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The Book of Fives

Selected Suttas

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Namo tassa arahato, sammā sambuddhassa In the name of The Aristocrat, Consummately Self-Awakened One

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Scorn Not the Beggar

Scorn not the beggar and his bowl, for in the eyes of God, we are beggars, all. Aņguttara Nikāya Pañcaka-Nipātā

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In the name of The Aristocrat, Consummately Self-Awakened One

Evam Me Sutam

I Hear Tell: Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapindika's Park, came-a revisiting. There, to the beggars gathered round, he said: "Beggars!" And: "Venerable!" the beggars responded. Then the Self-Awakened said: "There are these five powers of the seeker. What are these five? The faith-power, The sense-of-shame-power, The fear-of-blame-power, The energy-power, The wisdom-power. These, then, beggars, are five powers of the seeker. Wherefore, beggars, train yourselves this way: "We shall make live within us

'the faith-power,' power of seekers. "We shall make live within us 'the sense-of-shame-power,' power of seekers. "We shall make live within us 'the fear-of-blame-power,' power of seekers. "We shall make live within us 'the energy-power,' power of seekers. "We shall make live within us 'the wisdom-power,' power of seekers. This is how you should train yourselves! AN 5.001

There are these five powers of the seeker.

What are these five?

The trust-power, the sense-of-shame-power, the fear-of-blame-power, the energy-power, the wisdom-power.

And what, beggars, is the trust-power?

Here, beggars, the student of the Aristocrats has trust.

He has trust in the awakening of the That-that-got-that:

'Thus is the Arahant, perfected in vision and conduct, The Welcome One, World-Knower, unsurpassable Dhamma-coach for man, teacher of gods and men, a Buddha, **Consummately Self-Awakened.'** This, beggars, is the trust power, so say I. And what, beggars, is the sense-of-shame-power? Here, beggars, the student of the Aristocrats has sense-of-shame. Sense-of-shame follows after injurious conduct of body, injurious conduct of speech, injurious conduct of mind. Sense-of-shame follows after any bad, unskillful state he attains. This, beggars, is the sense-of-shame-power, so say I. And what, beggars, is the fear-of-blame-power? Here, beggars, the student of the Aristocrats has fear-of-blame. **Fear-of-blame** follows after injurious conduct of body, injurious conduct of speech, injurious conduct of mind. **Fear-of-blame** follows after any bad, unskillful state he attains. This, beggars, is the fear-of-blame-power,

so say I. And what, beggars, is the energy-power? Here, beggars, the student of the Aristocrats is energetic. Letting go of unskillful things, acquiring skillful things, steadfastly pursuing progress, not putting down the yoke of skillful things. This, beggars, is the energy-power, so say I. And what, beggars, is the wisdom-power? Here, beggars, the student of the Aristocrats has wisdom. He is wise to comings and goings having penetrated for himself that consummate Aristocratic going to the end of pain. This, beggars, is the wisdom-power, so say I. These, then, beggars, are five powers of the seeker. Wherefore, beggars, train yourselves this way: "We shall make live within us 'the trust-power,' power of seekers. "We shall make live within us 'the sense-of-shame-power,' power of seekers. "We shall make live within us

'the fear-of-blame-power,' power of seekers. "We shall make live within us 'the energy-power,' power of seekers. "We shall make live within us 'the wisdom-power,' power of seekers. This is how you should train yourselves! AN 5.002 There are these five things, beggars, possessed of which a beggar lives here and now in pain, vexation, without self-respect, in distress, and at the breaking up of the body at death a painful going is to be expected. What are these five? Here, beggars, a beggar has no faith, has no fear-of-blame, has no sense-of-shame, and is lethargic and stupid. These beggars, are the five things, possessed of which a beggar lives here and now in pain, vexation, without self respect, in distress, and at the breaking up of the body at death a painful going is to be expected.

There are these five things, beggars, possessed of which a beggar lives here and now in peace, without vexation, with self-respect, without distress, and at the breaking up of the body at death a happy going is to be expected. What are these five? Here, beggars, a beggar has faith, fear-of-blame, sense-of-shame, and is energetic and wise. These, beggars, are the five things, possessed of which a beggar lives here and now in peace, without vexation, with self-respect, without distress, and at the breaking up of the body at death a happy going is to be expected. AN 5.003

Possessed of five things, beggars, a beggar is by these brought to a state such as to be placed in Hell. What are these five? Here, beggars, a beggar has no faith, has no fear-of-blame, has no sense-of-shame, and is lethargic and stupid. These, beggars, are the five things, by which a beggar is brought to a state such as to be placed in Hell.

Possessed of five things, beggars, a beggar is by these brought to a state such as to be placed in heaven.

What are these five?

Here, beggars, a beggar has faith, fear-of-blame, sense-of-shame, and is energetic and wise.

These, beggars, are the five things, by which a beggar is brought to a state such as to be placed in heaven.

AN 5.004

Whatsoever bhikkhu or bhikkhuni, beggars, rejects the seeking out of hand, returning to lesser things, is subject as it were visibly, to five sorts of critical and deprecating thought from a standpoint consistent with Dhamma. What five? "In truth, faith was a skillful thing you did not have; in truth, fear-of-blame was a skillful thing you did not have; in truth,

sense-of-shame was a skillful thing you did not have; in truth, energy was a skillful thing you did not have; in truth, wisdom was a skillful thing you did not have." Whatsoever bhikkhu or bhikkhuni beggars, rejects the seeking out of hand, returning to lesser things, is subject as it were visibly, to these five sorts of critical and deprecating thought from a standpoint consistent with Dhamma. Whatsoever bhikkhu or bhikkhuni beggars, enduring pain enduring misery tears flowing down the face carries on the best of lives in utter purity is subject as it were visibly, to these five sorts of praise from a standpoint consistent with Dhamma. What five? "In truth. faith was a skillful thing you had; in truth, fear-of-blame was a skillful thing you had; in truth,

sense-of-shame was a skillful thing you had; in truth, energy was a skillful thing you had; in truth, wisdom was a skillful thing vou had." Whatsoever bhikkhu or bhikkhuni beggars, enduring pain enduring misery tears flowing down the face carries on the best of lives in utter purity is subject as it were visibly, to these five sorts of praise from a standpoint consistent with Dhamma. AN 5.005

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthī-town, Anāthapiņḍika's Park, came-a revisiting.

There, to the beggars gathered round, he said:

"Beggars!"

And: "Venerable!" the beggars gathered round responding, the Self-Awakened said:

"There is no acquiring access by that which is unskillful, beggars, as long as faith in skillful things has been established as an instinctive response.

But when faith in skillful things is utterly displaced, beggars, lack of faith having set up possession, then there is penetration by that which is unskillful.

There is no acquiring access by that which is unskillful, beggars, as long as sense of shame has been established as an instinctive response.

But when sense of shame is utterly displaced, beggars shamelessness having set up possession, then there is penetration by that which is unskillful.

There is no acquiring access by that which is unskillful, beggars, as long as fear of blame has been established as an instinctive response.

But when fear of blame is utterly displaced, beggars lack of fear of blame having set up possession, then there is penetration by that which is unskillful.

There is no acquiring access by that which is unskillful, beggars, as long as energy has been established as an instinctive response.

But when energy is utterly displaced, beggars indolence having set up possession, then there is penetration by that which is unskillful.

There is no acquiring access by that which is unskillful, beggars, as long as wisdom has been established as an instinctive response.

But when wisdom is utterly displaced, beggars stupidity having set up possession, then there is penetration by that which is unskillful.

AN 5.006

Once Upon a Time, the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthī-town came-a revisiting.

There, to the beggars gathered round, he said:

"Beggars!"

And the beggars responding: "Venerable!"

the Self-Awakened said:

"For one of poor ethics, beggars, for the ethic-power bereft,

consummate serenity

has had its means of support cut off.

Consummate serenity not being, for the consummate-serenity-bereft, knowing and seeing things as they are has had its means of support cut off.

Knowing and seeing things as they are not being, for the knowing-and-seeing-bereft, world-weary dispassion has had its means of support cut off.

World-weary dispassion not being, for the world-weary-dispassionate-bereft, freedom through knowledge and vision has had its means of support cut off.

