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Book 2

I Hear Tell:

Once upon a time The Consummately Self-Awakened,

around-Sāvatthi revisiting,

Jeta-woods,

Anāthapiņ**dika's Park**.

There to the Beggars gathered round he said:

"Beggars!"

"Venerable!" the Beggars responded to The Consummately Self-Awakened.

The Consummately Self-Awakened then said:

"I will teach you rebounding conjuration

listen well,

pay attention,

I will speak."

"Even so, Venerable!"

the Beggars responded to The Consummately Self-Awakened.

The Consummately Self-Awakened then said:

"What then Beggars is rebounding conjuration?

Rebounding off blindness, beggars,

own-making

rebounding off own-making,

being conscious

rebounding off being conscious,

named-form

rebounding off named-form,

the six-realms

rebounding off the six-realms,

touch

rebounding off touch,

sensation

rebounding off sensation,

thirst

rebounding off thirst,

getting bound-up

rebounding off getting bound-up, existing rebounding off existing, birth rebounding off birth, aging and death grief and lamentation pain and misery and despair become one's own. Even so is this pile of pain made to be. Thus told, beggars, is its conjuration. But utterly-eradicating being blind, own-making is eradicated own-making eradicated, being conscious is eradicated being conscious eradicated. named-form is eradicated named-form eradicated, the six-realms are eradicated the six-realms eradicated. touch is eradicated touch eradicated. sensation is eradicated sensation eradicated, thirst is eradicated thirst eradicated, getting bound-up is eradicated getting bound-up eradicated, existing is eradicated existing eradicated, birth is eradicated birth eradicated, aging and death grief and lamentation

pain and misery and despair are uprooted. Even so is this pile of pain made to not be." That is what The Consummately Self-Awakened said. And, the Beggars, High-in-Mind at The Consummately Self-Awakened's exposition, were exceeding-pleased. SN 2.12.1 There to the Beggars gathered round he said: "Beggars!" And the beggars responding "Elder!" The Consummately Self-Awakened said this: "I will teach you, beggars, I will analyze for you, **Rebounding Conjuration.** Listen up! **Pay attention!** I will speak!" And the beggars responding "Very good, Bhante!", The Consummately Self-Awakened said: "And what, beggars is rebounding conjuration? Blindness, beggars, results in own-making; own-making results in consciousness; consciousness results in named-form; named-form

results in the six sense-realms; the six sense-realms result in contact; contact results in sense-experience; sense-experience results in hunger; hunger results in getting-bound-up; getting-bound-up results in existence; existence results in birth; birth results in aging and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery, and despair. Thus in this way this whole pile of pain arises to itself. This, beggars, is called its arising to itself. And what, beggars is 'aging and death'? Whatsoever for this or that being of this or that group of beings is aging, agedness, breaking, graying, wrinkling, diminishment of the lifespan, weakening of the powers, this, beggars, is called 'aging.' And what, beggars, is

death?

Whatsoever for this or that being of this or that group of beings is passing, passing away, breaking up, disappearance, death in the dying, finishing of the lifespan, breaking up of the stockpiles, laving down of the body, this, beggars is said to be 'death.' This is that aging and this that death. This is what is called 'aging and death'. And what, beggars, is 'birth'? Whatsoever for this or that being of this or that group of beings is birth, occurrence of individuality, regrouping of the stockpiles, appearance of the six sense spheres: this, beggars is said to be 'birth.' And what, beggars is 'Coming-to-be'? Three, beggars, are the comings-to-be: coming to be through the senses, coming to be in some visible shape, coming to be without a visible shape.

This is what is called 'coming to be'. And what, beggars, is 'getting-bound-up'? There are, beggars, these four getting-bound-ups: getting-bound-up in pleasures; getting-bound-up in views; getting-bound-up in ethics and rituals; getting-bound-up in self-experience. This is what is called 'getting-bound-up'. And what, beggars is 'hunger/thirst'? Six, beggars, embody hunger/thirst: hunger for the visible; hunger for the audible; hunger for the smellable; hunger for the tasteable; hunger for the tangible; hunger for the Dhamma. This, beggars, is what is called 'hunger'. And what, beggars is 'sense-experience'? Six, beggars, embody

sense-experience: contact born of the eye; contact born of the ear; contact born of the nose; contact born of the tongue; contact born of the body; contact born of the mind. This, beggars, is what is called 'sense-experience'. And what, beggars, is 'contact'? Six, beggars, embody contact: eye-contact; ear-contact; nose-contact; tongue-contact; body-contact; mind-contact. This, beggars, is what is called 'contact'. And what, beggars, are 'the six-sense-realms'? The realm of the eye; the realm of the ear; the realm of the nose;

the realm of the tongue; the realm of the body; the realm of the mind. This, beggars, is what is called 'the six-sense-realms.' And what, beggars, is 'named form?' Sensation; perception; intention; contact; work of mind. This is what is called 'name'. The four basic components and that which is derived from the four basic components. This is called 'form' This, then, is that 'name', this that 'form'. This is what is called 'named form' And what, beggars, is 'consciousness'? Six, beggars embody consciousness: eye-consciousness; ear-consciousness; nose-consciousness; tongue-consciousness; body-consciousness; mind-consciousness. This beggars

is what is called 'consciousness'. And what, beggars, is 'own-making'? Three, beggars, are the own-makings: bodily own-making, speech own-making, heart own-making. These, beggars are called 'own-makings'. And what, beggars is 'blindness'? Whatever is ignorance of pain, ignorance about the arising to itself of pain, ignorance about the ending of pain, ignorance about the walk to walk to the ending of pain. This is called 'blindness'. Thus then, beggars, blindness results in own-making; own-making results in consciousness; consciousness results in named-form; named-form results in the six sense-realms;

the six sense-realms result in contact: contact results in sense-experience; sense-experience results in hunger; hunger results in getting bound-up; getting bound-up results in existence; existence results in birth; birth rebounds as aging and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery, and despair. Thus in this way comes the arising to itself of this whole pile of pain. But the utter dispassionate ending of blindness ends own-making; own-making ending, ends consciousness; consciousness ending, ends named-form; named-form ending, ends the six sense-realms; the six sense-realms ending, ends contact; contact ending, ends sense-experience; sense-experience ending, ends hunger/thirst; hunger/thirst ending, ends getting bound-up; getting bound-up ending, ends existence;

existence ending, ends birth; birth ending, ends aging and death, grief and lamentation; pain and misery; and despair. Thus in this way comes the ending to itself of this whole pile of pain." SN 2.12.2 There then The Consummately Self-Awakened addressed the beggars, saying: "Beggars!" And the beggars responding "Bhante!" The Consummately Self-Awakened said this to them: "The misguided walk-to-walk, beggars, I will describe, and the consummate walk-to-walk. Give ear! Pay good attention! I will speak!" "Even so, Bhante!" the beggars responded to The Consummately Self-Awakened who then said: And what, beggars, is the misguided walk-to-walk? **Own-making** conditions individualized consciousness.

Individualized consciousness conditions named forms. Named forms condition the six realms. The six realms condition contact. Contact conditions sense-experience. **Sense-experience** conditions hunger/thirst. Hunger/thirst conditions getting bound up. Getting bound up conditions existence. Existence conditions birth. Birth conditions aging and death grief and lamentation, pain and misery, and despair. Thus is had the arising of this entire heap of painful ugly ukky k-kha. This, beggars, is what is called 'the misguided walk-to-walk.'

And what, beggars, is the consummate walk-to-walk? The remainderless dispassionate ending of blindness, ends own-making. **Ending own-making** ends individualized-consciousness. **Ending individualized-consciousness** ends named forms. **Ending named forms** ends the six realms. **Ending the six realms** ends contact. **Ending contact** ends sense-experience. **Ending sense experience** ends hunger/thirst. **Ending hunger/thirst** ends getting bound up. Ending getting bound up ends existence. **Ending existence** ends birth. **Ending birth** ends aging and death, grief and lamentation pain and misery, and despair. Thus is had the entire ending of arising with this heap of painful ugly ukky k-kha. This, beggars,

is what is called 'the consummate walk-to-walk.''' SN 2.12.3

Once upon a time The Consummately Self-Awakened, around-Sāvatthi-Town revisiting. There to the Beggars gathered round he said: "Beggars!" And the beggars responding "Bhante!", The Consummately Self-Awakened said: "Four, Beggars, are the foods of established living things, or for the assistance of beings seeking existence. What four? Made-edible food, substantial or subtle; contact is the second; intention the third: consciousness fourth. These then, beggars, are the four foods of established living things, or for the assistance of beings seeking existence." This said, the elder, Top-knot-Phagguna, said this to The Consummately Self-Awakened: "Now then who, Bhante, feeds on the consciousness food?" "Not a well put question,"

said The Consummately Self-Awakened. "I do not say: 'feeds on'. If I were to say: 'feeds on', this would be a well-put question: 'Now then who, Bhante, feeds on?' But I did not say this, and not having said this, it is thus that you should put this question: 'For what, Bhante, is there consciousness food?' That would be the well-put question. This would be the well-put response: 'Consciousness-food is employed for turning up in further-existence.' This living being is the six sense spheres; the six sense-spheres result in contact." "Now then who, Bhante, contacts?" "Not a well put question," said The Consummately Self-Awakened. "I do not say: 'contacts'. If I were to say: 'contacts', this would be

a well-put question: 'Who, Bhante, contacts?' But I did not say this, and not having said this, it is thus that you should put this question: 'What, Bhante, results in contact?' That would be the well-put question. This would be the well-put response: The six sense-spheres result in contact, contact results in sense-experience." "Who, Bhante, experiences?" "Not a well put question," said The Consummately Self-Awakened. "I do not say: 'experiences'. If I were to say: 'experiences', this would be a well-put question: 'Who, Bhante, experiences?' But I did not say this, and not having said this, it is thus that you should put this question: 'What, Bhante,

results in sense experience?' That would be the well-put question. This would be the well-put response: 'Contact results in sense experience, sense experience results in hunger-and-thirst.' "Who, Bhante, hungers?" "Not a well put question," said The Consummately Self-Awakened. "I do not say: 'hungers'. If I were to say: 'hungers', this would be a well-put question: 'Who, Bhante, hungers?' But I did not say this, and not having said this, it is thus that you should put this question: 'What. Bhante. results in hunger?' That would be the well-put question. This would be the well-put response: 'Sense experience results in

hunger, hunger results in getting bound-up.' "Who, Bhante, gets bound-up?" "Not a well put question," said The Consummately Self-Awakened. "I do not say: 'gets bound-up'. If I were to say: 'gets bound-up', this would be a well-put question: 'Who, Bhante, gets bound-up?' But I did not say this, and not having said this, it is thus that you should put this question: 'What, Bhante, results in getting bound-up?' That would be the well-put question. This would be the well-put response: Hunger results in getting bound-up, getting bound-up results in existence, existence results in birth, birth results in aging and death,

grief and lamentation pain and misery and despair. Such is the arising of this whole pile of pain.' But, Phagguna: with the utter-disappearance and ending of the spheres of contact contact ends; contact ending sense-experience ends, sense-experience ending, hunger ends, hunger ending, getting bound-up ends, getting bound-up ending, existence ends, existence ending, birth ends, birth ending, aging and death, grief and lamentation pain and misery and despair come to an end. Such is the ending of this whole pile of pain." SN 2.12.12

There then, the Ancient of the Clan Kaccayana approached The Consummately Self-Awakened and drew near. Having drawn near and given salutation, he took a seat to one side. Seated to one side then, the Ancient of the Clan Kakkayana

said this to The Consummately Self-Awakened: "Consummate view, consummate view', Bhante. is the saying. To what extent, then, Bhante, is there consummate view?" "Well, as to this, Kaccayana, the world is mostly split, adhering to 'this exists' or to 'this exists not'. But when, Kaccayana, the arising of the world is seen in its reality with consummate wisdom, one does not hold that 'this exists not'. When, Kaccayana, the ending of the world is seen in its reality with consummate wisdom one does not hold that 'this exists'. Then. as to this, Kaccayana, the world is mostly bound up down-bound up end down, but those who do not welcome, who do not take hold of the bias of a clinging and attached heart

do not think in terms of 'self' or 'my'. **Thinking:** 'Just pain arises in the arisen, pain passes away in the passed away,' he doubts not, nor wavers. Not following anyone else he knows this for himself. This far, Kaccāna, one has consummate view. 'Everything exists.' This, Kaccāna, is the first end. 'Nothing exists.' This is the second end. As to this, Kaccāna, The-Getter-of-the-Getting, not going towards either end teaches a 'middle-way' Dhamma: **Blindness conditions** own-making. **Own-making conditions** individualized consciousness. Individualized consciousness conditions named forms. Named forms condition the six realms. The six realms condition contact.

