fear there may be or terror, or horror, will be given up.

Tam kissa hetu?

What is the reason for that?

Tathāgato bhikkhave Araham Sammāsambuddho,

The Realised One, monks, the Worthy One, the Perfect Sambuddha,

vītarāgo, vītadoso, vītamoho, abhīru acchambhi anutrāsi apalāyī" ti.

is free from passion, is free from hatred, is free from delusion, not being fearful, not terrified, not scared, he did not run away."

Idam-avoca Bhagavā,

The Gracious One said this,

idam vatvā Sugato athāparam etad-avoca Satthā:

and after saying this, the Fortunate One, the Teacher, said something more:

"Araññe rukkhamūle vā, suññāgāre va bhikkhavo,

"In the wilds, at the root of a tree, or in an empty place, monks,

anussaretha Sambuddham, bhayam tumhāka' no siyā. [1] you must recollect the Sambuddha, and there will be no fear for you.

No ce Buddham sareyyātha, lokajeṭṭham narāsabham, If you can't remember the Buddha, the world's elder, the man-bull,

atha Dhammam sareyyātha, niyyānikam sudesitam. [2] then you must remember the Dhamma, which leads out, which is well preached.

No ce Dhammam sareyyātha, niyyānikam sudesitam, If you can't remember the Dhamma, which leads out, which is well preached,

atha Saṅghaṁ sareyyātha, puññakkhettaṁ anuttaraṁ. [3] then you must remember the Saṅgha, which is an unsurpassed field of merit.

Evam Buddham sarantānam, Dhammam Sanghan-ca bhikkhavo, Thus for those who remember the Buddha, the Dhamma, or the Sangha, monks,

bhayam vā chambhitattam vā, lomahamso na hessatī" ti. [4] (there will be no) fear, or terror, there will be no horror."

Āsīvāda Blessing

Etena saccavajjena sotthi te hotu sabbadā!

By this declaration of the truth may you be safe at all times!

Etena saccavajjena hotu te jayamangalam!

By this declaration of the truth may you have the blessing of success!

Etena saccavajjena sabbarogo vinassatu!By this declaration of the truth may all disease be destroyed!

Meditation... then...

Dhammapadagāthā Verses from the Dhammapada

Sabbapāpassa akaraṇam, kusalassa upasampadā, Not doing any bad deeds, undertaking wholesome deeds,

sacittapariyodapanam etam Buddhāna' sāsanam. [183] and purifying one's mind this is the teaching of the Buddhas.

Khantī paramam tapo titikkhā, Nibbānam paramam vadanti Buddhā. Forbearing patience is the supreme austerity, Nibbāna is supreme say the Buddhas.

Na hi pabbajito parūpaghāti, samaņo hoti param viheṭhayanto. [184] One gone forth does not hurt another, (nor does) an ascetic harass another.

Anūpavādo, anūpaghāto, pātimokkhe ca samvaro, Not finding fault, not hurting, restraint in regard to the precepts,

mattañnuta ca bhattasmim, pantañ-ca sayanasanam, knowing the correct measure in food, (living in) a remote dwelling place,

adhicitte ca āyogo etam Buddhāna' sāsanam. [185] being devoted to meditation, this is the teaching of the Buddhas.

Sabbe saṅkhārā aniccā ti, yadā paññāya passati, All conditioned things are impermanent, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [277] then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Sabbe sankhārā dukkhā ti, yadā paññāya passati, All conditioned things are suffering, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [278] then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Sabbe dhammā anattā ti, yadā paññāya passati, All things are without a self, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [279] then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Bhavatu sabbamangalam, rakkhantu sabbadevatā, May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect you,

sabbabuddhānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu te! by the power of all the Buddhas may you be safe forever!

Bhavatu sabbamangalam, rakkhantu sabbadevatā, May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect you,

sabbadhammānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu te! by the power of all that is Dhamma may you be safe forever!

Bhavatu sabbamangalam, rakkhantu sabbadevatā, May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect you,

sabbasaṅghānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu te! by the power of the whole Sangha may you be safe forever!

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Abhayaparittam The Fearless Safeguard

Yan-dunnimittam avamangalan-ca, yo camanapo sakunassa saddo, Whatever bad sign, inauspicious event, or whatever ominous bird shriek there is,

pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam Buddhānubhāvena vināsamentu! also evil planets, and unpleasant dreams, may they perish through the power of the Buddha!

Yan-dunnimittam avamangalan-ca, yo camanapo sakunassa saddo, Whatever bad sign, inauspicious event, or whatever ominous bird shriek there is,

pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam Dhammānubhāvena vināsamentu! also evil planets, and unpleasant dreams, may they perish through the power of the Dhamma!