In just the same way, beggars, as with a tree stripped of its branches and leaves, its component parts do not reach maturity.

The bark doesn't reach maturity, the soft-wood doesn't reach maturity, the heartwood doesn't reach maturity. Even so then, beggars, for one of poor ethics, for the ethic-power-bereft, consummate serenity has had its means of support cut off. Consummate serenity not being, for the consummate-serenity-bereft, knowing and seeing things as they are has had its means of support cut off. Knowing and seeing things as they are not being, for the knowing-and-seeing-bereft, world-weary dispassion has had its means of support cut off. World-weary dispassion not being, for the world-weary-dispassionate-bereft, freedom through knowledge and vision has had its means of support cut off. For the ethic-power practiced, beggars, for one who is ethic-power endowed, consummate serenity is well endowed with means of support. Consummate serenity being, for the consummate-serenity-well-endowed, knowing and seeing things as they are is well-endowed with means of support. Knowing and seeing things as they are being, for the knowing-and-seeing-things-as-they-are-well-endowed, world-weary dispassion is well-endowed with means of support. World-weary dispassion being, for the world-weary-dispassion-well-endowed, freedom through knowledge and vision is well-endowed with means of support.

In just the same way, beggars,

as with a tree endowed with branches and leaves, the component parts of such may easily reach maturity.

The bark may easily reach maturity, the soft-wood may easily reach maturity, the heartwood may easily reach maturity.

For the ethic-power practiced, beggars, for one who is ethic-power endowed, consummate serenity is well endowed with means of support.

Consummate serenity being, for the consummate-serenity-well-endowed, knowing and seeing things as they are is well-endowed with means of support.

Knowing and seeing things as they are being, for the knowing-and-seeing-things-as-they-are-well-endowed, world-weary dispassion is well-endowed with means of support.

World-weary dispassion being,

for the world-weary-dispassion-well-endowed,

freedom through knowledge and vision

is well-endowed with means of support.

AN 5.024

Once Upon a Time, the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthī-town came-a revisiting.

There, to the beggars gathered round, he said:

"Beggars!"

And the beggars responding: "Venerable!"

the Self-Awakened said:

"There are these five situations giving access to freedom, beggars, wherein, in a beggar residing with care,

ardent, holding firm, the previously unfreed heart is freed. the previously not thoroughly destroyed corrupting influences go to their destruction, the previously unreached unsurpassable security of calm is finally won. What five? Here, beggars, the Master, or some fellow Brahma-traveler standing in the place of instructor, gives a beggar a dissertation on Dhamma. Whatever it may be, whatever it is, beggars, that the Master. or some fellow Brahma-traveler standing in the place of instructor, gives such a beggar as a dissertation on Dhamma such that it is, such that it may be, that it is by this that he reaches experience of Dhamma and experiences Dhamma, with this reaching experience of Dhamma, experiencing Dhamma, joy is born, there being joy, enthusiasm is born, there being enthusiasm, the body is pacified, bodily impassivity is experience of pleasure, pleased at heart one is serene.

This is the first situation giving access to freedom, beggars, wherein, in a beggar residing with care, ardent. holding firm, the previously unfreed heart is freed. the previously not thoroughly destroyed corrupting influences go to their destruction, the previously unreached unsurpassable security of calm is finally won. Again and further, beggars, the Master. or some fellow Brahma-traveler standing in the place of instructor, not giving a beggar a dissertation on Dhamma, but, explaining Dhamma in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, he himself gives a dissertation to those gathered round. Whatever it may be, whatever it is, beggars, that explaining Dhamma in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, he himself gives a dissertation to those gathered round such that it is, such that it may be, that it is by this that he reaches experience of Dhamma, and experiences Dhamma, with this reaching experience of Dhamma, experiencing Dhamma, joy is born,

there being joy, enthusiasm is born, there being enthusiasm, the body is pacified, bodily impassivity is experience of pleasure, pleased at heart one is serene. This is the second situation giving access to freedom, beggars, wherein, in a beggar residing with care, ardent. holding firm, the previously unfreed heart is freed. the previously not thoroughly destroyed corrupting influences go to their destruction, the previously unreached unsurpassable security of calm is finally won. Again and further, beggars, the Master. or some fellow Brahma-traveler standing in the place of instructor, not giving a beggar a dissertation on Dhamma, not himself giving a dissertation to those gathered round, explaining Dhamma in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, but, explaining Dhamma in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, he makes a review thereof. Whatever it may be, whatever it is, beggars, that explaining Dhamma,

in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, he makes a review thereof such that it is. such that it may be, that it is by this that he reaches experience of Dhamma, and experiences Dhamma, with this reaching experience of Dhamma, experiencing Dhamma, joy is born, there being joy, enthusiasm is born, there being enthusiasm, the body is pacified, bodily impassivity is experience of pleasure, pleased at heart one is serene. This is the third situation giving access to freedom, beggars, wherein, in a beggar residing with care, ardent. holding firm, the previously unfreed heart is freed, the previously not thoroughly destroyed corrupting influences go to their destruction, the previously unreached unsurpassable security of calm is finally won. Again and further, beggars, the Master. or some fellow Brahma-traveler standing in the place of instructor, not giving a beggar a dissertation on Dhamma, not himself giving a dissertation to those gathered round,

explaining Dhamma, in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, not making a review explaining Dhamma, in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, but, pondering over Dhamma, in heart in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, he thinks about it with a mind intent on detachment. Whatever it may be, whatever it is, beggars, that pondering over Dhamma in heart in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered he thinks about it with a mind intent on detachment such that it is, such that it may be, that it is by this that he reaches experience of Dhamma, and experiences Dhamma, with this reaching experience of Dhamma, experiencing Dhamma, joy is born, there being joy, enthusiasm is born, there being enthusiasm, the body is pacified, bodily impassivity is experience of pleasure, pleased at heart one is serene. This is the fourth situation giving access to freedom, beggars,

wherein, in a beggar residing with care, ardent. holding firm, the previously unfreed heart is freed, the previously not thoroughly destroyed corrupting influences go to their destruction, the previously unreached unsurpassable security of calm is finally won. Again and further, beggars, the Master, or some fellow Brahma-traveler standing in the place of instructor, not giving a beggar a dissertation on Dhamma, not himself giving a dissertation to those gathered round, explaining Dhamma in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, not making a review explaining Dhamma in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered, not pondering over *Dhamma* in heart in whatever way heard, in whatever way mastered not thinking about it with a mind intent on detachment but, he has well grasped one or another sign of serenity studied it well, retained it well, well refined it by wisdom. Whatever it may be, whatever it is, beggars, that is that sign of serenity that he has well grasped

studied well, retained well, well refined by wisdom such that it is. such that it may be, that it is by this that he reaches experience of Dhamma, and experiences Dhamma, with this reaching experience of Dhamma, experiencing Dhamma, joy is born, there being joy, enthusiasm is born, there being enthusiasm, the body is pacified, bodily impassivity is experience of pleasure, pleased at heart one is serene. This is the fifth situation giving access to freedom, beggars, wherein, in a beggar residing with care, ardent. holding firm, the previously unfreed heart is freed, the previously not thoroughly destroyed corrupting influences go to their destruction, the previously unreached unsurpassable security of calm is finally won. These are those five situations giving access to freedom, beggars, wherein, in a beggar residing with care, ardent, holding firm, the previously unfreed heart

is freed, the previously not thoroughly destroyed corrupting influences go to their destruction, the previously unreached unsurpassable security of calm is finally won.

Once Upon a Time, the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthī-town came-a revisiting.

There, to the beggars gathered round, he said:

"Beggars!"

And the beggars responding: "Venerable!"

the Self-Awakened said:

"Develop serenity, beggars,

boundlessly,

got down,

reflected upon.

Serenity, beggars, developed boundlessly, got down,

reflected upon,

five knowledges arise

within oneself.

What five?

'This serenity has resulted in pleasure, and thus in future, there will be pleasant consequences.'

Even so is the knowledge that arises within oneself.

'This serenity is Aristocratic, without carnality.'