Contact conditions sense-experience. **Sense-experience conditions** hunger/thirst. **Hunger/thirst conditions** getting bound up. Getting bound up conditions existence. **Existence conditions** birth. **Birth conditions** aging and death grief and lamentation, pain and misery, and despair. Thus is had the arising of this entire heap of painful ugly ukky k-kha. But the remainderless dispassionate ending of blindness, ends own-making. **Ending own-making** ends individualized-consciousness. **Ending individualized-consciousness** ends named forms. **Ending named forms** ends the six realms. **Ending the six realms** ends contact. **Ending contact** ends sense-experience. **Ending sense experience** ends hunger/thirst. **Ending hunger/thirst**

ends getting bound up.

Ending getting bound up ends existence.

Ending existence ends birth.

Ending birth ends aging and death, grief and lamentation pain and misery, and despair.

Thus is had the entire ending of the arising of this heap of painful ugly ukky k-kha. SN 2.12.15

There then, a certain bhikkhu approached The Consummately Self-Awakened, gave salutation, and took a seat to one side.

So seated he said this to The Consummately Self-Awakened:

"'Dhamma-teacher, Dhamma-teacher' they say, Bhante.

To what extent, Bhante, could one be called a 'Dhamma-teacher?'''

If, beggar, a beggar teaches a *Dhamma* of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of aging and death, he is fit

to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If, beggar, a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of aging and death, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If, beggar, a beggar, through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of aging and death, sets on foot freedom, he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of birth, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of

existence, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of getting bound-up, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of thirst, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of sense experience, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of contact, he is fit to be called a

'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'.

If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of the realm of the senses, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of named-shapes, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of sense-consciousness, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma disgust with, dispassion for, ending of own-making, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar

teaches a Dhamma

disgust with, dispassion for, ending of blindness, he is fit to be called a 'Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of birth, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the *Dhamma* in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of existence, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of getting bound-up, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar

has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of thirst, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of sense experience, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of contact. he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of the realm of the senses, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.'

If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of named-shapes, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of sense-consciousness, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of own-making, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, ending of blindness. he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma

in the Dhamma.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of birth, sets on foot freedom, he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of existence, sets on foot freedom. he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of getting bound-up, sets on foot freedom. he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of thirst. sets on foot freedom, he is fit

to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of sense experience, sets on foot freedom. he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of contact, sets on foot freedom. he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of the realm of the senses, sets on foot freedom, he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of named-shapes, sets on foot freedom,

he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of sense-consciousness, sets on foot freedom. he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of own-making, sets on foot freedom. he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, ending of blindness, sets on foot freedom, he is fit to be called a 'this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.'" SN 2.12.16

There then, The Consummately Self-Awakened addressed the bhikkhus:

"Beggars!"

"Bhante!" the beggars responded and

The Consummately Self-Awakened said: "Diverted by blindness, beggars, to the foolish, yoked to thirst, this body appears owned. Thus it is that there is here this duality: this body and external named-forms a duality that results in contact of the six-sense-spheres wherewith, stimulated by one or another, the foolish experience pleasure and pain. Diverted by blindness, beggars, to the wise, yoked to thirst, this body appears owned. Thus it is that there is here this duality: this body and external named-forms a duality that results in contact of the six-sense-spheres wherewith, stimulated by one or another, the wise experience pleasure and pain. This being so, beggars, what is the distinction,

what the deeper consideration, what makes one so, and the other such: the foolish — the wise?" "For us, Bhante, The Consummately Self-Awakened gets to the root of things; The Consummately Self-Awakened is the guide; The Consummately Self-Awakened is the salvation. It would be well, Bhante, if The Consummately Self-Awakened were to reveal the point of this saying. Hearing it from The Consummately Self-Awakened the beggars would hold it in memory." "Then listen up beggars, pay good attention I will speak!" "Even so, Bhante!" The Consummately Self-Awakened then said to them: "By whatever diversion, beggars, the foolish are blinded, and by whatever thirst yoked to apparent ownership of body that blindness has not been let go, and that thirst has not been thoroughly slaked. How come?

The foolish, beggars, do not carry on the best carrying on for the consummate destruction of pain. Therefore the foolish, at the breakup of body, arise in a body. Arising in bodily existence, he is not free from birth aging and death grief and lamentation pain and misery and despair. He is not free from pain, say I. By whatever diversion, beggars, the wise are blinded, and by whatever thirst voked to apparent ownership of body that blindness has been let go, and that thirst has been thoroughly slaked. How come? The wise, beggars, carry on the best carrying on for the consummate destruction of pain. Therefore the wise, at the breakup of body, do not arise in a body. Not arising

in bodily existence, he is free from birth aging and death grief and lamentation pain and misery and despair. He is free from pain, I say. This, beggars, is the distinction the deeper consideration that makes one so, and the other such: the foolish — the wise." SN 2.12.19

There, to the Beggars gathered around, he said: "Beggars!" And the beggars responding: "Venerable!" The Consummately Self-Awakened said: "I say it is in knowing, beggars, in seeing, that the corrupting influences are destroyed, not without knowing, without seeing. And by knowing what, by seeing what,

are the corrupting influences destroyed? 'This is form, this is the arising to itself of form, this is the settling-down of form. This is sense-experience, this is the arising to itself of sense-experience, this is the settling-down of sense-experience. This is perception, this is the arising to itself of perception, this is the settling-down of perception. This is own-making, this is the arising to itself of own-making, this is the settling-down of own-making. This is consciousness, this is the arising to itself of consciousness, this is the settling-down of consciousness.' It is by this knowing then, beggars, by this seeing, that the corrupting influences are destroyed. I say, beggars, that whatever is the knowledge of the destruction of the destroyed

that it has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to this knowledge of destruction? 'It is freedom', let it be said. I say, beggars, that freedom too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to freedom? 'It is dispassion', let it be said. I say, beggars, that dispassion too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to dispassion? 'It is distaste', let it be said. I say, beggars, that distaste too has a precursor, is not without a precursor.

And what, beggars, is the precursor to distaste? 'It is knowledge and vision of life as it really is', let it be said. I say, beggars, that knowledge and vision of life as it really is too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to knowledge and vision of life as it really is? 'It is serenity', let it be said. I say, beggars, that knowledge and vision of serenity too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to serenity? 'It is pleasure', let it be said. I say, beggars,

that pleasure too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to pleasure? 'It is impassivity', let it be said. I say, beggars, that impassivity too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to impassivity? 'It is excitement', let it be said. I say, beggars, that excitement too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to excitement? 'It is happiness', let it be said. I say, beggars, that happiness too has a precursor, is not without a precursor.

And what, beggars, is the precursor to happiness? 'It is faith', let it be said. I say, beggars, that faith too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to faith? 'It is pain', let it be said. I say, beggars, that pain too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to pain? 'It is birth', let it be said. I say, beggars, that birth too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to birth? 'It is existence', let it be said.

I say, beggars, that existence too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to existence? 'It is getting bound-up', let it be said. I say, beggars, that getting bound-up too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to getting bound-up? 'It is hunger/thirst', let it be said. I say, beggars, that hunger/thirst too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to hunger/thirst? 'It is sensation', let it be said. I say, beggars, that sensation too has a precursor, is not without a precursor.

And what, beggars, is the precursor to

sensation? 'It is contact', let it be said. I say, beggars, that contact too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to contact? 'It is the six sense realms', let it be said. I say, beggars, that the six sense realms too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to The Six Sense Realms? 'It is named-form', let it be said. I say, beggars, that named-form too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to named-form? 'It is consciousness', let it be said. I say, beggars, that consciousness too has a

precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to consciousness? 'It is own-making', let it be said. I say, beggars, that own-making too has a precursor, is not without a precursor. And what, beggars, is the precursor to own-making? 'It is not having vision', let it be said. Thus then, beggars, not having vision precurses own-making, own-making precurses consciousness, consciousness precurses named-form, named-form precurses the six sense realms, the six sense realms precurses contact, contact precurses sensation, sensation precurses hunger/thirst, hunger/thirst precurses getting bound-up, getting bound-up precurses existence, existence

precurses birth, birth precurses pain, pain precurses faith, faith precurses happiness, happiness precurses excitement, excitement precurses impassivity, impassivity precurses pleasure, pleasure precurses serenity, serenity precurses knowledge and vision of life as it really is, knowledge and vision of life as it really is precurses distaste, distaste precurses dispassion, dispassion precurses freedom, freedom precurses knowledge of destruction. In the same way, beggars, as when the gods rain heavily down upon the mountains, the water goes down-slope to the mountain gullies, crevices and streamlets;

the gullies, crevices and streamlets being filled, it flows into the streams, the streams being filled, it flows into the creeks, the creeks being filled, it flows into the rivers, the rivers being filled, it flows into the great rivers, and the great rivers filled, it flows into the sea. Even so, beggars, not having vision precurses own-making, own-making precurses consciousness, consciousness precurses named-form, named-form precurses the six sense realms, the six sense realms precurses contact, contact precurses sensation, sensation precurses hunger/thirst, hunger/thirst precurses getting bound-up, getting bound-up precurses existence, existence precurses birth, birth precurses pain, pain precurses faith, faith precurses

happiness, happiness precurses excitement, excitement precurses impassivity, impassivity precurses pleasure, pleasure precurses serenity, serenity precurses knowledge and vision of life as it really is, knowledge and vision of life as it really is precurses distaste, distaste precurses dispassion, dispassion precurses freedom, freedom precurses knowledge of destruction." SN 2.12.23

There then, The Consummately Self-Awakened addressed the bhikkhus:

"Beggars!" "Bhante!" the beggars responded and The Consummately Self-Awakened said: "The result of blindness, beggars, is own-making; the result of own-making,

consciousness;

the result of consciousness, named-forms; the result of named-forms, the six sense-spheres; the result of the six sense-spheres, contact; the result of contact, sense-experience; the result of sense-experience, thirst; the result of thirst, getting bound-up; the result of getting bound-up, existing; the result of existing, birth; the result of birth, old-age and death, grief and lamentation pain and misery and despair. Thus the arising of this whole piled-up heap of pain. And what, beggars, is aging and death? Whatsoever in this or that being in this or that set body of beings is aging, being old, breaking down, graying, wrinkling of skin, diminishing vitality, the over-cooking of the forces,

this is what is called 'aging'. Whatsoever in this or that being in this or that set body of beings is termination, passing away, breaking off, losing hold, Death's bringing of death, having served one's time, the breaking up of the piled-up heap, giving up the corpse, the cutting off of the life forces, this is what is called 'death'. It is this aging and this death that is what is called 'aging and death.' Birth arising, aging and death arises birth ending, aging and death ends. And it is this Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way that is the path to walk to go to the ending of aging and death. That is to say: Consummate view,

consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity. And what, beggars, is birth? Whatsoever in this or that being in this or that set body of beings is birth, own-birth, occurrence, rolling-on in, rolling-on in upon, taking up existence in the piled-up heap, the regaining of the realms. This is what is called 'birth.' Existence arising, birth arises; existence ending, birth ends. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the path to walk to go to the ending of birth. That is to say: Consummate view,

consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity. And what, beggars, is existence? Three, beggars, are the existences: Sense-pleasure-existence, formed-existence. formless-existence. This is what is called 'existence.' Getting bound-up arising, existence arises; getting bound-up ending, existence ends. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the walk to walk to go to the ending of that is the path to walk. That is to say: Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity. And what, beggars, is getting bound-up? Four, beggars, are the bind-ups:

Getting bound up in sense-pleasures, getting bound up in views, getting bound up in ethical practices, getting bound up in experience of self. This is what is called 'getting bound-up.' Thirst arising, getting bound-up arises; thirst ending, getting bound-up ends. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the walk to walk to go to the ending of getting bound-up. That is to say: Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity. And what, beggars, is thirst? Six, beggars, are the thirsts: Visual objects-thirst, sounds-thirst, scents-thirst, savours-thirst, touches-thirst,

things-thirst. This is what is called 'thirst.' Sense-experience arising, thirst arises: sense-experience ending, thirst ends. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the walk to walk to go to the ending of thirst. That is to say: Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind. consummate serenity. And what, beggars, is sense-experience? Six, beggars, embody sense-experience: **Own-eye-contact** sense-experience, own-ear-contact sense-experience, own-nose-contact sense-experience, own-tongue-contact sense-experience, own-body-contact sense-experience, own-mind-contact sense-experience. This is what is called 'sense-experience.' Contact arising, sense-experience arises: contact ending,

sense-experience ends. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the walk to walk to go to the ending of sense-experience. That is to say: Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity. And what, beggars, is contact? Six, beggars, are the contacts: **Own-eye-contact**, own-ear-contact, own-nose-contact, own-tongue-contact, own-body-contact, own-mind-contact. This is what is called 'contact.' The six sense-realms arising, contact arises; the six sense-realms ending, contact ends. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the walk to walk to go to the ending of contact.

That is to say: Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works. consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity. And what, beggars, are 'the six sense-realms'? The realm of the eye, the realm of the ear, the realm of the nose. the realm of the tongue, the realm of the body, the realm of the mind. This is what is called 'the six sense-realms.' Named-forms arising, the six sense-realms appear; named-forms ending. the six sense-realm end. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the walk to walk

to go to the ending of the six sense-realms.

That is to say:

Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity.

And what, beggars, is 'named-form'? Sense-experience, perception, intent contact work of mind these are what is called 'name.' The four great elements and the forms supported by the four great elements, this is what is called 'form'. It is this 'name', and this 'form,' beggars, that is called 'named-form'. Consciousness arising, named-form appear; consciousness ending, named-form end. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the walk to walk to go to the ending of named-form. That is to say: Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle,

consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity.

And what, beggars, is 'consciousness'?

Eye-consciousness, ear-consciousness, nose-consciousness, tongue-consciousness, body-consciousness, mind-consciousness.

This is what is called 'consciousness'.

Own-making arising, consciousness arises; own-making ending, consciousness

ends.

And it is this Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way that is the walk to walk to go to the ending of consciousness.

That is to say:

Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind, consummate serenity. And what, beggars, is 'own-making'? Three, beggars, are own-makings: Bodily-own-making,

speech-own-making,

heart-own-making. This is what is called 'own-making'. Blindness arising, own-making arises; blindness ending, own-making ends. And it is this **Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional Way** that is the walk to walk to go to the ending of own-making. That is to say: Consummate view, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self-control, consummate mind. consummate serenity. Then, beggars, when the student of the Aristocrats thus understands results. thus understands the arising of results, thus understands the ending of results, thus understands the path to walk to go to the ending of results, such a student of the Aristocrats is called a view-winner, a getter of the true Dhamma.

a shaman who has got knowledge, a shaman who has got vision, an attainer of the *Dhamma*-ear, an aristocrat of penetrating wisdom who stands knocking at the door of the Deathless.''

There to the beggars gathered round he said:

"Four, beggars, are the foods for sustaining living beings or for the assistance of beings seeking to become.

What Four?

Material Food, hard or soft,

contact

for a second,

intentions

for a third,

consciousness

for a fourth.

And how, Beggars, is material food to be regarded?

Imagine, Beggars, a loving family of three: Father, Mother, and their only child, a newly born infant, dearly beloved. Then imagine this family has gotten itself lost in the desert, their food used up, tired, thirsty and hungry ... four, five, six days ... seven days ... eight days ... nine days ... ten days ... and maybe even longer ... but whatever the case, Beggars, there comes a time sooner or later when that Mother and Father decide. tearful and broken up in heart: 'Let us then use our only child, dearly beloved as food, so that we do not all perish!' And then they slay that child of theirs. that newly born infant, dearly beloved, and cutting it up they divide it into fresh pieces and pieces to be dried ... weeping and lamenting. And by eating this food, with tears in their eyes and sorrow in their hearts, they survive that desert and arrive safely back at their home. Although they might live many years longer, would they ever lose consciousness of the fact that they had slain their only child, a newly born infant, dearly beloved in order to survive? In the same way, Beggars, is material food to be regarded by you. "By one who understands material food in this way, the passions of the five senses are understood; when the passions of the five senses are understood: the yokes that bind to rebirth in this world have ceased to exist." And how, Beggars is the food that is sense stimulation to be considered? **Imagine a cow** with a sore hide. If she stands leaning against a wall the creatures living on the wall bite her: if she stands leaning against a tree, the creatures living on the tree bite her; whatever she leans against, there the creatures that live there bite her.

If she stands in the water. the creatures that live there bite her: if she stands in the open air, the creatures that live there bite her: wherever she stands, there the creatures that live there bite her. This is the way sense stimulation is to be considered. He who understands the food that is sense stimulation in this way understands the three sense experiences; when the three sense experiences are understood there is nothing more that needs to be done. And how is the food that is intention to be considered? Imagine a pit of smokeless charcoal. deeper than a man is tall, red hot, glowing, ablaze and here come some beggar who loves life, dislikes death, loves happiness, dislikes pain, and two strong men grab him one at each arm and drag him,

twisting this way and that, to that very pit of smokeless charcoal, deeper than a man is tall, red hot, glowing, ablaze. What do you think, beggars, would that man not wish to be out of that situation. out of the grip of those two strong men ... far from that place? And, how come? Because he would be thinking: 'Ho boy! I fall in with that pit of smokeless charcoal, deeper than a man is tall, red hot, glowing, ablaze, its death or excruciating deadly pain for me, for sure!' That's how come. This is the way intention is to be considered. When the food that is intention is understood, the three thirsts are understood; when the three thirsts are understood,

there is nothing more that needs to be done. And how is the food that is consciousness to be considered? Imagine a criminal who is brought before the king. The guards say: 'Your Highness, this is a robber, a thief, an evil-doer, a no-good, good for nuth'n, murder'n sum-gum fo shu. Let your Highness inflict upon him such punishment as he deserves.' So the king says: 'Take this man and bind him hand and foot and place him in a cart and parade him around town and then take him out the south gate and there cut him a hundred times.' And the guards do just that. Then at noon the King asks: 'How is that man?' And the guards respond: 'At this time he is still living, sir.' Then the king says: 'Well then,

cut this man another hundred times.' And the guards do that, and again at dusk the King asks: 'How is that man?' and the guards respond: 'At this time he is still living, sir.' And again the king commands that the guards cut him with another hundred cuts. What do you think about that? Would that man. thus cut 300 times experience death or excruciating deadly pains as a consequence? This is how the food that is consciousness is to be considered. When consciousness is considered in this way, named-form is understood and when named-form is understood there is nothing more that needs to be done." SN 2.12.63

"Four, beggars are the foods on which living beings stand or for assisting those seeking birth. What four? **Edible food** for one; sense stimulation for a second; intention for a third, and consciousness for a fourth. These four, beggars, are the foods on which living beings stand or for assisting those seeking birth. Where there is lust, beggars, for edible food, where there is delight, where there is hunger and thirst, this results in a stand for the growth of consciousness. Where there is a stand for the growth of consciousness, then there is the appearance of name and form. Where there is the appearance of name and form, then there is the sowing of own-making. Where there is

the sowing of own-making, then there is scope for the again-existence of further-return. Where there is scope for the again-existence of further-return, then there is scope for birth, aging and death. Where there is scope for birth, aging and death, it is with grief, beggars, with fear, it is not without trouble, say I. Where there is lust, beggars, for the food that is sense stimulation. where there is delight, where there is hunger and thirst, this results in a stand for the growth of consciousness. Where there is a stand for the growth of

consciousness, then there is the appearance of name and form. Where there is the appearance of name and form, then there is the sowing of own-making. Where there is the sowing of own-making, then there is scope for the again-existence of further-return. Where there is scope for the again-existence of further-return. then there is scope for birth, aging and death. Where there is scope for birth, aging and death, it is with grief, beggars, with fear, it is not without trouble, say I. Where there is lust, beggars, for the food that is intention,

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Where there is scope for the again-existence of further-return, then there is scope for birth, aging and death. Where there is scope for birth, aging and death, it is with grief, beggars, with fear, it is not without trouble, say I. In the same way, beggars as the dyer or the artist if there be dye of blood-red or deep yellow or deep blue or light red, and a well-polished slate or a wall or turban-cloth, could create thereon the form of a woman or the form of a man with all its limbs. Even so, beggars, where there is lust for edible food, where there is

delight, where there is hunger and thirst, this results in a stand for the growth of consciousness. Where there is a stand for the growth of consciousness, then there is the appearance of name and form. Where there is the appearance of name and form, then there is the sowing of own-making. Where there is the sowing of own-making, then there is scope for the again-existence of further-return. Where there is scope for the again-existence of further-return, then there is scope for birth, aging and death. Where there is scope for birth,

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the North and South and East, at sunrise the sun's rays entering through the window, reflect off what?" "Off the Western wall, Bhante." "And if there is no Western wall, beggars, off what does it reflect?" "Off the earth. Bhante." "And if there is no earth, beggars, off what does it reflect?" "Off the water. Bhante." "And if there is no water, beggars, off what does it reflect?" "It would not reflect, Bhante." "Even so, beggars, where there is no lust for edible food, where there is no delight, where there is no hunger and thirst, there is no stand for the growth of consciousness. Where there is no stand for the growth of consciousness, then there is no appearance of name and form.