Yan-dunnimittam avamangalan-ca, yo camanapo sakunassa saddo, Whatever bad sign, inauspicious event, or whatever ominous bird shriek there is,

pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam Sanghānubhāvena vināsamentu! also evil planets, and unpleasant dreams, may they perish through the power of the Sangha!

Dukkhappattā ca niddukkhā, bhayappattā ca nibbhayā,

° May those who suffer be without suffering, may those who fear be without fear,

sokappattā ca nissokā hontu sabbe pi pāṇino!
may those who grieve be without grief, may all living creatures be so!

Dānam dadantu saddhāya, sīlam rakkhantu sabbadā, You should give gifts with confidence, protect your virtue at all times,

bhāvanābhiratā hontu, gacchantu devatāgatā. find delight in meditation, and (after death) go to the gods.

Sabbe Buddhā balappattā, Paccekānañ-ca yam balam All the Buddhas' strength, and whatever strength the Individual Buddhas

Arahantānañ-ca tejena rakkhaṁ bandhāma sabbaso! and Worthy Ones have, by that power we bind this protection in every way!

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Conclusion

Conclusion Part One

Dhammapadagāthā Verses from the Dhammapada

Sabbapāpassa akaraņam, kusalassa upasampadā,

Not doing any bad deeds, undertaking wholesome deeds,

sacittapariyodapanam etam Buddhāna' sāsanam. [183] and purifying one's mind, this is the teaching of the Buddhas.

Khantī paramam tapo titikkhā, Nibbānam paramam vadanti Buddhā. Forbearing patience is the supreme austerity, Nibbāna is supreme say the Buddhas.

Na hi pabbajito parūpaghāti, samaņo hoti param vihethayanto. [184] One gone forth does not hurt another, (nor does) an ascetic harass another.

Anūpavādo, anūpaghāto, pātimokkhe ca samvaro, Not finding fault, not hurting, restraint in regard to the precepts,

mattañnuta ca bhattasmim, pantañ-ca sayanasanam, knowing the correct measure in food, (living in) a remote dwelling place,

adhicitte ca āyogo etam Buddhāna' sāsanam. [185] being devoted to meditation, this is the teaching of the Buddhas.

Sabbe saṅkhārā aniccā ti, yadā paññāya passati, All conditioned things are impermanent, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [277] then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Sabbe sankhārā dukkhā ti, yadā paññāya passati, All conditioned things are suffering, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [278] then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Sabbe dhammā anattā ti, yadā paññāya passati, All things are without a self, when one sees this with wisdom,

atha nibbindati dukkhe, esa maggo visuddhiyā. [279] then one grows tired of suffering, this is the path to purity.

Conclusion Part Two

Bhavatu sabbamangalam, rakkhantu sabbadevatā, May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect you,

sabbabuddhānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu te! by the power of all the Buddhas may you be safe forever!

Bhavatu sabbamangalam, rakkhantu sabbadevatā, May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect you,

sabbadhammānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu te! by the power of all that is Dhamma may you be safe forever!

Bhavatu sabbamangalam, rakkhantu sabbadevatā, May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect you,

sabbasaṅghānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu te! by the power of the whole Sangha may you be safe forever!

Conclusion Part Three

Ākāsaṭṭhā ca bhummaṭṭhā devā nāgā mahiddhikā, May those powerful gods and nāgas stationed in the sky or on the earth,

puññaṁ taṁ anumoditvā ciraṁ rakkhantu sāsanaṁ! having rejoiced in this merit protect the teaching for a long time!

Ākāsaṭṭhā ca bhummaṭṭhā devā nāgā mahiddhikā, May those powerful gods and nāgas stationed in the sky or on the earth,

puññam tam anumoditvā ciram rakkhantu desanam! having rejoiced in this merit protect the preaching for a long time!

Ākāsaṭṭhā ca bhummaṭṭhā devā nāgā mahiddhikā, May those powerful gods and nāgas stationed in the sky or on the earth,

puññam tam anumoditvā ciram rakkhantu mam paran!-ti having rejoiced in this merit protect me and others for a long time!

Idam me ñātīnam hotu, sukhitā hontu ñātayo! May this (merit) go to my relatives, may my relatives be happy!

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Idam me ñātīnam hotu, sukhitā hontu ñātayo! May this (merit) go to my relatives, may my relatives be happy!