Even so is the knowledge that arises within oneself. This serenity is not the practice of just any sort of person.' Even so is the knowledge that arises within oneself. This serenity — peaceful, above it all gained as a result of impassivity, is got by having become focused and is uncontaminated by the destructive habit of own-making.' Even so is the knowledge that arises within oneself. Then he himself further thinks: 'This serenity I thus minding, join with, I thus minding, rise up from.' Even so is the knowledge that arises within oneself. AN 5.027

Once Upon a Time, the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthī-town came-a revisiting. There, to the beggars gathered round, he said: ''Beggars!'' And the beggars responding: "Bhante!" the Self-Awakened said: "I will teach you, beggars, the development of the five-dimensional consummate serenity of the Aristocrat. Give ear! Give your mind over to studious attention! I will speak!" And the beggars responding: "Even so, Bhante!" the Self-Awakened said: "And what, beggars, is the development of the five-dimensional consummate serenity of the Aristocrat? Here beggars, a beggar, separating himself from sense pleasures, separating himself from unskillful things, with thinking, with pondering separating-born pleasurable excitement enters upon and abides in the first knowing. He soaks, permeates, suffuses and saturates his body with this separation-born pleasurable excitement such that there is not any part of his body untouched

by this separation-born pleasurable excitement.

In the same way, beggars, as the bath attendant or the bath attendant's skillful apprentice whenever he wishes to make a soap-ball puts soap-flakes into a copper bowl and sprinkles on water and sprinkling, works those soap-flakes round and round till those soap-flakes are moistened. become gooey, permeated within and without with that moisture, but do not yet ooze any liquid. Even so, friends, that beggar, soaks, permeates, suffuses and saturates his body with this separation-born pleasurable excitement such that there is not any part of his body untouched by this separation-born pleasurable excitement. This, beggars, is the first developing of the five-dimensional consummate serenity of the Aristocrat. Again, beggars, deeper than that, a beggar, settling down thinking and pondering internally self-composed whole-heartedly single-minded,

without thinking, without pondering serenity-born pleasurable excitement, enters upon and abides in the second knowing. He soaks, permeates, suffuses and saturates his body with this serenity-born pleasurable-excitement such that there is not any part of his body untouched by this serenity-born pleasurable-excitement. In the same way, beggars, as a spring-fed pond with no inlet from the East, with no inlet from the South, with no inlet from the West, with no inlet from the North, and with no rain coming down from the heavens above, is nevertheless soaked, permeated, suffused and saturated with that cool water rising up from that spring which feeds it from below. Even so, beggars, that beggar, soaks, permeates,

suffuses and saturates his body with this serenity-born pleasurable excitement, such that there is not anything which is of body untouched by this serenity-born pleasurable excitement. This, beggars, is the second developing of the five-dimensional consummate serenity of the Aristocrat. Again, beggars, deeper than that, a beggar, living detached from excitement and dispassion, minding and self-aware, experiencing in body that pleasure described by the Aristocrats as: 'Detached, minding — a sweet abiding!' enters upon and abides in the third knowing. He soaks, permeates, suffuses and saturates his body with this excitement-free pleasure, such that there is not any part of his body untouched by this excitement-free-pleasure. In the same way, beggars, as in a pond

overgrown with blue and red and white water lilies or in a pond overgrown with blue and red water lilies or in a pond overgrown with white water lilies some red water lilies, or blue water lilies or white water lilies, are born in the water, grow up in the water, become strong in the water, and from the tips of the tops of their flowering heads above to the bottom of their roots below are soaked, permeated, suffused and saturated such that no part of those red water lilies, or blue water lilies, or white water lilies, is not saturated thereby. Even so, beggars, that beggar, soaks, permeates, suffuses and saturates his body with this excitement-free-pleasure, such that there is not any part of his body untouched by this excitement-free-pleasure. This, beggars, is the third developing of the Five-Dimensional **Consummate Serenity**

of the Aristocrat. Again, beggars, deeper than that, a beggar, letting go of pleasure, letting go of pain, by first settling down mental pleasures and mental pains, without pain, without pleasure, detached-minding-throughly-pure enters upon and abides in the fourth knowing. Thus he comes to be sitting pure-of-body-pervaded, utter-clarity-of-heart-pervaded such that there is not anything at all of his entire body that is untouched by purity of body, utter clarity of heart. In the same way, beggars, as a man comes to be seated covered head and all with a white cloth such that there is nothing at all of his entire body that is not wrapped up in that white cloth. Even so beggars, a beggar comes to be sitting pure-of-body-pervaded, utter-clarity-of-heart-pervaded such that there is not anything at all of his entire body that is untouched by purity of body, utter clarity of heart.

This, beggars, is the fourth developing of the five-dimensional consummate serenity of the Aristocrat. Again, beggars, deeper than that, the identifying signs of a beggar's meditation subject are well-noted, well studied in mind, well in hand. well and wisely penetrated. In the same way, beggars, as one person might observe another one standing might observe another sitting one sitting might observe another lying down, the identifying signs of a beggar's meditation subject are well-noted, well studied in mind. well in hand, well and wisely penetrated. This, beggars, is the fifth developing of the five-dimensional consummate serenity of the Aristocrat. Thus developed beggars, a beggar, making a big thing of the Aristocratic five-dimensional consummate serenity, here and there attains personal experience of such,

having reached in mind that sphere of mind. Just imagine, beggars, a water-pot placed on a stand brim full up with water, crow-drinkable-full; could a strong man coming up tipping it this way and that spill out that water?" "Even so Bhante." "In the same way, beggars, a beggar who has thus developed, made a big thing of the Aristocratic five-dimensional consummate serenity, here and there attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind. Just imagine, beggars, a water-tank. four-sided on level ground, with earthen embankment brim full up with water, crow-drinkable-full; could a strong man coming up removing this or that embankment spill out that water?" "Even so Bhante." "In the same way, beggars, a beggar who has thus developed, made a big thing of the Aristocratic five-dimensional consummate serenity,

here and there attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind. Just imagine, beggars, level ground where the four crossroads meet, a carriage standing voked to thoroughbred steeds goad at the ready with a trainer of horses, a dexterous charioteer, taking the reigns in the left hand, and in the right, the goad he could drive back and forth when and where he wished. In the same way, beggars, a beggar who has thus developed, made a big thing of the Aristocratic five-dimensional consummate serenity, here and there attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind. If a beggar should wish: 'May I exercise various sorts of psychic power': Being one existence many, being many existence one. Manifest here, transported beyond, transported through walls, transported through fortifications unsticking, go whithersoever as if in space.

Jumping into and

out of the earth as though in water; going on water without parting it as though on solid ground.

Going through space cross-legged like a bird on the wing.

Touching and feeling with the hand the Moon and Sun, as great and powerful as they are.

Turning up in the body even in the Brahma world.'

Then here and there he attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind.

If a beggar should wish:

'May I,

with the Divine Ear,

purified beyond that of ordinary men

hear both sounds:

that of humans, and

that of the gods

far and near.'

Then here and there he attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind.

If a beggar should wish:

'May I,

with mind encompassing mind, know the hearts of other being, of other men.

Of a lustful heart, know: "This is a lustful heart."

Of a lust-free heart, know: "This is a lust-free heart."

Of a hateful heart, know: "This is a hateful heart."
Of a hate-free heart, know: "This is a hate-free heart." Of a clogged up heart, know: "This is a clogged up heart." Of an unclogged heart, know: "This is an unclogged heart." Of an deranged heart, know: "This is a deranged heart." Of a balanced heart, know: "This is a balanced heart." Of a constricted heart, know: "This is a constricted heart." Of an unconstricted heart, know: "This is an unconstricted heart." Of a state of heart that is less than superior, know: "This is a state of heart that is less than superior." Of a state of heart that is superior, know: "This state of heart is nothing less than superior." Of useless heart, know: "This is a useless heart." Of a beneficial heart, know: "This is a beneficial heart." Of a heart that is not free, know: "This is a heart that is not free." Of a heart that is freed, know: "This is a heart that is freed."" Then here and there he attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind. If a beggar should wish: 'May I recollect not just one arrangement of previous inhabitations. For example: Just one birth, just two births,

just three births, just four births, just five births, just ten births, just twenty births, just thirty births, just forty births, just fifty births, or one hundred births in all, or a thousand births in all, or a hundred-thousand births in all, **not just one evolution of a** *kappa*, not just one devolution of a kappa, not just one evolution and devolution of a kappa. That there —: Of such a name of such a clan of such color of such food of such experience of pleasure and pain, of such coming to life's end. Shifting away from that, re-appearing elsewhere. In that habitation —: Of such a name of such a clan of such color of such food of such experience of pleasure and pain, of such coming to life's end. Shifting away from that reborn here. Thus with its makeup in detail, the recollecting of not just one arrangement of previous inhabitations.' Then here and there he attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind.