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There then he says to the Beggars gathered round:

"A world of woe!" he says, "Woe is the World! To me, Beggars, while still a youth with coal black hair, not yet The SammāSamBuddhassa, still a *bodhisattva*, came the thought: 'This is a world of woe! Summed up, coming down to aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery and despair! Here in this world we have getting born and dying, reaching lofty states and being laid low, but where can we

find the escape from all this Du K-kha?' To me, Beggars, came the thought: 'What is there right here in front of our eyes that leads to aging and death?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: Where we have birth. there also we have aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery and despair. **Birth exists** here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that birth is necessary for the existence of all this pain. Without birth we would have no aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery and despair. But what can we do to escape birth?' Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there right here

in front of our eyes that leads to birth?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we have existence, there also we have birth. **Existence** is here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that existence is necessary for there to be birth. Without existence we would have no birth of any sort by any sort of individuality whether in hell or as a ghost or as a daemon or as man or as a god or in some wholly mental state. But what can we do to escape existence'? Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there right here in front of our eyes that leads to existing?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars,

I could see: 'Where we have getting bound-up, there also we have existing.' Getting bound-up is here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that getting bound-up is necessary for existence. Without continually getting bound-up in pleasure-seeking, effort to be, or effort to escape painful circumstances, we would have no existence whether as a being in hell or as a ghost or as a daemon or as man or as a god or as a wholly mental being. But what can we do to escape getting bound-up?' Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there right here in front of our eyes that leads to getting bound-up?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars,

I could see: 'Where we have hunger and thirst, there also we have getting bound-up.' Hunger and thirst exist here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that hunger and thirst is necessary for the existence of getting bound-up. Without hunger and thirst for pleasures, without hunger and thirst for existence, without hunger and thirst for escape from painful circumstances, we would have no getting bound-up in pleasure-seeking, effort to be or effort to escape painful circumstances. But what can we do to escape hunger and thirst'? Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there right here in front of our eyes that leads to hunger and thirst?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we have the experience of

sensations of pleasure or pain or neither pain nor pleasure, there also we have hunger and thirst.' The experience of sensations of pleasure or pain or neither pain nor pleasure exists here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that these sensations are the reason for the existence of hunger and thirst. Without the experience of sensations of pleasure or pain or neither pain nor pleasure we would have no hunger and thirst for pleasures, hunger and thirst for being, hunger and thirst for escape from painful circumstances. But what can we do to escape the experience of sensations of pleasure or pain or neither pain nor pleasure'? Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there

right here in front of our eyes that leads to the experience of sensations of pleasure or pain or neither pain nor pleasure?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we have contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object, there also we have the experience of sensations of pleasure or pain or neither pain nor pleasure. Contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object exists here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object is necessary for

the existence of the experience of sensations of pleasure or pain or neither pain nor pleasure. Without contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object we would have no experience of sensations of pleasure or pain or neither pain nor pleasure. But what can we do to escape contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object'? Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there right here in front of our eyes that leads to contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we have

envelopment in experience through the six senses, there also we have contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object. **Envelopment in** experience through the six senses exists here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that envelopment in experience through the six senses is necessary for the existence of contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object. Without envelopment in experience through the six senses we would have no contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object. But what can we do to escape envelopment in experience through the six senses'? Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there right here in front of our eyes that leads to envelopment in

experience through the six senses?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we have the inter-operation of names and forms, there also we have envelopment in experience through the six senses. The inter-operation of names and forms exists here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that the inter-operation of names and forms is necessary for the existence of envelopment in experience through the six senses. Without the inter-operation of names and forms we would have no envelopment in experience through the six senses. But what can we do to escape the inter-operation of names and forms?' Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there right here in front of our eyes that leads to the inter-operation of names and forms?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we have

sense consciousness, there also we have the inter-operation of names and forms. Sense consciousness exists here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that sense consciousness is necessary for the existence of the inter-operation of names and forms. Without sense consciousness, we would have no inter-operation of names and forms. But what can we do to escape sense consciousness?' Then this thought occurred to me: 'What is there right here in front of our eyes that leads to sense consciousness?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we have inter-operation of names and forms, there also we have sense consciousness. inter-operation of names and forms exists here in front of our eyes and we can see for ourselves that inter-operation of names and forms

is necessary for the existence of sense consciousness.

Without inter-operation of names and forms we would have no sense consciousness.

This sense consciousness, is delimited by the inter-operation of names and forms.

To have consciousness as an individual it is necessary to have the inter-operation of names and forms and it is not necessary to have anything more than the inter-operation of names and forms to have consciousness as an individual. It is only to this point that there is that which is understood to be 'a being,' 'a being born' aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery, and despair.' What I saw, Beggars, was that to have consciousness as an individual it is necessary to have the inter-operation of names and forms: To have

inter-operation of

names and forms it is necessary to have consciousness as an individual; To have envelopment in experience through the six senses it is necessary to have inter-operation of names and forms; To have contact between consciousness, sense organ and sense object it is necessary to have envelopment in experience through the six senses; **To have sensations** of pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure it is necessary to have contact between consciousness, sense organ and sense object; To have hunger and thirst for pleasures, being, and escape from unpleasant circumstances it is necessary to have sensations of pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure; To have getting bound-up in the form of

pleasure-seeking, effort to be and effort to escape unpleasant circumstances it is necessary to have hunger and thirst for pleasures, being, and escape from unpleasant circumstances; To have existence in any realm of existence as any sort of being it is necessary to have getting bound-up in the form of pleasure-seeking, effort to be and effort to escape unpleasant circumstances; To have birth in any realm of existence as any sort of being it is necessary to have the possibility of 'existence' in some realm of existence as some sort of being; To have aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery, and despair it is necessary to have birth in some realm of existence as some sort of being.

This is what gives rise to this whole mess of Dukkha. What I saw, Beggars was what had not been known before: the idea that 'this thing is generated by itself!' This Dukkha is a thing that is generated by itself! And at that I saw the light, I got the point, I had discovered the key and gained the wisdom: 'things are generated by themselves!' At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery and despair?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have birth in any realm of existence as any sort of being, there also we do not have aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation,

pain and misery and despair. It would take the elimination of birth in any realm of existence as any sort of being to eliminate aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery and despair. Without birth in any realm of existence as any sort of being there would be nothing to give rise to aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery and despair.' At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate birth in any realm of existence as any sort of being?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have existence in any realm of existence as any sort of being, there also we do not have birth in any realm of existence as any sort of being. It would take

the elimination of existence in any realm of existence as any sort of being to eliminate birth in any realm of existence as any sort of being.' At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate existence in any realm of existence as any sort of being?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have getting bound-up in pleasure-seeking, effort to be and effort to escape from unpleasant circumstances, there also we do not have existence in any realm of existence as any sort of being. It would take the elimination of getting bound-up in pleasure-seeking, effort to be and effort to escape from unpleasant circumstances to eliminate existence in any realm of existence as any sort of being.' At that point, Beggars,

came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate getting bound-up in pleasure-seeking, effort to be and effort to escape from unpleasant circumstances?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have hunger and thirst for pleasures, hunger and thirst for existence, and hunger and thirst for escape from unpleasant circumstances, there also we do not have getting bound-up in pleasure-seeking, effort to be and effort to escape from unpleasant circumstances. It would take the elimination of hunger and thirst for pleasures, hunger and thirst for existence, and hunger and thirst for escape from unpleasant circumstances to eliminate getting bound-up in pleasure-seeking, effort to be and effort to escape from

unpleasant circumstances.' At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate hunger and thirst for pleasures, hunger and thirst for existence, and hunger and thirst for escape from unpleasant circumstances?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have sensations of pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure, there also we do not have hunger and thirst for pleasures, hunger and thirst for existence, and hunger and thirst for escape from unpleasant circumstances. It would take the elimination of sensations of pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure to eliminate hunger and thirst for pleasures, hunger and thirst for existence, and

hunger and thirst for escape from unpleasant circumstances.' At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate sensations of pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object, there also we do not have sensations of pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure. It would take the elimination of contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object to eliminate sensations of pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure.'

At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have envelopment in experience through the six senses, there also we do not have contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object. It would take the elimination of envelopment in experience through the six senses to eliminate contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object.' At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take

to eliminate envelopment in experience through the six senses?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have sense consciousness. there also we do not have envelopment in experience through the six senses. It would take the elimination of sense consciousness to eliminate envelopment in experience through the six senses.' At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate envelopment in experience through the six senses?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have inter-operation of names and forms. there also we do not have envelopment in experience through the six senses. It would take

the elimination of inter-operation of names and forms to eliminate envelopment in experience through the six senses.' At that point, Beggars, came the thought: 'What would it take to eliminate inter-operation of names and forms?' Tracking this down to its point of origin, Beggars, I could see: 'Where we do not have sense consciousness, there also we do not have inter-operation of names and forms. It would take the elimination of sense consciousness to eliminate inter-operation of names and forms.' What I saw, Beggars, was that the inter-operation of names and forms is eliminated when sense consciousness is eliminated; Sense consciousness is eliminated when the inter-operation of names and forms

is eliminated; **Envelopment** in experience through the six senses is eliminated when the inter-operation of names and forms is eliminated; Contact in the form of the coming together of consciousness, sense organ and sense object is eliminated when envelopment in experience through the six senses is eliminated; **Sensations of** pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure are eliminated when contact is eliminated; Hunger and thirst for pleasures, hunger and thirst for existence, and hunger and thirst for escape from unpleasant circumstances is eliminated when sensations of pleasure and pain and of neither pain nor pleasure

are eliminated; The bind-ups of pleasure-seeking, effort to be and effort to escape from unpleasant circumstances are eliminated when hunger and thirst for pleasures hunger and thirst for being, and hunger and thirst for escape from unpleasant circumstances is eliminated; **Existing** in any realm of existence as any sort of being is eliminated when bind-ups are eliminated; **Birth** in any realm of existence as any sort of being is eliminated when existence in any realm of existence as any sort of being is eliminated. Aging, sickness and death, grief and lamentation, pain and misery and despair are eliminated when birth in any realm of existence as any sort of being is eliminated.

This is how this whole *Dukkha* mess is eliminated! "What I saw, Beggars was what had not been known before: The idea that 'it can be eliminated!' This Dukkha is a thing that can be eliminated. And at that I saw the light, I got the point, I had discovered the key and gained the wisdom: 'these things can be eliminated!' In the same way as if a man who was crossing through the jungle were to come across an ancient path, one walked by the Old Timers, and taking that path, traveling along that path a while. he were to come across an ancient citadel, the fortified inner city of some Ancient King, complete with pleasure gardens, orchards, ponds, and ancient ruins ... a really splendid old place. Then. taking this discovery to the King and

describing its wonders and swearing to being an eye-witness to its existence, he begs of the king that he restore this citadel to its former glory. And that the king does, and thereafter that citadel becomes populous and comes to growth and prosperity as in ancient times gone by. In the same way, Beggars, I have seen an ancient path traversed by old-time men of knowledge in days gone by. And what is that path? It is this very Aristocratic Eight-Dimensional High Way, that is: Consummate views, consummate principles, consummate talk, consummate works, consummate lifestyle, consummate self control, consummate mind. consummate serenity. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know aging and death, I came to know what gives rise to

aging and death, I came to know what eliminates aging and death, I came to know the way to the ending of aging and death. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know birth, I came to know what gives rise to birth, I came to know what eliminates birth. I came to know the way to the ending of birth. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know existence, I came to know what gives rise to existence, I came to know what eliminates existence, I came to know the way to the ending of existence. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know getting bound-up, I came to know what gives rise to getting bound-up, I came to know what eliminates

getting bound-up, I came to know the way to the ending of getting bound-up. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know hunger and thirst, I came to know what gives rise to hunger and thirst, I came to know what eliminates hunger and thirst, I came to know the way to the ending of hunger and thirst. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know sensations. I came to know what gives rise to sensations, I came to know what eliminates sensations. I came to know the way to the ending of sensations. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know contact, I came to know what gives rise to contact, I came to know what eliminates contact, I came to know the way to the ending of

contact.

Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know envelopment in the six senses, I came to know what gives rise to envelopment in the six senses, I came to know what eliminates envelopment in the six senses, I came to know the way to the ending of envelopment in the six senses. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know the inter-operation of names and forms. I came to know what gives rise to the inter-operation of names and forms, I came to know what eliminates the inter-operation of names and forms. I came to know the way to the ending of the inter-operation of names and forms. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know sense consciousness. I came to know what gives rise to sense consciousness, I came to know what eliminates sense consciousness, I came to know

the way to the ending of sense consciousness. Traveling that path, Beggars, I came to know the own-making of the world, I came to know what gives rise to the own-making of the world, I came to know what eliminates the own-making of the world, I came to know the way to the ending of the own-making of the world. What I came to know, Beggars, I taught to the beggars, to the sisters, to the laymen and laywomen, that is to say, this living of a god-like life has been made known by me, and has become great and prosperous and has spread far and wide." SN 2.12.65

Old Man Sāriputta and Old Man Mahā-Koṭṭhita were once revisiting Benares, in Isipatana, in Antelope Wood.

Now Old Man Mahā-Koṭṭhita rising from his solitary abiding towards evening approached Old Man Sāriputta. Exchanging friendly greetings with him and the compliments of courtesy, he sat down at one side.

So seated he said to Old Man Sāriputta: "How now, friend Sāriputta, is aging and death one's own, is aging and death another's, is aging and death one's own and another's, is aging and death not one's own, not another's, but arises on its own?" "It is not, friend Kotthita, that aging and death is one's own. It is not, friend Kotthita, that aging and death is another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that aging and death is one's own and another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that aging and death is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own. But it is just that aging and death depends on birth." "How now, friend Sāriputta, is birth one's own, is birth another's, is birth one's own and another's, is birth not one's own, not another's, but arises on its own?" "It is not, friend Kotthita, that birth is one's own. It is not, friend Kotthita, that birth is another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that birth is one's own and another's.

It is not, friend Kotthita, that birth is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own. But it is just that birth depends on existing.". "How now, friend Sāriputta, is existing one's own, is existing another's, is existing one's own and another's, is existing not one's own, not another's, but arises on its own? It is not, friend Kotthita, that existing is one's own. It is not, friend Kotthita, that existing is another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that existing is one's own and another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that existing is not one's own and not another's. but arises on its own. But it is just that existing depends on getting bound-up." "How now, friend Sāriputta, is getting bound-up one's own, is getting bound-up another's, is getting bound-up one's own and another's, is getting bound-up not one's own, not another's. but arises on its own?" "It is not, friend Kotthita, that getting bound-up is one's own. It is not, friend Kotthita, that getting bound-up is another's.

It is not, friend Koțțhita, that getting bound-up is one's own and another's.

It is not, friend Koṭṭhita, that getting bound-up is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own.

But it is just that getting bound-up depends on thirst.''

"How now, friend Sāriputta,

is thirst one's own,

is thirst another's,

is thirst one's own and another's,

is thirst not one's own,

not another's,

but arises on its own?"

"It is not, friend Koțțhita, that thirst is one's own.

It is not, friend Koțțhita, that thirst is another's.

It is not, friend Koțțhita, that thirst is one's own and another's.

It is not, friend Koṭṭhita, that thirst is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own.

But it is just that thirst depends on experience.''

"How now, friend Sāriputta, is experience one's own, is experience another's, is experience one's own and another's, is experience not one's own, not another's, but arises on its own?"

"It is not, friend Koțțhita,

that experience is one's own. It is not, friend Kotthita, that experience is another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that experience is one's own and another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that experience is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own. But it is just that experience depends on contact." "How now, friend Sāriputta, is contact one's own, is contact another's, is contact one's own and another's, is contact not one's own, not another's. but arises on its own?" "It is not, friend Kotthita, that contact is one's own. It is not, friend Kotthita, that contact is another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that contact is one's own and another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that contact is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own. But it is just that contact depends on the realm of the senses." "How now, friend Sāriputta, is the realm of the senses one's own, is the realm of the senses another's, is the realm of the senses one's own and another's, is the realm of the senses not one's own, not another's,

but arises on its own?"

"It is not, friend Koṭṭhita, that the realm of the senses is one's own.

It is not, friend Koțțhita, that the realm of the senses is another's.

It is not, friend Kotthita, that the realm of the senses is one's own and another's.

It is not, friend Koṭṭhita, that the realm of the senses is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own.

But it is just that the realm of the senses depends on named-forms.''

"How now, friend Sāriputta,

are named-forms one's own,

are named-forms another's,

are named-forms one's own and another's,

is the realm of the senses not one's own,

not another's,

but arises on its own?"

"It is not, friend Koțțhita, that named-forms are one's own.

It is not, friend Koțțhita, that named-forms are another's.

It is not, friend Koțțhita, that named-forms are one's own and another's.

It is not, friend Koṭṭhita, that named-forms are not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own.

But it is just that named-forms depend on consciousness.''

"How now, friend Sāriputta, is consciousness one's own, is consciousness another's,

is consciousness one's own and another's, is consciousness not one's own, not another's. but arises on its own?" "It is not, friend Kotthita, that consciousness is one's own. It is not, friend Kotthita, that consciousness is another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that consciousness is one's own and another's. It is not, friend Kotthita, that consciousness is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own. But it is just that consciousness depends on named-forms." "But then we have understood friend Sāriputta to have spoken thus: 'It is not, friend Kotthita, that named-forms are one's own; it is not, friend Kotthita, that named-forms are another's; it is not, friend Kotthita, that named-forms are one's own and another's; it is not, friend Kotthita, that named-forms are not one's own and not another's. but arises on its own; but it is just that named-forms depend on consciousness.' And we have understood friend Sāriputta to have further spoken thus: 'It is not, friend Kotthita, that consciousness is one's own: it is not, friend Kotthita,

that consciousness is another's;

it is not, friend Kotthita, that consciousness is one's own and another's, it is not, friend Kotthita, that consciousness is not one's own and not another's, but arises on its own; but it is just that consciousness depends on named-forms.' How then are we to construct this so as to see the meaning of what friend Sāriputta has said?" "In this case, friend, I will give you a simile. It is upon comprehending a simile that some persons grasp the meaning of what is said. Imagine, friend, two sheaves of reeds the one leaning against the other. In the same way, friend, consciousness depends on named-forms. named-forms depend on consciousness. the realm of the senses depends on named-forms, contact depends on the realm of the senses, experience depends on contact, thirst depends on experience, getting bound-up

depends on thirst, existing depends on getting bound-up, birth depends on existing, aging and death depend on birth and that is the coming into existence of grief and lamentation, pain and misery, and despair. Thus is it that this entire heap of pain arises. If, however, friend, I were to remove one of those sheaves of reeds the other would fall down if I were to remove the other the first would fall down. In the same way, friend, ending named-forms ends consciousness, ending consciousness ends named-forms, ending named-forms ends the realm of the senses. ending the realm of the senses ends contact, ending contact ends experience, ending experience ends thirst, ending thirst

ends getting bound-up, ending getting bound-up ends existing, ending existing ends birth ending birth is the ceasing of aging and death grief and lamentation, pain and misery, and despair." "How snappy, friend Sāriputta! How colossal, friend Sāriputta! How well-said is this that was said by Old Man Sāriputta. And I further rejoice in how well-said by Old Man Sāriputta, are these thirty-six proclamations: If, friend, a beggar, teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of aging and death, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of birth, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of

disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of existence, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of getting bound-up, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of thirst. he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of experience, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of contact, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of the realm of the senses,

he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of named-forms, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of consciousness, he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of own-making. he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If a beggar teaches a Dhamma of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of blindness. he is fit to be called 'a Dhamma-teaching Bhikkhu'. If, friend, a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of aging and death, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with,

dispassion for, the ending of birth, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of existence, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of getting bound-up, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of thirst, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of experience, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of contact, he is fit to be called

'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.'

If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of the realm of the senses, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of named-forms. he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of consciousness. he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of own-making, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If a beggar has walked the walk of disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of blindness, he is fit to be called 'a bhikkhu that lives the Dhamma in the Dhamma.' If, friend, a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of

aging and death, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of birth, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of existence, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of getting bound-up, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of thirst. he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-*Nibbāna*-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of experience, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with,

dispassion for, the ending of contact, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of the realm of the senses, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of named-forms. sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of consciousness, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of own-making, sets on foot freedom he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-Nibbāna-holder.' If a beggar through disgust with, dispassion for, the ending of blindness. sets on foot freedom

he is fit to be called 'an in this-seen-thing-*Nibbāna*-holder.''' SN 21267

Once upon a time, The Consummately Self-Awakened, round Sāvatthi revisiting, Jeta woods, Anāthapiņdika's park There, The Consummately Self-Awakened raised up an itty-bitti-bit-a dust on a nail-tip and said to the Beggars: "Now what do you think, Beggars? Which is the greater, that bit of dust I have taken and raised up on my nail-tip or this great Earth?" "That which is greater, Bhante, is this great Earth of small measure is that bit of dust The Consummately Self-Awakened has raised up on his nail-tip not even a hundredth part does it come to, not a thousandth part, not a hundred-thousandth part does that bit of dust The Consummately Self-Awakened has raised up on his nail-tip come to compared with this Great Earth." "Even so, Beggars, the noble listener

succeeding in view, a person who has overcome, has thoroughly burnt off, thoroughly given up that which is the greater pain, of small measure is that which remains not even a hundredth part does it come to, not a thousandth part, not a hundred-thousandth part does it come to; being here seven more times tops, is of small measure compared to that former pile of du-k-kha of his which has been thoroughly burnt off, thoroughly given up. Such a great attainment is it beggars, this higher connection to Dhamma. such a great attainment is it, this gaining the eye of Dhamma." SN 2.13.1

"I will point out to you the diversity of data, beggars, give ear, pay attention, I will speak!" "Say on, elder!" said the beggars to The Consummately Self-Awakened in response. The Consummately Self-Awakened said this: "And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Eye data, form data, eye-consciousness data; ear data, sound data, ear-consciousness data; nose data. scent data, nose-consciousness data; tongue data, taste data, tongue-consciousness data; body data, touch data. body-consciousness data; mind data, things data, mind-consciousness data. These beggars, are what are called the diverse data. SN 2.14.1 "The diversity of data, beggars,

results in the production of the diverse own-touches. And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Eye data ear data, nose data, tongue data, body data, mind data. These beggars, are what are called the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse own-touches that come to be as the result of the diversity of data? Eye data, beggars results in the production of own-eye-touch, ear data results in the production of own-ear-touch, nose data results in the production of own-nose-touch, tongue data results in the production of own-tongue-touch, body data results in the production of own-body-touch, mind data results in the production of own-mind-touch. Such then, beggars,

are the diverse own-touches that come to be as the result of the diverse data. _{SN 2.14.2}

"It is the diversity of data, beggars, that results in the production of the diverse own-touches, it is not that the diversity of own-touches results in the production of diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Eve data ear data, nose data, tongue data, body data, mind data. These beggars, are what is called the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse own-touches that come to be as a result of the diverse data, what are the diverse data that do not come to be as a result of the diverse own-touches? **Own-eye-touch**, beggars, comes to be

as a result of eye data, it is not that eye data comes to be as a result of own-eye-touch, own-ear-touch, beggars, comes to be as a result of ear data, it is not that ear data comes to be as a result of own-ear-touch, own-nose-touch, beggars, comes to be as a result of nose data, it is not that nose data comes to be as a result of own-nose-touch, own-tongue-touch, beggars, comes to be as a result of tongue data, it is not that tongue data comes to be as a result of own-tongue-touch, own-body-touch, beggars, comes to be as a result of body data, it is not that

body data comes to be as a result of own-body-touch, own-mind-touch, beggars, comes to be as a result of mind data, it is not that mind data comes to be as a result of own-mind-touch. Such then, beggars, are the diverse own-touches that come to be as a result of the diverse data. the diverse data that do not come to be as a result of the diverse own-touches." SN 2.14.3