Adhiţţhānagāthā Verses of Determination

Iminā puññakammena upajjhāyā guņuttarā,

By this meritorious deed may my highly virtuous preceptors,

ācariyūpakārā ca, mātā pitā piyā mamam, [1] teachers, and other helpers, my dear mother and father,

Suriyo Candimā rājā, guṇavantā narā pi ca, the Sun and Moon kings, and also other virtuous beings.

brahmā mārā ca indrā ca, lokapālā ca devatā, [2] brahmās, māras, and indras, and (all) world-protecting gods,

Yamo mittā manussā ca majjhaṭṭhā verikāpi ca, Yama, friendly humans, neutral persons, and also foes,

sabbe sattā sukhī hontu puññāni pakatāni me. [3] may all beings be happy with these my natural merits.

Sukhañ-ca tividham dentu khippam pāpe yathā matam,

° By these meritorious deeds, by this dedication, may bad deeds

iminā puññakammena iminā uddisena ca. [4]

be as though dead, and may (these merits) give the threefold happiness.

Khippāham sulabhe ceva tanhupādānachedana,

May I quickly and easily (see the) cutting off of craving and attachment,

ye santāne hīnā dhammā yāva Nibbānato mamam, [5] and the whole succession of low things until I arrive at Nibbāna,

nassantu sabbadā yeva yattha jāto bhave bhave.

may (these things) be destroyed every day in whatever existence I am born.

Ujucitto satipañño, sallekho viriyavāminā, [6]

Upright mind, mindfulness, wisdom, austerity, and energy, by these (qualities),

mārā labhantu nokāsam kātuñ-ca viriyesu me,

may the māras find no room to do (anything) about my energy,

Buddho dīpavaro nātho, Dhammo nātho varuttamo, [7]

The Buddha is an excellent light, a protector, the Dhamma is the greatest, most excellent protector,

nātho Paccekasambuddho, Sangho nāthottaro mamam,

the Independent Sambuddha is my protector, the Sangha is the greatest protector for me,

tejottamānubhāvena mārokāsam labhantu mā. [8]

by this highly resplendent power may the maras find no room

Ovādam Advice

(one person only)

Appamādena bhikkhave sampādetha:

Strive on, monks, with heedfulness:

Buddhuppādo dullabho lokasmim,

the arising of a Buddha in this world is rare,

manussattā paţilābho dullabho,

acquiring a human existence is rare,

dullabhā saddhā sampatti,

gaining confidence is rare,

pabbajitabhāvo dullabho,

being one gone forth is rare,

Saddhammasavanam atidullabham.

hearing the True Dhamma is extremely rare.

Evam divase divase ovādī:

So day in and day out he advised them thus (saying):

"Handa dāni bhikkhave āmantayāmi vo vayadhammā sankhārā,

"Come now, monks, for I tell you (all) conditioned things are subject to decay,

appamādena sampādetha!"

strive on with heedfulness!"

Vajjapakāsanam Confession of Faults

Kāyena vācā cittena pamādena mayā katam,

° For any transgression I have committed through heedlessness, by way of body,

accayam khama me bhante, bhūripañña Tathāgata.

speech, or mind, please forgive me, Venerable Sir, Realised One, O greatly wise.

Kāyena vācā cittena pamādena mayā katam,

° For any transgression I have committed through heedlessness, by way of body,

accayam khama me Dhamma sandiţţhika, akālika.

speech, or mind, please forgive me, O Dhamma, which leads on, not subject to time.

Kāyena vācā cittena pamādena mayā katam,

° For any transgression I have committed through heedlessness, by way of body,

accayam khama me Sangha, puññakkhetta anuttara.

speech, or mind, please forgive me, O Sangha unsurpassed field of merit.

(if a senior monk is present the Asking for Forgiveness found in the appendix, p. 50 can be recited here)

Vuddhipatthānam Benediction

Abhivādanasīlissa niccam vaddhā pacāyino,

For one in the habit of constantly worshipping respectable elders,

cattāro dhammā vaḍḍhanti āyu, vaṇṇo, sukham, balam.

four things increase length of life, beauty, happiness, and strength.

Āyurārogyasampatti saggasampatti-m-eva ca,

The attainment of long life and health, the attainment of heaven,

atho Nibbānasampatti iminā te samijjhatu!

and then the attainment of Nibbana may you be successful in this!

Appendix

Paccavekkhaņā The Reflections

Paţisankhā yoniso cīvaram paţisevāmi,

With proper discernment I make use of the robe,

yāvad-eva sītassa paţighātāya, unhassa paţighātāya,

only to ward off the cold, to ward off the heat,

damsamakasavātātapasirimsapasamphassānam paţighātāya,

to ward off contact with gadflies, mosquitoes, wind, the heat (of the sun), and creeping things,

yāvad-eva hirikopīnapaţicchādanattham. [1]

only as a cover for the shameful parts.