If a beggar should wish:

'May I, with purified godlike sight know of beings their shifting away, re-appearance, being left behind, advancing, their beauty, their ugliness. their experiencing of pleasure, experiencing of pain, according to their intentional deeds: 'For sure these good beings were committed to injurious bodily conduct, committed to injurious verbal conduct, committed to injurious mental conduct, denigrated Aristocrats, held low views. were committed to behavior in accordance with low views, for upon the break up of the body after death they have arisen in states of woe, pain, punishment, Niraya Hell. For sure these good beings were committed to beneficial bodily conduct, committed to beneficial verbal conduct, committed to beneficial mental conduct. spoke well of Aristocrats, were of high view, were committed to behavior in accordance with high view, for upon the break up of the body after death they have arisen in worlds of heavenly pleasures.' Then here and there he attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind. If a beggar should wish:

'May I,

with the destruction of the corrupting influences seen for myself, with my own higher powers, in this seen thing, rise up into and inhabit a corrupting-influence-free freedom of heart and freedom of wisdom.'

Then here and there he attains personal experience of such, having reached in mind that sphere of mind."

AN 5.028

"Five, beggars, are the advantages associated with using the Place to Pace: What five? Lengthened life. **Enduring energy.** Little illness. Getting optimum digestion of what is eaten, drunk, consumed, tasted. Serenity got pacing is long-lasting. AN 5.029 Once upon a time the Self-Awakened,

Sāvatthi-town, Jeta Woods, Anāthapiņḍika Park, came a revisit'n. There, Sumana, the daughter of the king, sister of King Pasenadi,

rajah of Kosala, along with 500 handmaidens in 500 chariots came to pay a call. Then, after paying respect with closed palms, she sat on a low seat to one side at a respectful distance and said: "In the case, Bhante, where there were two disciples of the Self-Awakened who were of equal faith, equal ethical culture, and equal understanding, but where there was a difference in their practice of generosity, one being a giver and one not, and both were to find consciousness again after the death of the body in a happy condition among the gods: would there be any noticeable difference between them?" "There would be a difference, Sumana," said the Self-Awakened, "The giver, finding consciousness again in a happy condition among the gods would be better off in five ways: life, beauty, ease, energy and strength of wits." "But supposing, Bhante, that these two should once again

find rebirth as Man, would there continue to be any noticeable difference between them?" "There would be a difference. Sumana. The giver finding consciousness again as Man would be better off in five ways: life, beauty, ease, energy and strength of wits." "But supposing, Bhante, that these two should leave the householder's life and go forth into homelessness, would there continue to be any noticeable difference between them?" "There would be difference, Sumana. The giver, leaving the householder's life and going forth into homelessness, would be better off in five ways: in the frequency of the times he was asked to accept robes; in the frequency of the times he was asked to accept food; in the frequency of the times he was asked to accept shelter: in the frequency of the times he was asked to accept medicines; and furthermore, his companions in the life tend to act towards him with friendliness in body, speech and mind and often offer to do him services."

"But supposing, Bhante, that these two should both win Arahantship, would there continue to be any noticeable difference between them?" "In the case of this case, Sumana, I say there is no difference to be perceived between them, comparing freedom with freedom." "It is wonderful, Bhante, it is marvelous the extent of the positive effects of giving and doing good deeds: a help to one as a man, a help to one as a god, and a help to one as one gone forth!" "Even so. Sumana! Even so!" AN 5.031

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Vesālī-town, the Peaked Roof House in Great Woods residing, when Sīha, the general came to call.

There, after greeting the Self-Awakened with closed palms, Sīha took a low seat to one side and asked:

"Is it possible, *Bhante*, to show the consequences of giving in this visible thing?"

"It is, general," said the Self-Awakened.

"The giver is here and now considered good and is liked by many.

Again, good and wise men gather round the giver, and this is an advantage in this visible thing. Again, the giver gets a good reputation. Again, General, whenever the giver enters a council or meeting, whether of householders, or royalty, or religious leaders, or sorcerers, he enters fearlessly, confidently. And again, General, at the breakup of the body at death the giver finds consciousness again in a happy state among the gods." "Well, Bhante, as for the first four of these consequences of giving visible in this visible thing, I do not need to go by faith to The Consummately Self-Awakened, for I am able to see them for myself. I am a generous person, Bhante, and I am considered good and am liked by many; many good and wise men are my companions; I have a good reputation: **People say:** 'The General Sīha is a giver, he works for and serves the Sangha;'

and whenever I enter a council, or meeting, whether of householders royalty, or religious leaders, or sorcerers, I do so fearlessly, confidently. But when the The Consummately Self-Awakened says: "And again, General, at the breakup of the body at death the giver finds consciousness again in a happy sate among the gods,' this is something of which I have no personal experience and go by faith." "Even so Sīha. Even so. At the breakup of the body at death, Sīha, the giver finds consciousness again in a happy sate among the gods." AN 5.034

One time the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars, saying:

"Beggars!"

And "Venerable!" the beggars responded.

Then the Self-Awakened said:

"There are these five advantages to be had by giving:

The giver

is here and now considered good and is liked by many. Again, good and wise men gather round the giver. Again, the giver gets a good reputation. Again, the giving housefather is not one who deviates from good ethical standards. And at the breakup of the body at death the giver finds consciousness again in a happy state among the gods." AN 5.035 One time the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars, saying: "Beggars!" And "Venerable!" the beggars responded. Then the Self-Awakened said: "Beggars! There are these five right times for giving: When there is a newcomer. it is the right time for giving. Again, when there is one who is taking leave, it is the right time for giving. Again, when there is one who is sick, it is the right time

for giving. Again, when food is hard to get, it is the right time for giving. And again, at harvest-time, he gives the first fruits of his labors to those of high ethical conduct." AN 5.036 **One time the Self-Awakened** addressed the beggars, saying: "Beggars!" And "Venerable!" the beggars responded. Then the Self-Awakened said: "There are these five gifts given by the food giver. What five? Life, beauty, ease, energy and strength of wits. But, beggars, giving such as such as this, he shares in five benefits. What five? Life, beauty, ease, energy and strength of wits. Both here and in the hereafter. AN 5.037

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Jeta Woods, Anāthapiņdika Park, came a revisit'n. There, Anāthapiņdika, the housefather, came to pay a call, and, after paying respect with closed palms, he sat on a low seat to one side at a respectful distance, and the Self-Awakened said this to him: "Housefather! There are these five reasons for getting rich. What five?" "In the case of the first case. a student of the Aristocrats gets rich in a just, lawful manner; by the strength of his arm, the sweat of his brow; hard work, energy, enterprise and intelligence. With his wealth so earned he makes himself happy and he is able to sustain that happiness; he makes his parents happy and he is able to sustain their happiness; he makes his wife and children happy and he is able to sustain their happiness; he makes his employees happy and he is able to sustain their happiness. This is the first case.