"I will teach you, my friends, about the diverse data, the descriptive identifying characteristics into which all things can be divided, lend an ear, pay attention, I will explain. These are the varieties of data into which all things

can be divided: Data related to the eye, data related to visible objects, data related to consciousness of sight; Data related to the ear, data related to hearable objects, data related to consciousness of hearing; Data related to the nose, data related to smellable objects, data related to consciousness of scents; Data related to the tongue, data related to tasteable objects, data related to consciousness of taste; Data related to the body, data related to touchable objects, data related to consciousness of touch; Data related to the mind, data related to cognizable objects, data related to consciousness of things; These are the varieties of

data into which all things can be divided. The varieties of data can be divided into data relating to the internal, personal, subjective and data relating to the external, impersonal, objective. And what, friends, are the varieties of internal data? Data related to the eve data related to the ear, data related to the nose, data related to the tongue, data related to the body, data related to the mind. Such, friends, are the varieties of internal data. It is the diversity of data that results in the diversity of internal experiences contacted by the individual. And what, friends, are the diverse internal experiences contacted by the individual that result from the diversity of data? Data related to the eye result in the individual experiencing contact related to the eye. Data related to the ear result in the individual experiencing contact related to the ear. Data related to the nose result in the individual experiencing contact related to the nose. Data related to the tongue result in the individual experiencing contact related to the tongue. Data related to the body result in the individual experiencing

contact related to the body. Data related to the mind result in the individual experiencing contact related to the mind. Such, friends, are the diverse internal experiences contacted by the individual that result from the diversity of data. It is the diversity of data that results in the diversity of internal experiences contacted by the individual. It is not that the diversity of internal experiences contacted by the individual results in the diversity of data. And what are the diverse internal experiences contacted by the individual that do not result in the diverse data? The diversity of data related to the eye results in the experience of data related to the eye

contacted by the individual; it is not that the experience of data related to the eye contacted by the individual results in the diversity of data related to the eye. The diversity of data related to the ear results in the experience of data related to the ear contacted by the individual; it is not that the experience of data related to the ear contacted by the individual results in the diversity of data related to the ear. The diversity of data related to the nose results in the experience of data related to the nose contacted by the individual: it is not that the experience of data related to the nose contacted by the individual results in the diversity of data related to the nose.

The diversity of data related to the tongue results in the experience of data related to the tongue contacted by the individual; it is not that the experience of data related to the tongue contacted by the individual results in the diversity of data related to the tongue. The diversity of data related to the body results in the experience of data related to the body contacted by the individual; it is not that the experience of data related to the body contacted by the individual results in the diversity of data related to the body. The diversity of data related to the mind results in the experience of data related to the mind contacted by the individual; it is not that the experience of

data related to the mind contacted by the individual results in the diversity of data related to the mind. Such are the diverse internal experiences contacted by the individual that do not result in the diverse data. The diversity of data, friends, results in the diversity of internal contacts, the diversity of internal contacts results in the diversity of internal sensations of pain or pleasure or of sensations that are not painful but not pleasurable experienced by the individual. And what are the diverse data that result in the diverse internal contacts, the diverse internal contacts that result in the diverse internal contacts with sensations? Data relating to the eye, friends, results in internal contact with

data relating to the eye, internal contact with data relating to the eye results in internal contact with sensations relating to the eye. Data relating to the ear results in internal contact with data relating to the ear, internal contact with data relating to the ear results in internal contact with sensations relating to the ear. Data relating to the nose results in internal contact with data relating to the nose, internal contact with data relating to the nose results in internal contact with sensations relating to the nose. Data relating to the tongue results in internal contact with data relating to the tongue, internal contact with data relating to the tongue results in internal contact with sensations relating to the tongue. Data relating to the body results in

internal contact with data relating to the body, internal contact with data relating to the body results in internal contact with sensations relating to the body. Data relating to the mind results in internal contact with data relating to the mind, internal contact with data relating to the mind results in internal contact with sensations relating to the mind. Such are the diverse data that result in the diverse internal contacts, the diverse internal contacts that result in the diverse internal contacts with sensations. It is the diversity of data, friends, that results in the diversity of internal contacts, the diversity of internal contacts that results in the diversity of internal sensations. It is not that the diversity of internal sensations results in

the diversity of internal contacts, it is not that the diversity of internal contacts results in the diversity of data. And what are the diverse internal sensations that do not result in the diverse internal contacts, the diverse internal contacts that do not result in the diverse data? Data relating to the eye, friends, results in internal contact with data relating to the eye, internal contact with data relating to the eve results in internal contact with sensations relating to the eye; it is not that internal contact with sensations relating to the eye result in internal contact with data relating to the eye, it is not that internal contact with data relating to the eye results in data relating to the eye. Data relating to the ear results in internal contact with

data relating to the ear, internal contact with data relating to the ear results in internal contact with sensations relating to the ear; it is not that internal contact with sensations relating to the ear result in internal contact with data relating to the ear, it is not that internal contact with data relating to the ear results in data relating to the ear. Data relating to the nose results in internal contact with data relating to the nose, internal contact with data relating to the nose results in internal contact with sensations relating to the nose; it is not that internal contact with sensations relating to the nose result in internal contact with data relating to the nose, it is not that internal contact with data relating to the nose results in

data relating to the nose. Data relating to the tongue results in internal contact with data relating to the tongue, internal contact with data relating to the tongue results in internal contact with sensations relating to the tongue; it is not that internal contact with sensations relating to the tongue result in internal contact with data relating to the tongue, it is not that internal contact with data relating to the tongue results in data relating to the tongue. Data relating to the body results in internal contact with data relating to the body, internal contact with data relating to the body results in internal contact with sensations relating to the body; it is not that internal contact with sensations relating to the body result in internal contact with data relating to the body,

it is not that internal contact with data relating to the body results in data relating to the body. Data relating to the mind results in internal contact with data relating to the mind, internal contact with data relating to the mind results in internal contact with sensations relating to the mind; it is not that internal contact with sensations relating to the mind results in internal contact with data relating to the mind, it is not that internal contact with data relating to the mind results in data relating to the mind. Such are the diverse internal sensations that do not result in the diverse internal contacts, the diverse internal contacts that do not result in the diverse data.

Such, friends, are the varieties of data relating to the internal, personal, subjective. And what, friends, are the various fundamental categories into which the external data can be divided? Data related to visible objects; Data related to hearable objects; Data related to smellable objects; Data related to tasteable objects; Data related to touchable objects; Data related to cognizable objects. Such are the various fundamental categories into which the external data can be divided. The diversity of data, friends, results in the diversity of perceptions, the diversity of

perceptions results in the diversity of principles, the diversity of principles results in the diversity of wishes, the diversity of wishes results in the diversity of passions, the diversity of passions results in the diversity of quests. And what, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the diversity of perceptions, the diversity of perceptions that result in the diversity of principles, the diversity of principles that result in the diversity of wishes, the diversity of wishes that result in the diversity of passions, the diversity of

passions that result in the diversity of quests? Data related to form, friends, results in perception related to form, perception of form results in principles related to form, principles related to form result in wishes related to form, wishes related to form result in passions related to form, passions related to form result in quests related to form. Data related to hearable objects, friends, results in perception related to hearable objects, perception of hearable objects results in principles related to hearable objects, principles related to hearable objects

result in wishes related to hearable objects, wishes related to hearable objects result in passions related to hearable objects, passions related to hearable objects result in quests related to hearable objects. Data related to tasteable objects, friends, results in perception related to tasteable objects, perception of tasteable objects results in principles related to tasteable objects, principles related to tasteable objects result in wishes related to tasteable objects, wishes related to tasteable objects result in passions related to tasteable objects, passions related to tasteable objects result in quests related to tasteable objects. Data related to smellable objects, friends, results in

perception related to smellable objects, perception of smellable objects results in principles related to smellable objects, principles related to smellable objects result in wishes related to smellable objects, wishes related to smellable objects result in passions related to smellable objects, passions related to smellable objects result in quests related to smellable objects. Data related to touchable objects, friends, results in perception related to touchable objects, perception of touchable objects results in principles related to touchable objects, principles related to touchable objects result in wishes related to touchable objects, wishes related to touchable objects result in passions related to touchable objects, passions

related to touchable objects result in quests related to touchable objects. Data related to cognizable objects, friends, results in perception related to cognizable objects, perception of cognizable objects results in principles related to cognizable objects, principles related to cognizable objects result in wishes related to cognizable objects, wishes related to cognizable objects result in passions related to cognizable objects, passions related to cognizable objects result in quests related to cognizable objects." SN 2.14.3 Alternate Translation.

"The diversity of data, beggars, results in the production of the diverse own-touches, the diversity of own-touches results in the production of the diverse

sensations. And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Eve data ear data, nose data. tongue data, body data, mind data. These beggars, are what are called the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse own-touches, the diverse own-touches that result in the production of the diverse sensations? Eye data, beggars, results in the production of eye own-touch, eve own-touch results in the production of eve own-touch sensation. Ear data, beggars, results in the production of ear own-touch, ear own-touch results in the production of ear own-touch

sensation.

Nose data, beggars, results in the production of nose own-touch, nose own-touch results in the production of nose own-touch sensation. Tongue data, beggars, results in the production of tongue own-touch, tongue own-touch results in the production of tongue own-touch sensation. Body data, beggars, results in the production of body own-touch, body own-touch results in the production of body own-touch sensation. Mind data, beggars, results in the production of mind own-touch, mind own-touch results in the production of mind own-touch sensation. Such then, beggars, are the diverse data

that result in the production of the diverse own-touches, the diverse own-touches that result in the production of the diverse sensations.''

"It is

the diversity of data, beggars, that results in the production of the diverse own-touches, the diversity of own-touches that results in the production of the diverse sensations; it is not that the diversity of sensations results in the production of the diverse own-touches, it is not that the diversity of own-touches results in the production of the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Eve data ear data, nose data, tongue data, body data, mind data.