Paţisankhā yoniso pindapātam paţisevāmi,

With proper discernment I make use of almsfood,

neva davāya, na madāya, na maņdanāya, na vibhūsanāya,

not for sport, or for showing off, not for ornament, or for adornment,

yāvad-eva imassa kāyassa thitiyā yāpanāya,

but only to maintain this body, and to carry on,

vihimsūparatiyā brahmacariyānuggahāya,

to inhibit annoyance, and to assist in the spiritual life,

iti purāṇañ-ca vedanam paṭihankhāmi,

and so I will get rid of any old feeling,

navañ-ca vedanam na uppādessāmi,

and not produce any new feeling,

yātrā ca me bhavissati, anavajjatā ca phāsuvihāro cā ti. [2]

and I will carry on, being blameless, and living comfortably.

Paţisankhā yoniso senāsanam paţisevāmi,

With proper discernment I make use of a dwelling,

yāvad-eva sītassa paţighātāya, uņhassa paţighātāya,

only to ward off the cold, to ward off the heat,

damsamakasavātātapasirimsapasamphassānam paţighātāya,

to ward off contact with gadflies, mosquitoes, wind, the heat (of the sun), and serpents,

yāvad-eva utuparissayavinodanam paṭisallānārāmattham. [3]

only to dispel the trouble of the (varying) seasons, and so as to delight in seclusion.

Paţisankhā yoniso gilānapaccayabhesajjaparikkhāram paţisevāmi,

With proper discernment I make use of the requisite of medicine for support when sick,

yāvad-eva uppannānam veyyābādhikānam vedanānam paţighātāya

only to ward off oppressive feelings that have arisen

abyāpajjhaparamatāyā ti. [4]

and at least be free from oppression.

Khamāpanā Asking for Forgiveness

(Sukhi hotha!)

(May you be happy!)

Mayā katam puññam sāminā anumoditabbam,

If any merit has been made by me I share it with my lord,

(Sādhu! Sādhu! Anumodāmi,)

(Surely! Surely! I share in it,)

Saminā katam puññam mayam dātabbam,

The merit made by my lord should be shared with us,

(Sādhu! Anumoditabbam,)

(Surely! You should share in it,)

Sādhu! Sādhu! Anumodāmi,

Surely! Surely! I share in it,

Okāsa dvarattayena katam sabbam aparādam khamatha me bhante,

Please consent to forgive me, Venerable Sir, for any offences I have committed by way of the three doors (of body, speech, or mind),

(Khamāmi, khāmitabbam!)

(I forgive you, you should forgive me!)

Okāsa khamāmi bhante!

With consent, I forgive you, Venerable Sir!

"Wherever the Buddha's teachings have flourished,

either in cities or countrysides,

people would gain inconceivable benefits.

The land and people would be enveloped in peace.

The sun and moon will shine clear and bright.

Wind and rain would appear accordingly,

and there will be no disasters.

Nations would be prosperous

and there would be no use for soldiers or weapons.

People would abide by morality and accord with laws.

They would be courteous and humble, and everyone would be content without injustices.

There would be no thefts or violence.

The strong would not dominate the weak

and everyone would get their fair share."

~THE BUDDHA SPEAKS OF THE INFINITE LIFE SUTRA OF ADORNMENT, PURITY, EQUALITY AND ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE MAHAYANA SCHOOL~ With bad advisors forever left behind, From paths of evil he departs for eternity, Soon to see the Buddha of Limitless Light And perfect Samantabhadra's Supreme Vows.

The supreme and endless blessings
of Samantabhadra's deeds,
I now universally transfer.
May every living being, drowning and adrift,
Soon return to the Pure Land of Limitless Light!

* The Vows of Samantabhadra *

I vow that when my life approaches its end, All obstructions will be swept away; I will see Amitabha Buddha, And be born in His Western Pure Land of Ultimate Bliss and Peace.

When reborn in the Western Pure Land, I will perfect and completely fulfill Without exception these Great Vows, To delight and benefit all beings.

* The Vows of Samantabhadra Avatamsaka Sutra *

DEDICATION OF MERIT

May the merit and virtue
accrued from this work
adorn Amitabha Buddha's Pure Land,
repay the four great kindnesses above,
and relieve the suffering of
those on the three paths below.

May those who see or hear of these efforts
generate Bodhi-mind,
spend their lives devoted to the Buddha Dharma,
and finally be reborn together in
the Land of Ultimate Bliss.
Homage to Amita Buddha!

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