In the case of the second case,

a student of the Aristocrats gets rich in a just, lawful manner; by the strength of his arm, the sweat of his brow; hard work, energy, enterprise and intelligence. With his wealth so earned he makes his friends and companions happy and he is able to sustain their happiness. This is the second case. In the case of the third case, a student of the Aristocrats gets rich in a just, lawful manner; by the strength of his arm, the sweat of his brow; hard work, energy, enterprise and intelligence. With his wealth so earned he is able to set up protections against loss through disaster, fire, water, kings, robbers, enemies and greedy heirs. This is the third case. In the case of the fourth case, a student of the Aristocrats gets rich in a just, lawful manner; by the strength of his arm,

the sweat of his brow; hard work, energy, enterprise and intelligence. With his wealth so earned he makes the Five-Dimensional Offering Ceremony, offering gifts and nourishment, remembrance and gratitude to kinfolk, friends, ancestors, kings, and the gods. This is the fourth case. Again, in addition, a student of the Aristocrats gets rich in a just, lawful manner; by the strength of his arm, the sweat of his brow; hard work, energy, enterprise and intelligence. With his wealth so earned he makes gifts to shaman and godly men; men of modest demeanor who have let go of lazy ways, bearing all with patience, men who have stilled, calmed, controlled the self, perfected the self, abandoned the self; gifts aimed at the high, the godly, resulting in happiness,

leading to the godly realms. This is the fifth case. These are the five reasons for getting rich. Furthermore, householder, should the wealth of such a one, having gathered wealth with these five reasons in mind, come to destruction, he may rightly think: 'At least this wealth now lost was gathered for righteous reasons.' And he will find he is without shame or regret. But if his wealth should grow he may think: 'This wealth is growing, and I am one who grows his wealth for righteous reasons.' And in this way he will have protected himself from worry from either cause. AN 5.041

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town came a revisit'n.

"Beggars!

There are these five states which are unattainable by shaman, brahman, God, gods or the Devil; not by anyone in the world. What five? The state where there is aging but no old age. This is the first state which is unattainable by shaman, brahman, God, gods or the Devil; not by anyone in the world. The state where there is going but no being gone. This is the second state which is unattainable by shaman, brahman, God, gods or the Devil; not by anyone in the world. The state where there is dying but no death. This is the third state which is unattainable by shaman, brahman, God, gods or the Devil; not by anyone in the world. The state where there is passing but no passing away. This is the fourth state which which is unattainable by shaman, brahman,

God, gods or the Devil; not by anyone in the world. The state where there is disappearance but no disappearing. This is the fifth state which is unattainable by shaman, brahman, God, gods or the Devil; not by anyone in the world. **Beggars!** For the untamed, untrained. uneducated common man, aging brings old age. But when old age approaches he does not think: 'Aging does not bring old age only to me. Wherever aging is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all aging brings old age. If I were one who, when old age comes were to weep and lament. grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration,

anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, indeed, beggars, when old age comes, he is one who weeps and laments, grieves and complains, beats his breast in frustration, anger and despair, and food no longer provides enjoyment to him and wasting afflicts his body and his business suffers and his enemies are happy while his friends are sad. This fellow, beggars, is just to be known as an untamed, untrained, uneducated common man; struck by misfortune's arrow he simply torments himself. **Beggars!** For the untamed, untrained, uneducated common man, going brings being gone. But when going approaches

he does not think: 'Going does not bring being gone only to me. Wherever going is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all going brings being gone. If I were one who, when going comes were to weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration, anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, indeed, beggars, when going comes, he is one who weeps and laments, grieves and complains, beats his breast in frustration, anger and despair, and food no longer provides enjoyment to him and

wasting afflicts his body and his business suffers and his enemies are happy while his friends are sad. This fellow, beggars, is just to be known as an untamed, untrained, uneducated common man; struck by misfortune's arrow he simply torments himself. **Beggars!** For the untamed, untrained, uneducated common man, dying brings death. But when death approaches he does not think: 'Dying does not bring death only to me. Wherever dying is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all dying brings death. If I were one who, when dying comes were to weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration, anger and

despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, indeed, beggars, when dying comes, he is one who weeps and laments, grieves and complains, beats his breast in frustration, anger and despair, and food no longer provides enjoyment to him and wasting afflicts his body and his business suffers and his enemies are happy while his friends are sad. This fellow, beggars, is just to be known as an untamed, untrained, uneducated common man; struck by misfortune's arrow he simply torments himself. **Beggars!** For the untamed, untrained. uneducated common man, passing brings passing away. But when passing approaches he does not think: 'Passing does not bring

passing away only to me. Wherever passing is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all passing brings passing away. If I were one who, when passing comes were to weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration, anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, indeed, beggars, when passing comes, he is one who weeps and laments, grieves and complains, beats his breast in frustration, anger and despair, and food no longer provides enjoyment to him and wasting afflicts his body and

his business suffers and his enemies are happy while his friends are sad. This fellow, beggars, is just to be known as an untamed, untrained, uneducated common man: struck by misfortune's arrow he simply torments himself. **Beggars!** For the untamed, untrained, uneducated common man, disappearance brings disappearing. But when disappearance approaches he does not think: 'Disappearance does not bring disappearing only to me. Wherever disappearance is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all disappearance brings disappearing. If I were one who, when disappearance comes were to

weep and lament,

grieve and

complain,

beat my breast in frustration, anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, indeed, beggars, when disappearance comes, he is one who weeps and laments, grieves and complains, beats his breast in frustration, anger and despair, and food no longer provides enjoyment to him and wasting afflicts his body and his business suffers and his enemies are happy while his friends are sad. This fellow, beggars, is just to be known as an untamed, untrained, uneducated common man; struck by misfortune's arrow he simply torments himself. **Beggars!** For the well tamed, well trained, well educated student of the Aristocrats, aging brings old age. But when old age approaches

he does think: 'Aging does not bring old age only to me. Wherever aging is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all aging brings old age. If I were one who, when old age comes were to weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration, anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, beggars, when old age comes, he does not weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat his breast in frustration, anger and despair. This fellow, beggars, is one to be known as a well tamed,

well trained, well educated student of the Aristocrats; struck by misfortune's arrow he drains off the poison with which the common man torments himself and lives untormented, unpoisoned, cool. **Beggars!** For the well tamed, well trained. well educated student of the Aristocrats, going brings being gone. But when going approaches he does think: 'Going does not bring being gone only to me. Wherever going is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all going brings being gone. If I were one who, when going comes were to weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration, anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and

wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, beggars, when going comes, he does not weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat his breast in frustration, anger and despair. This fellow, beggars, is one to be known as a well tamed, well trained. well educated student of the Aristocrats; struck by misfortune's arrow he drains off the poison with which the common man torments himself and lives untormented, unpoisoned, cool. **Beggars!** For the well tamed, well trained. well educated student of the Aristocrats, dying brings death. But when dying approaches he does think: 'Dying does not bring death only to me. Wherever dying is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing,

passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all dying brings death. If I were one who, when dying comes were to weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration, anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, beggars, when dying comes, he does not weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat his breast in frustration, anger and despair. This fellow, beggars, is one to be known as a well tamed, well trained, well educated student of the Aristocrats; struck by misfortune's arrow he drains off the poison with which the common man torments himself and lives untormented,

unpoisoned, cool. **Beggars!** For the well tamed, well trained. well educated student of the Aristocrats, passing brings passing away. But when passing approaches he does think: 'Passing does not bring passing away only to me. Wherever passing is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all passing brings passing away. If I were one who, when passing comes were to weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration, anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, beggars, when passing comes, he does not weep and

lament, grieve and complain, beat his breast in frustration, anger and despair. This fellow, beggars, is one to be known as a well tamed. well trained, well educated student of the Aristocrats; struck by misfortune's arrow he drains off the poison with which the common man torments himself and lives untormented, unpoisoned, cool. **Beggars!** For the well tamed, well trained. well educated student of the Aristocrats, disappearance brings disappearing. But when disappearance approaches he does think: 'Disappearance does not bring disappearing only to me. Wherever disappearing is to be seen, there one also sees the arriving and departing, passing away and coming to be of beings. To one and all disappearance brings disappearing. If I were one who,

when disappearance comes were to weep and lament, grieve and complain, beat my breast in frustration, anger and despair, then food would no longer provide enjoyment and wasting would afflict my body and my business would suffer and my enemies would be happy while my friends would be sad.' And, beggars, when disappearance comes, he does not weep and lament. grieve and complain, beat his breast in frustration, anger and despair. This fellow, beggars, is one to be known as a well tamed. well trained, well educated student of the Aristocrats; struck by misfortune's arrow he drains off the poison with which the common man torments himself and lives untormented, unpoisoned, cool. These, beggars, are the five states which are unattainable

by shaman, brahman, God, gods or the Devil; not by anyone in the world.'' AN 5.048

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town came a revisit'n Anāthapiņḍika's Jeta Grove.