These beggars, are what are called the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse own-touches, the diverse own-touches that result in the production of the diverse sensations; what are the diverse sensations that do not result in the production of the diverse own-touches, what are the diverse own-touches that do not result in the production of the diverse data? Eye data, beggars, results in the production of eye own-touch, eye own-touch results in the production of eve own-touch sensation. It is not eve own-touch sensation that results in the production of eye own-touch, it is not

eye own-touch that results in the production of eye data. Ear data, beggars, results in the production of ear own-touch, ear own-touch results in the production of ear own-touch sensation. It is not ear own-touch sensation that results in the production of ear own-touch, it is not ear own-touch that results in the production of ear data. Nose data, beggars, results in the production of nose own-touch, nose own-touch results in the production of nose own-touch sensation. It is not nose own-touch sensation that results in the production of nose own-touch, it is not nose own-touch

that results in the production of nose data. Tongue data, beggars, results in the production of tongue own-touch, tongue own-touch results in the production of tongue own-touch sensation. It is not tongue own-touch sensation that results in the production of tongue own-touch, it is not tongue own-touch that results in the production of tongue data. Body data, beggars, results in the production of body own-touch, body own-touch results in the production of body own-touch sensation. It is not body own-touch sensation that results in the production of body own-touch, it is not body own-touch that results in

the production of body data. Mind data, beggars, results in the production of mind own-touch, mind own-touch results in the production of mind own-touch sensation. It is not mind own-touch sensation that results in the production of mind own-touch, it is not mind own-touch that results in the production of mind data. Such then, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse own-touches, the diverse own-touches that result in the production of the diverse sensations; the diverse sensations that do not result in the production of the diverse own-touches, the diverse own-touches that do not result in the production of the diverse data." SN 2.14.5

"I will point out to you the diversity of data, beggars, give ear, pay attention, I will speak!" "Say on, elder!" said the beggars to The Consummately Self-Awakened in response. The Consummately Self-Awakened said this: "And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Form data. sound data, scent data, taste data, touch data, things data. These beggars, are what are called the diverse data." SN 2.14.6 The diversity of data, beggars, results in the production of the diversity of perceptions,

The diversity of data, beggars, results in the production of the diversity of perceptions, the diversity of perceptions results in the production of the diversity of principles, the diversity of principles results in the production of the diversity of wishes, the diversity of wishes results in the production of the diversity of passions, the diversity of passions results in the production of the diversity of quests. And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Form data. sound data, scent data, taste data. touch data, things data. These beggars, are what are called the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse perceptions, the diverse perceptions that result in the production of the diverse principles, the diverse principles that result in the production of the diverse wishes,

the diverse wishes that result in the production of the diverse passions, the diverse passions that result in the production of the diverse quests? Form data, beggars, results in the production of form perception, form perception results in the production of form principles, form principles result in the production of form wishes. form wishes result in the production of form passions, form passions result in the production of form quests. Sound data, beggars, results in the production of sound perception, sound perception results in the production of sound principles, sound principles result in the production of sound wishes,

sound wishes result in the production of sound passions, sound passions result in the production of sound quests. Scent data, beggars, results in the production of scent perception, scent perception results in the production of scent principles, scent principles result in the production of scent wishes, scent wishes result in the production of scent passions, scent passions result in the production of scent quests. Taste data, beggars, results in the production of taste perception, taste perception results in the production of taste principles, taste principles result in the production of taste wishes,

taste wishes result in the production of taste passions, taste passions result in the production of taste quests. Touch data, beggars, results in the production of touch perception, touch perception results in the production of touch principles, touch principles result in the production of touch wishes. touch wishes result in the production of touch passions, touch passions result in the production of touch quests. Thing data, beggars, results in the production of thing perception, thing perception results in the production of thing principles, thing principles result in the production of thing wishes,

thing wishes result in the production of thing passions, thing passions result in the production of thing quests. Such then, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse perceptions, the diverse perceptions that result in the production of the diverse principles, the diverse principles that result in the production of the diverse wishes, the diverse wishes that result in the production of the diverse passions, the diverse passions that result in the production of the diverse quests." SN 2.14.7

"The diversity of data, beggars, results in the production of the diversity of perceptions, the diversity of perceptions results in the production of the diversity of principles, the diversity of principles

results in the production of the diversity of wishes, the diversity of wishes results in the production of the diversity of passions, the diversity of passions results in the production of the diversity of quests it is not that the diversity of quests results in the production of the diversity of passions, it is not that the diversity of passions results in the production of the diversity of wishes, it is not that the diversity of wishes results in the production of the diversity of principles, it is not that the diversity of principles results in the production of the diversity of perceptions it is not that the diversity of perceptions results in the production of the diversity of data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Form data. sound data,

scent data, taste data. touch data. things data. These beggars, are what are called the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse perceptions, the diverse perceptions that result in the production of the diverse principles, the diverse principles that result in the production of the diverse wishes. the diverse wishes that result in the production of the diverse passions, the diverse passions that result in the production of the diverse quests; what are the diverse quests that do not result in the production of the diverse passions, what are the diverse passions that do not result in the production of the diverse wishes, what are the diverse wishes that do not result in the production of the diverse principles,

what are the diverse principles that do not result in the production of the diverse perceptions, what are the diverse perceptions that do not result in the production of the diverse data? Form data, beggars, results in the production of form perception, form perception results in the production of form principles, form principles result in the production of form wishes. form wishes result in the production of form passions, form passions result in the production of form quests, it is not that form quests result in the production of form passions, it is not that form passions result in the production of form wishes. it is not that form wishes

result in the production of form principles, it is not that form principles result in the production of form perceptions, it is not that form perceptions result in the production of form data. Sound data, beggars, results in the production of sound perception, sound perception results in the production of sound principles, sound principles result in the production of sound wishes, sound wishes result in the production of sound passions, sound passions result in the production of sound quests, it is not that sound quests result in the production of sound passions, it is not that sound passions

result in the production of sound wishes, it is not that sound wishes result in the production of sound principles, it is not that sound principles result in the production of sound perceptions, it is not that sound perceptions result in the production of sound data. Scent data, beggars, results in the production of scent perception, scent perception results in the production of scent principles, scent principles result in the production of scent wishes, scent wishes result in the production of scent passions, scent passions result in the production of scent quests, it is not that scent quests result in

the production of scent passions, it is not that scent passions result in the production of scent wishes, it is not that scent wishes result in the production of scent principles, it is not that scent principles result in the production of scent perceptions, it is not that scent perceptions result in the production of scent data. Taste data, beggars, results in the production of taste perception, taste perception results in the production of taste principles, taste principles result in the production of taste wishes. taste wishes result in the production of taste passions, taste passions result in

the production of taste quests, it is not that taste quests result in the production of taste passions, it is not that taste passions result in the production of taste wishes, it is not that taste wishes result in the production of taste principles, it is not that taste principles result in the production of taste perceptions, it is not that taste perceptions result in the production of taste data. Touch data, beggars, results in the production of touch perception, touch perception results in the production of touch principles, touch principles result in the production of touch wishes. touch wishes result in the production of touch passions, touch passions result in

the production of touch quests, it is not that touch quests result in the production of touch passions, it is not that touch passions result in the production of touch wishes, it is not that touch wishes result in the production of touch principles, it is not that touch principles result in the production of touch perceptions, it is not that touch perceptions result in the production of touch data. Things data, beggars, results in the production of things perception, things perception results in the production of things principles, things principles result in the production of things wishes, things wishes

result in the production of things passions, things passions result in the production of things quests, it is not that things quests result in the production of things passions, it is not that things passions result in the production of things wishes, it is not that things wishes result in the production of things principles, it is not that things principles result in the production of things perceptions, it is not that things perceptions result in the production of things data. Such then, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse perceptions, the diverse perceptions that result in the production of

the diverse principles, the diverse principles that result in the production of the diverse wishes, the diverse wishes that result in the production of the diverse passions, the diverse passions that result in the production of the diverse quests; such are the diverse quests that do not result in the production of the diverse passions, such are the diverse passions that do not result in the production of the diverse wishes, such are the diverse wishes that do not result in the production of the diverse principles, such are the diverse principles that do not result in the production of the diverse perceptions, such are the diverse perceptions that do not result in the production of the diverse data." SN 2.14.8

"The diversity of data, beggars, results in the production of the diversity of perceptions, the diversity of perceptions results in the production of the diversity of principles, the diversity of principles results in the production of the diversity of touches, the diversity of touches results in the production of the diversity of sensations, the diversity of sensations results in the production of the diversity of wishes, the diversity of wishes results in the production of the diversity of passions, the diversity of passions results in the production of the diversity of quests, the diversity of quests results in the production of the diversity of gains. And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Form data, sound data, scent data, taste data, touch data, things data. These beggars, are what are called the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of

the diverse perceptions, the diverse perceptions that result in the production of the diverse principles, the diverse principles that result in the production of the diverse touches, the diverse touches that result in the production of the diverse sensations, the diverse sensations that result in the production of the diverse wishes, the diverse wishes that result in the production of the diverse passions, the diverse passions that result in the production of the diverse quests, the diverse quests that result in the production of the diverse gains? Form data, beggars, results in the production of form perception, form perception results in the production of form principles, form principles result in the production of

form touches, form touches result in the production of form sensations, form sensations result in the production of form wishes, form wishes result in the production of form passions, form passions result in the production of form quests, form quests result in the production of form gains. Sound data, beggars, results in the production of sound perception, sound perception results in the production of sound principles, sound principles result in the production of sound touches, sound touches result in the production of sound sensations, sound sensations result in the production of

sound wishes, sound wishes result in the production of sound passions, sound passions result in the production of sound quests, sound quests result in the production of sound gains. Scent data, beggars, results in the production of scent perception, scent perception results in the production of scent principles, scent principles result in the production of scent touches, scent touches result in the production of scent sensations, scent sensations result in the production of scent wishes, scent wishes result in the production of scent passions, scent passions result in the production of

scent quests, scent quests result in the production of scent gains. Taste data, beggars, results in the production of taste perception, taste perception results in the production of taste principles, taste principles result in the production of taste touches, taste touches result in the production of taste sensations, taste sensations result in the production of taste wishes, taste wishes result in the production of taste passions, taste passions result in the production of taste quests, taste quests result in the production of taste gains. Touch data, beggars, results in the production of

touch perception, touch perception results in the production of touch principles, touch principles result in the production of touch touches, touch touches result in the production of touch sensations, touch sensations result in the production of touch wishes, touch wishes result in the production of touch passions, touch passions result in the production of touch quests, touch quests result in the production of touch gains. Things data, beggars, results in the production of things perception, things perception results in the production of things principles, things principles result in the production of

things touches, things touches result in the production of things sensations, things sensations result in the production of things wishes, things wishes result in the production of things passions, things passions result in the production of things quests, things quests result in the production of things gains. Such then, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse perceptions, the diverse perceptions that result in the production of the diverse principles, the diverse principles that result in the production of the diverse touches, the diverse touches that result in the production of the diverse sensations. the diverse sensations that result in

the production of the diverse wishes, the diverse wishes that result in the production of the diverse passions, the diverse passions that result in the production of the diverse quests, the diverse quests that result in the production of the tiverse gains.'' SN 2.14.9

"The diversity of data, beggars, results in the production of the diversity of perceptions, the diversity of perceptions results in the production of the diversity of principles, the diversity of principles results in the production of the diversity of touches, the diversity of touches results in the production of the diversity of sensations, the diversity of sensations results in the production of the diversity of wishes, the diversity of wishes results in the production of the diversity of passions,

the diversity of passions results in the production of the diversity of quests, the diversity of quests results in the production of the diversity of gains, it is not that the diversity of gains results in the production of the diversity of quests, it is not that the diversity of quests results in the diversity of passions, it is not that the diversity of passions results in the diversity of wishes, it is not that the diversity of wishes results in the diversity of sensations, it is not that the diversity of sensations results in the diversity of touches, it is not that the diversity of touches results in the diversity of principles, it is not that the diversity of principles results in the diversity of perceptions, it is not that the diversity of perceptions results in

the diversity of data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data? Form data. sound data, scent data. taste data, touch data, things data. These beggars, are what are called the diverse data. And what, beggars, are the diverse data that result in the production of the diverse perceptions, the diverse perceptions that result in the production of the diverse principles, the diverse principles that result in the production of the diverse touches, the diverse touches that result in the production of the diverse sensations. the diverse sensations that result in the production of the diverse wishes, the diverse wishes that result in the production of the diverse passions, the diverse passions that result in

the production of the diverse quests, the diverse quests that result in the production of the diverse gains; what are the diverse gains that do not result in the production of the diverse quests, what are the diverse quests that do not result in the production of the diverse passions, what are the diverse passions that do not result in the production of the diverse wishes, what are the diverse wishes that do not result in the diverse sensations, what are the diverse sensations that do not result in the diverse touches, what are the diverse touches that do not result in the diverse principles, what are the diverse principles that do not result in the diverse perceptions, what are the diverse perceptions that do not result in the diverse data? Form data, beggars, results in the production of form perception, form perception results in the production of

form principles, form principles result in the production of form touches, form touches result in the production of form sensations, form sensations result in the production of form wishes, form wishes result in the production of form passions, form passions result in the production of form quests, form quests result in the production of form gains; form gains do not result in the production of form quests, form quests do not result in the production of form passions, form passions do not result in the production of form wishes, form wishes do not result in the production of