There then,

the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars:

"Beggars!"

And the beggars responding "Venerable!" the Self-Awakened said:

"Beggars,

there are these five distractions,

diversions overpowering the heart,

making for the debilitation of wisdom.

What five?

Sensual-desire, beggars,

is a distraction,

a diversion overpowering the heart, making for the debilitation of wisdom.

Deviance, beggars,

is a distraction,

a diversion overpowering the heart,

making for the debilitation of wisdom.

Sluggish-stupidity, beggars,

is a distraction,

a diversion overpowering the heart,

making for the debilitation of wisdom.

Anxious confusion, beggars,

is a distraction,

a diversion overpowering the heart,

making for the debilitation of wisdom.

Scatter-brained second-thoughts, beggars,

are a distraction, a diversion overpowering the heart, making for the debilitation of wisdom. These, beggars, are the five distractions, diversions overpowering the heart, making for the debilitation of wisdom. Indeed, beggars, that a beggar, not giving up these five distractions, diversions overpowering the heart, making for the debilitation of wisdom, — being powerless, wisdom-debilitated should know his own attainments, or know another's attainments, or know both his own and another's attainments or, beyond things human, should witness a truly aristocratic excellence of knowing and seeing such a thing does not stand to reason. In just the same way, beggars, as a stream springing from the mountains, headed far, swift-flowing, carrying all before it, if some man were to plow a diversion across its mouth, thus overpowered, beggars, that stream, diffused, its main body no longer heads far, no longer swiftly-flows,

no longer carries all before it. In the same way, beggars, a beggar, not giving up these five distractions. diversions overpowering the heart, making for the debilitation of wisdom, — being powerless, wisdom-debilitated should know his own attainments, or know another's attainments, or know both his own and another's attainments or, beyond things human, should witness a truly aristocratic excellence of knowing and seeing such a thing does not stand to reason. Indeed, beggars, that a beggar, giving up these five distractions, diversions overpowering the heart, making for the debilitation of wisdom, — being empowered, wise should know his own attainments, or know another's attainments, or know both his own and another's attainments or, beyond things human, should witness a truly aristocratic excellence of knowing and seeing such a thing stands to reason. In just the same way, beggars, as a stream springing from the mountains headed far, swift-flowing,

carrying all before it, if no one were to plow a diversion across its mouth. thus not overpowered, beggars, that stream, not diffused, its main body heads far, swiftly-flows, carries all before it. In the same way, beggars, a beggar, giving up these five distractions, diversions overpowering the heart, making for the debilitation of wisdom, — being empowered, wise should know his own attainments, or know another's attainments, or know both his own and another's attainments or, beyond things human, should witness a truly aristocratic excellence of knowing and seeing such a thing stands to reason. AN 5.051 Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town came a revisit'n

Anāthapiņdika's Jeta Grove.

There then,

the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars:

"Beggars!"

And the beggars responding "Venerable!" the Self-Awakened said:

"Speaking thoughtfully, beggars, describing these five diversions as:

"A constellation of ineptitudes", one would be speaking accurately.

For indeed, beggars, these are a constellation of ineptitudes, that is to say the five diversions.

What five?

Indulging in sensual-desires indulging in deviance, indulging in sluggish-stupidity, indulging in anxious confusion, indulging in scatter-brained second thoughts.

Speaking thoughtfully, beggars, describing these five diversions as:

"A constellation of ineptitudes", one would be speaking accurately.

For indeed, beggars, these are a constellation of ineptitudes, that is to say the five diversions.''

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņḍika's Park, came-a revisiting.

There, to the beggars gathered round, he said:

"Beggars!"

And: "Venerable!" the beggars gathered round responded. Then the Self-Awakened said: "Beggars! These five perceptions
when made become, when made a big deal of, are of great fruit, of great advantage, plunge into the deathless conclude in the deathless. What five? Perception of impurity, perception of death, perception of disadvantage, perception of the disgusting nature of food, perceiving nothing to delight in in all the world. **Beggars!** These five perceptions when made become, when made a big deal of, are of great fruit, of great advantage, plunge into the deathless conclude in the deathless. AN 5.061 Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņdika's Park, came-a revisiting. There, to the beggars gathered round, he said: "Beggars!" And: "Venerable!"

the beggars gathered round responded.

Then the Self-Awakened said:

"Beggars! These five perceptions when made become, when made a big deal of, are of great fruit, of great advantage, plunge into the deathless conclude in the deathless. What five? Perception of change, perception of not-self, perception of death, perception of the disgusting nature of food, perceiving nothing to delight in in all the world. **Beggars!** These five perceptions when made become, when made a big deal of, are of great fruit, of great advantage, plunge into the deathless conclude in the deathless.

AN 5.062

"Beggars!

These five things when made become, when made a big deal of, result in extreme satisfaction, dispassion, ending, settling down, higher knowledge, self-awakening, Nibhāna. What five? Here a beggar lives seeing the impure nature of the body: the disgusting nature of food, perceiving nothing to delight in in all the world, sees the impermanent nature of all own-made things, and perceiving that death applies to one personally.

Beggars! These five things when made become, when made a big deal of, result in extreme satisfaction, dispassion, ending, settling down, higher knowledge, self-awakening, *Nibbāna.*

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņdika's Park, came-a revisiting. A certain *bhikkhu* came to pay a call, and, after paying respect with closed palms, he sat on a low seat to one side at a respectful distance and asked: "'Walk'n the talk' is the expression. To what extent, The Consummately Self-Awakened does one "walk the talk" in this *Dhamma*?" "In the case of the first case

we have the case of the beggar who has an all-round understanding of *Dhamma*.

He spends his day in the mastering of *Dhamma*.

But he neglects putting down interaction and does not devote himself to mental tranquillity within. This beggar, beggar, is said to be big on all-round understanding, but does not live the Dhamma. In the case of the second case we have the case of the beggar who teaches Dhamma to others as he has heard and understood it. He spends his time instructing and inciting others. But he neglects putting down interaction and does not devote himself to mental tranquillity within. This beggar, beggar, is said to be big on wisdom, but does not live the *Dhamma*. In the case of the third case we have the case of the beggar who is a repeater. He memorizes *Dhamma* and repeats it to others as he has heard it, and so spends his day. But he neglects putting down interaction and does not devote himself to mental tranquillity within. This beggar, beggar, is said to be big on memory, but

does not live the Dhamma.

In the case of the fourth case we have the case of the beggar who is a thinker.

He thinks about *Dhamma* as he has heard it and understood it.

He spends his day thinking about *Dhamma*.

But he neglects putting down interaction and does not devote himself to mental tranquillity within.

This beggar, beggar, is said to be big on thinking, but does not live the *Dhamma*.

In the case of the fifth case we have the case of the beggar who has an all-round understanding of *Dhamma*, but he does not spend his day in the mastery of *Dhamma*, he does not neglect putting down interaction and does devote himself to mental tranquillity within.

This beggar, beggar, is said to ''walk the talk'.

So, beggar, I have given you one who is big on understanding, one who is big on wisdom, one who is big on memory, one who is big on thinking, and one who 'walks the talk'. Beggar! What a teacher should do for his student, looking after his well-being, seeking his good, out of sympathy, such is such as I have done for you. There are the roots of trees,

places of solitude.

Do not be negligent, do not give yourself cause for self-recrimination later.

This is our instruction to you. AN 5.073

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņḍika's Park, came-a revisiting.

A certain *bhikkhu* came to pay a call, and, after paying respect with closed palms, he sat on a low seat to one side at a respectful distance and asked:

"Walk'n the talk' is the expression.

To what extent, The Consummately Self-Awakened does one ''walk the talk' in this Dhamma?''

"In the case of the first case we have the case of the beggar who has an all-round understanding of *Dhamma*.

He spends his day in the mastering of *Dhamma* but that beyond, which is attained through wisdom, he knows not. This beggar, beggar,

is said to be big on all-round understanding, but does not live the Dhamma.

In the case of the second case we have the case of the beggar who teaches *Dhamma* to others as he has heard and understood it.

He spends his time instructing and inciting others but that beyond, which is attained through wisdom, he knows not.

This beggar, beggar, is said to be big on wisdom, but does not live the Dhamma.

In the case of the third case we have the case of the beggar who is a repeater.

He memorizes *Dhamma* and repeats it to others as he has heard it and so spends his day but that beyond, which is attained through wisdom, he knows not.

This beggar, beggar, is said to be big on memory, but does not live the Dhamma.

In the case of the fourth case we have the case of the beggar who is a thinker.

He thinks about *Dhamma* as he has heard it and understood it.

He spends his day thinking about Dhamma but that beyond, which is attained through wisdom, he knows not.

This beggar, beggar, is said to be big on thinking, but does not live the Dhamma. In the case of the fifth case we have the case of the beggar who has an all-round understanding of Dhamma, does not spend his entire day in the understanding of, memorization of, and thinking about Dhamma, he does not neglect putting down interaction, and does devote himself to mental tranquillity within and that beyond, which is attained through wisdom, he knows. This beggar, beggar, is said to "walk the talk'. So, beggar, I have given you one who is big on understanding, one who is big on wisdom, one who is big on memory, one who is big on thinking, and one who 'walks the talk'. **Beggar!** What a teacher should do for his student, looking after his well-being, seeking his good, out of sympathy, such is such as I have done for you. There are the roots of trees, places of solitude.

Do not be negligent, do not give yourself cause for self-recrimination later.

This is our instruction to you.

"Getting himself five things, beggars, a beggar minding the breathing penetrates the unshakable not long thereafter.

What are those five?

Here beggars, a beggar has few ambitions, has few duties.

He bears well, is well-content with life's basics.

He takes little food, is not yoked to filling the stomach.

He has heard much, has got down and bears many suttas.

That Dhamma, helpful in the beginning, helpful in the middle, helpful at the conclusion, with meaning and syllable in complete agreement, addressing the thoroughly-pure best of lives of such Dhamma he has heard much, bearing, discussing, reciting, pondering it over in mind, well-penetrating it in theory. And he reflects upon

any freedom of heart accordingly. These are the five things, beggars,

that getting, a beggar minding the breathing, will penetrate the unshakable not long thereafter.

AN 5.096

Once upon a time, the Self-Awakened, Savatti-town revisiting. There then he addressed the beggars: "Beggars!" And the beggars responding: 'Bhante!.' the Self-Awakened said: "He, indeed whoever, beggar or beggar-woman, five things brings into existence, five things makes substantial, of such. one or another of two fruitions are to be anticipated: either knowing the answer in this seen thing, or, there being grounds for re-arising, the state of non-returning. What five? Here beggars, a beggar has very well internally set up the wisdom of minding the appearance and

retreat of things,

observation of the disadvantages of living in a body, perception of the revolting in food, perception of joylessness in all the world, perception of the instability of all that is own-made. He, indeed whoever, beggar or beggar-woman, five things brings into existence, five things makes substantial, of such. one or another of two fruitions are to be anticipated: either knowing the answer in this seen thing, or, there being grounds for re-arising, the state of non-returning. AN 5.122

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened Sāvatthī-town revisiting.

There then he addressed the beggars:

"Beggars!"

"Bhante!," they responded.

And the Self-Awakened said:

"Beggars! These five sleep little and are highly alert.

What five?

A woman yearning for a man sleeps little and is highly alert.

A man yearning for a woman sleeps little and is highly alert. A thief on the prowl for loot sleeps little and is highly alert. A king bent on conquest sleeps little and is highly alert. A Beggar determined to attain freedom from the bonds sleeps little and is highly alert. Indeed, beggars, these five sleep little and are highly alert. AN 5.137 "Beggars! These five are not a good man's givings. What five? The given without respect. The given without thought. That not given by one's own hand. That given because it is not wanted. That given without faith in the fruit

of good deeds. Indeed, beggars, these five are not a good man's givings. "Beggars! These five are a good man's givings. What five? The given with respect. The given with thought. That given by one's own hand. That given because it is desirable. That given with faith in the fruit of good deeds. Indeed, beggars, these five are a good man's givings. AN 5.147 "Beggars! These five are a good man's gifts. What five? He gives believing in the fruit of good deeds; he gives with respect; he gives at the right time; with a happy heart; a gift causing injury

neither to self or others.

A gift given believing in the fruit of good deeds, beggars, whenever it comes to fruition brings that good man great wealth and possessions, and such a one is good looking, handsome, as pleasant to the eye as the lotus blossom. A gift given with respect, beggars, whenever it comes to fruition brings that good man great wealth and possessions, and the wife and children and employees of such a one listen carefully and know how to follow his instructions. A gift given at the right time, beggars, whenever it comes to fruition brings that good man great wealth and possessions, and what he gets comes at the right time. A gift given with a happy heart, beggars, whenever it comes to fruition brings that good man great wealth and possessions,

and whatever of such as he enjoys he does so with the full indulgence of the five chords of sense pleasure. A gift given which causes no injury to self or others, beggars, whenever it comes to fruition brings that good man great wealth and possessions, and all such is made safe against fire and water and kings and thieves and greedy heirs. These five are a good man's gifts. AN 5.148

Once upon a time, Sāvatthī-town revisiting the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars there: "Beggars!" "Bhante!" said the beggars in response, and the Self-Awakened said: "These five lead to coming down for one who has gained freedom from things of time. What five? Delight in activity. Delight in gab. **Delight in sleep. Delight in company.** And he does not reflect on the freedom of heart he has attained. Indeed, beggars, these five lead to coming down for one who has gained freedom from things of time. "These five lead to not coming down for one who has gained freedom from things of time. What five? Non-delight in activity. Non-delight in gab. Non-delight in sleep. Non-delight in company. And he reflects on the freedom of heart he has attained. Indeed, beggars, these five lead to not coming down for one who has gained freedom from things of time. AN 5.149 Once upon a time, Sāvatthī-town revisiting the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars there:

"Beggars!"

"Bhante!" said the beggars in response, and the Self-Awakened said: "These five lead to coming down for one who has gained freedom from things of time. What five? Delight in activity. Delight in gab. Delight in sleep. Leaving unguarded the doors of the senses. **Immoderate eating.** Indeed, beggars, these five lead to coming down for one who has gained freedom from things of time. **''These five** lead to not coming down for one who has gained freedom from things of time. What five? Non-delight in activity. Non-delight in gab. Non-delight in sleep. Guarding the doors of the senses. Moderate eating. Indeed, beggars, these five lead to not coming down for one who has gained freedom from things of time. AN 5.150 Once upon a time,

Sāvatthī-town revisiting the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars there:

"Beggars!"

"Bhante!" said the beggars in response,

and the Self-Awakened said: "Five, beggars, are things possessed of which, even hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be no falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful. What five? Having disrespect for speech, having disrespect for speakers, having disrespect for self, having an agitated heart hearing Dhamma with distracted heart and not studiously tracing out the origins of things. These, beggars, are the things possessed of which, even hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be no falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful. "Five, beggars, are things possessed of which, if hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful. Not having disrespect for speech, not having disrespect for speakers, not having disrespect for self, not having an agitated heart hearing Dhamma whole-heartedly, and studiously tracing out the origins of things.

These, beggars,

are the things possessed of which, if hearing the best of *Dhammas*, there will be falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful.''

Once upon a time, Sāvatthī-town revisiting the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars there: "Beggars!" "Bhante!" said the beggars in response, and the Self-Awakened said: "Five, beggars, are things possessed of which, even hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be no falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful. What five? Having disrespect of speech, having disrespect of speakers, having disrespect of self, being stupid, a dull driveler being knowledge-proud, not knowing. These, beggars, are the things possessed of which, even hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be no falling in with the method

of skillful things

consummately delightful.

"Five, beggars, are things possessed of which, if hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful. Not having disrespect of speech, not having disrespect of speakers, not having disrespect of self, being wise, no dull driveler, not being knowledge-proud not knowing. These, beggars, are the things possessed of which, if hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful. AN 5.152

Once upon a time, Sāvatthī-town revisiting the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars there:

"Beggars!"

"Bhante!" said the beggars in response, and the Self-Awakened said:

"Five, beggars, are things possessed of which, even hearing the best of *Dhammas*, there will be no falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful.

What five?

Listening to *Dhamma* hypocritically, pre-positioned to fake enthusiasm, listening to *Dhamma* critical at heart, seeking the weak spots, Dhamma-teaching being beaten-back in a heart overpowered by obstructions, being stupid, a dull drivler being knowledge-proud, not knowing. These, beggars, are the things possessed of which, even hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be no falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful. "Five, beggars, are things possessed of which, if hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be falling in with the method of skillful things consummately delightful. Not listening to Dhamma hypocritically, not pre-positioned to fake enthusiasm, not listening to Dhamma critical at heart, not seeking the weak spots, Dhamma-teaching not being beaten-back in a heart overpowered by obstructions, being wise, no dull driveler, not being knowledge-proud not knowing. These, beggars, are the things possessed of which, if hearing the best of Dhammas, there will be falling in with the method of skillful things

consummately delightful.

AN 5.153

Once upon a time, Sāvatthī-town revisiting the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars there: "Beggars!" And the beggars responding "Bhante!" the Self-Awakened said: "Possessed by five things, beggars, a beggar has been overcome by the fearful. What five? In this case, beggars, a beggar is faithless, is without ethical standards, is unlearned, is lazy, is unwise. These then beggars, are the five things possessed by which a beggar has been overcome by the fearful. "Possessed by five things, beggars, a beggar is fearless. What five? In this case beggars, a beggar has faith, has ethical standards is learned, is of aroused energy, is wise. These then, beggars, are the five things possessed by which a beggar is fearless. AN 5.158

This occurred in Sāvatthī.

There then, Old Man Ānanda approached Old Man Sāriputta and drew near. Having drawn near, he gave greetings and well-wishes. Having exchanged greetings and well-wishes. he took a seat to one side. Seated to one side, then, Old Man Ānanda said this to Old Man Sāriputta: "Now then, friend Sāriputta, how does a beggar become quick-witted and expert at things, well-grasp the grasped, grasp much, and not lose memory of the grasped?" "Friend Ananda has heard much, then let this matter be made clear by him." "In that case, friend Sāriputta give ear, study well in mind, I will speak!" "Even so, friend' said Old Man Sāriputta to Old Man Ānanda in response." And Old Man Ānanda said this: "Here, friend Sāriputta, a beggar is expert at intents, expert at Dhamma, expert at root meanings expert in the letter

expert in what comes before and what comes after.

This, friend Sāriputta, is how a beggar, becomes quick-witted and expert at things, well-grasps the grasped, grasps much, and does not lose memory of the grasped.''

"How snappy friend!

How extraordinary friend!

How well set up

is this here

by Old Man Ānanda.

And we hold that these five things are possessed by Old Man Ānanda:

Old Man Ānanda is

expert at intents, expert at *Dhamma*, expert at root meanings expert in the letter expert in what comes before and what comes after.

AN 5.169

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņḍika's Park, came-a revisiting.

There, to the beggars gathered round, he said:

"Beggars!"

And: "Venerable!" the beggars gathered round responded. Then the Self-Awakened said: "Five, beggars, are the trades that should not be undertaken by a lay follower. What five? Trade in swords. trade in living beings, trade in limbs, trade in maddening drugs, trade in poisons. These are the five trades, beggars, that should not be undertaken by a lay follower." AN 5.177 Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņdika's Park, came-a revisiting. There, to the beggars gathered round, he said: "Beggars!" And the beggars gathered round responding: "Venerable!" the Self-Awakened said: "Five, beggars, are the dimensions making up the well-said, the not badly said, the blameless. unblamable by the wise. What five? What is said, is said at the right time. What is said,

is said truthfully. What is said, is said in a polished manner. What is said, is said sticking to the point. What is said, is said with a heart of friendly vibrations. These, beggars, are the dimensions making up the well-said, the not badly said, the blameless, unblamable by the wise." AN 5.198 Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņdika's Park, came-a revisiting. There, to the beggars gathered round, he said: "Beggars! There are five bad results from not brushing your teeth. What five? The vision is unclear. **Bad breath.** Sensitivity to the subtleties of taste is impaired. **One's food is contaminated** by phlegm and mucus.

And the enjoyment of food is diminished.

Indeed, beggars, these are five bad results from not brushing your teeth.

"Beggars!

There are five good results from brushing your teeth.

What five?

The vision is clear.

Sweet breath.

Sensitivity to the subtleties of taste.

One's food is not contaminated by phlegm and mucus.

And the enjoyment of food is undiminished.

Indeed, beggars, these are the five good results from brushing your teeth.''

AN 5.208

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņḍika's Park, came-a revisiting.

There, to the beggars gathered round, he said:

"Beggars!

There are five bad things about falling asleep absent-mindedly, unawares.

What five?

Unpleasant sleep.

Unpleasant re-awakening. Seeing bad dreams. Not being watched over by the gods. And that sweet whatchamacallum gets stiff. Indeed, beggars, these are five bad things about falling asleep absent-mindedly, unawares. "Beggars! There are five good things that happen falling asleep consciously, not unawares. What five? **Pleasant sleep.** Pleasant re-awakening. Not seeing bad dreams. Being watched over by the gods. And that sweet whatchamacallum does not get stiff. Indeed, beggars, these are five good things that happen falling asleep consciously, not unawares." AN 5.210

Once upon a time, the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town residing.

There then the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars gathered round:

"Beggars!"

And the beggars responding: "Venerable!" the Self-Awakened said this: "There are these five disadvantages of over-staying. What five? Having many possessions

accumulation of many possessions.

Having many medicinals accumulation of many medicinals.

Having many duties much to do being handy at what needs to be done.

Living with people with householders-homeleavers settling for householder-companionship.

And departing that residence, one departs that residence with-reluctance.

These, beggars, are the five disadvantages from over-staying.

There are these five advantages of regular habitat-rotation.

What five?

Not having many possessions not accumulating many possessions.

Not having many medicinals not accumulating many medicinals.

Not having many duties

not having much to do

or being handy

at what needs to be done.

Not living with people with householders-homeleavers not settling for householder-companionship.

And departing that residence, one departs that residence without-reluctance.

These, beggars, are the five advantages of regular habitat-rotation.''

Once upon a time, the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town residing.

There then

the Self-Awakened addressed the beggars gathered round:

"Beggars!"

And the beggars responding:

"Venerable!"

the Self-Awakened said this:

"There are these five disadvantages of over-staying.

What five?

Having residence-greed, having supporter-greed, having gains-greed, having status-greed, having Dhamma-greed.

These, beggars, are the five disadvantages from over-staying.

There are these five advantages of regular habitat-rotation.

What five?

Not having residence-greed, not having supporter-greed, not having gains-greed, not having status-greed, not having *Dhamma*-greed.

These, beggars,

are the five advantages of regular habitat-rotation."

AN 5.224

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņdika's Park, came-a revisiting. There, to the beggars gathered round, he said: "Beggars! There are five bad things about a black snake. What five? Uncleanliness. A foul smell. It belongs to anyone. It is easily frightened. And it is duplicitous with friends. Indeed, beggars, these are five bad things about a black snake **Beggars!** There are five bad things about the female gender. What five? Uncleanliness A foul smell. They'll belong to anyone. They are easily frightened. And they are duplicitous with friends. Indeed, beggars, these are five bad things about

the female gender."

AN 5.229

Once upon a time the Self-Awakened, Sāvatthi-town, Anāthapiņdika's Park, came-a revisiting. There, to the beggars gathered round, he said: "Beggars! There are five bad things about a black snake. What five? Its anger is uncontrolled. It carries a grudge. Its bite is deadly poison. It is forked tongued. And it is duplicitous with friends. Indeed, beggars, these are five bad things about a black snake "Beggars! There are five bad things about the female gender. What five? Uncontrolled anger. Vengefulness. A deadly poisonous bite. Forked-tongue speech. And duplicity with friends. Indeed, beggars, these are five bad things about the female gender.

Beggars! This is the deadly poison of womankind: they are almost always intensely passionate. **Beggars!** This is the forked tongue of womankind: they are almost always slanderous in speech. **Beggars!** This is the duplicity of womankind: they are almost always unfaithful." AN 5.230



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