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the production of the diverse passions, the diverse passions that result in the production of the diverse quests, the diverse quests that result in the production of the diverse gains; such are the diverse gains that do not result in the production of the diverse quests, such are the diverse quests that do not result in the production of the diverse passions, such are the diverse passions that do not result in the production of the diverse wishes, such are the diverse wishes that do not result in the diverse sensations, such are the diverse sensations that do not result in the diverse touches, such are the diverse touches that do not result in the diverse principles, such are the diverse principles that do not result in the diverse perceptions, such are the diverse perceptions that do not result in the diverse data." SN 2.14.10

Once upon a time

The Consummately Self-Awakened, **N**ātike revisiting, Brick House. There he addressed the beggars: "Beggars!" "Venerable!" they responded. The Consummately Self-Awakened said this to them: "Data, beggars, is the reason perceptions arise, views arise, thoughts arise." That said. Old Man Kaccāyano said this to The Consummately Self-Awakened: "Whatever can be the view then, Bhante, what the reason, that it appears to a not-consummately self-awakened one that he is a consummately self-awakened one?" "Great is that data, Kaccāyana, that is. the blindness data." Misguided data, Kaccāvano, is the reason for the appearance of misguided perception, misguided views, misguided thinking, a misguided heart, misguided ambitions, misguided motives misguided persons misguided talk, misguided explanations, dissertations,

wisdom, revelations, analyses, laving out misguided is that which is the outcome so I say. Mediocre data, Kaccāyano, is the reason for the appearance of mediocre perception, mediocre views mediocre thinking a mediocre heart, mediocre ambitions, mediocre motives mediocre persons mediocre talk; mediocre explanations, dissertations. wisdom, revelations, analyses, laving out mediocre is that which is the outcome so I say. Advanced data, Kaccāyano, is the reason for the appearance of advanced perception, advanced views, advanced thinking, an advanced heart, advanced ambitions. advanced motives advanced persons advanced talk; advanced explanations, dissertations,

wisdom, revelations, analyses, laying out advanced is that which is the outcome so say I.'' SN 2.14.13

Once upon a time The Consummately Self-Awakened, Sāvatthī-town revisiting.

There he addressed the beggars:

"Beggars!"

"Bhante!" they responded.

The Consummately Self-Awakened said this to them:

"It is owing to

information, beggars,

that beings

flow together

in agreement.

Misguidedly-inclined beings

flow together

in agreement with

those whose beliefs are

misguidedly-inclined.

The soundly-inclined flow together in agreement with those whose beliefs are soundly-inclined.

In the past too, beggars, it was owing to information that beings flowed together

in agreement.

Misguidedly-inclined beings

flowed together in agreement with those whose beliefs were misguidedly-inclined. The soundly-inclined flowed together in agreement with those whose beliefs were soundly-inclined. In the future too, beggars, it will be owing to information that beings will flow together in agreement. **Misguidedly-inclined beings** will flow together in agreement with those whose beliefs are misguidedly-inclined. The soundly-inclined will flow together in agreement with those whose beliefs are soundly-inclined. In the present too, beggars, it is owing to information that beings flow together in agreement. **Misguidedly-inclined beings** flow together in agreement with those whose beliefs are misguidedly-inclined. The soundly-inclined flow together in agreement with those whose beliefs are

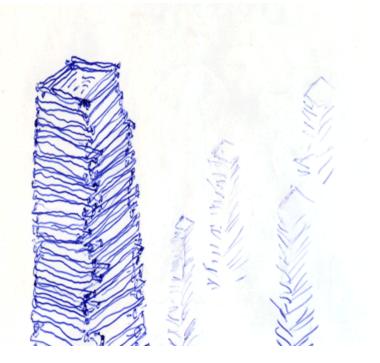
soundly-inclined." SN 2.14.14

There he addressed the beggars: "Beggars!" "Bhante!" they responded. The Consummately Self-Awakened said this to them: "Whoever, beggars, takes delight in the earthly he takes delight in pain. Whoever, beggars, takes delight in pain he is not thoroughly free from pain, I say. Whoever, beggars, takes delight in the watery he takes delight in pain. Whoever, beggars, takes delight in pain he is not thoroughly free from pain, I say. Whoever, beggars, takes delight in the fiery he takes delight in pain. Whoever, beggars,

takes delight in pain he is not thoroughly free from pain, I say. Whoever, beggars, takes delight in the windy he takes delight in pain. Whoever, beggars, takes delight in pain he is not thoroughly free from pain, so I say. Whoever, beggars, takes no delight in the earthly he takes no delight in pain. Whoever, beggars, takes no delight in pain he is thoroughly free from pain, I say. Whoever, beggars, takes no delight in the watery he takes no delight in pain. Whoever, beggars, takes no delight in pain he is thoroughly free from pain,

I say. Whoever, beggars, takes no delight in the fiery he takes no delight in pain. Whoever, beggars, takes no delight in pain he is thoroughly free from pain, I say. Whoever, beggars, takes no delight in the windy he takes no delight in pain. Whoever, beggars, takes no delight in pain he is thoroughly free from pain, so say I." SN 2.14.35

Once upon a time The Consummately Self-Awakened around Sāvatthi revisiting, Jeta-woods, Anāthapiņḍika's Park. There to the Beggars gathered round he said: ''Beggars!'' And ''Venerable!'',



the Beggars responded. Then The **Consummately Self-**Awakened said: "Out of reach of the mind, beggars, is the start of one's run-around, not known is the beginning point of beings reigned in by blindness, bridled by thirst, rolled-up in this our run'n-round. If it happened, beggars, that some man here crafted together all the thatch and twigs and branches and leaves in this RoseAppleLand, placing them together by hand quadrangle by quadrangle saying for each: "This is my mother; this is my mother's mother." Not completely used up, beggars, would be that man's mother's mothers but the thatch and twigs and

branches and leaves in this RoseAppleLand would be thoroughly spent, thoroughly used up. How come? Out of reach of the mind, beggars, is the start of one's run-around, not known is the beginning point of beings reigned in by blindness, bridled by thirst, rolled-up in this our run'n-round. Many a long day, beggars, have you lived tortured by pain, tortured by terror, tortured by bad luck, filling the cemeteries. Enough is enough, beggars! Enough to have had enough of every confounded thing, enough for disinterest in it, enough for freedom from it. SN 2.15.1

There to the Beggars gathered round he said: "Beggars!"

And "Venerable," the Beggars responded.

Then The Consummately Self-Awakened said: "Out of reach of the mind, beggars, is the start of one's run-around, not known is the beginning point of beings reigned in by blindness, bridled by thirst, saddled by this our run'n-round. Should you, beggars, happen to see one who has fallen on hard times, someone hard to look at, you can say: 'Such is such as such as I in this long inconstant time gone by.' How come? Out of reach of the mind, beggars, is the start of one's run-around, not known is the beginning point of beings reigned in by blindness, bridled by thirst, saddled by this our run'n-round. Many a long day, beggars, have you lived tortured by pain,

tortured by terror, tortured by bad luck, filling the cemeteries. Enough is enough, beggars! Enough to have had enough of every confounded thing, enough for disinterest in it, enough for freedom from it.''

There to the Beggars gathered round he said:

"Beggars!"

And "Venerable," the Beggars responded.

Then The Consummately Self-Awakened said:

"Out of reach of the mind, beggars, is the start of one's run-around, not known is the beginning point of beings reigned in by blindness, bridled by thirst, rolled-up in this our run'n-round. Should you, beggars, happen to see one who has



received happiness, enjoyment you can say: 'Such is such as such as I in this long inconstant time gone by.' How come? Out of reach of the mind, beggars, is the start of one's run-around, not known is the beginning point of beings reigned in by blindness, bridled by thirst, rolled-up in this our run'n-round. Many a long day, beggars, have you lived tortured by pain, tortured by terror, tortured by bad luck, filling the cemeteries. Enough is enough, beggars! Enough to have had enough of every confounded thing, enough for disinterest in it, enough for freedom from it." SN 2.15.12

There to the Beggars gathered round he said:

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.1 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. If The Fisherman, Beggars, were to cast a flesh-baited hook into a deep pool and some hungry fish there with eyes in his head were to swallow that bait; I say, Beggars, that for sure that fish, swallowing that Fisherman's bait, has been waylaid, has come upon hard luck,

is subject to being treated in any way that Fisherman wishes. 'The Fisherman', Beggars, is another word for Māra, The Evil One. 'Flesh-Baited Hook', Beggars, is another word for Fame, Favors and Gains. Any Beggar, Beggars who, set on enjoying pleasure, tastes Fame, Favors and Gains; I say, Beggars, that for sure that Beggar has swallowed the Fisherman's Bait, has been waylaid, has come upon hard luck, is subject to being treated in any way Māra wishes. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.2

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. **Once Upon A Time,** a Long Long Time Ago, Beggars, a great family of turtles, used to live in a certain deep pool. And there, the number one turtle says to a certain turtle: 'Friend Turtle, such and such a place here should never be visited.' But that turtle went to that place anyway, and there was pierced by The Hunter's harpoon. Then that turtle tried to return to the family and the number one turtle saw him coming from way off and said: 'Hello there, friend turtle, long-time-no-see, I hope you have not been visiting that place that should never be visited?' 'Well, yes, sir, I have visited that place,' he said in reply.

'Well then, friend turtle, I hope you were not pierced by The Hunter's harpoon?' And the turtle responded: 'Na, I wasn't pierced, but there is this twine that keeps trailing behind me.' 'Then for sure you have been pierced, friend turtle. Know that for sure you have been pierced in just such a way as your father and grandfather before you were pierced and were waylaid and came upon hard luck because of this twine. It is time, now, for you to depart, friend turtle, for you now belong to someone else.' 'The Hunter', Beggars, is another word for Māra, The Evil One. 'The Harpoon', Beggars, is another word for Fame, Favors and Gains. 'Twine,' Beggars, is another word for being ensnared by the enjoyment of pleasure. Any Beggar, Beggars who, set on enjoying pleasure, becomes entwined in

Fame, Favors and Gains; I say, Beggars, that for sure that Beggar has been pierced by the Hunter's Harpoon, has been waylaid, has come upon hard luck, is subject to being treated in any way Māra wishes. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.3 "Hard, Beggars, are

Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. In the same way, Beggars,

as if a long-haired nanny goat were to be tossed into the Briar Patch: she would trip, stumble and fall with her long hair getting caught going this way, getting caught going that way. For sure that Nanny Goat has been waylaid, has come upon hard luck. In the same way, Beggars, some Beggar here, rising up in the morning, attending to his bowl and robes, with his mind obsessed by Fame, Favors and Gains, enters town on his Beggars rounds and asked about Dhamma or Vinaya trips, stumbles and falls, and gets caught going this way, gets caught going that way. For sure that Beggar has been waylaid, has come upon hard luck. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from

bondage.

Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.4 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. **Imagine**, Beggars, a dung beetle, a dung-eating, dung-filled, dung-full-up-stuffed dung beetle just come across a great mess of dung, and because of that she becomes dung-proud, and looks down upon the other dung beetles, thinking: 'It is I that am the Great dung beetle, the great dung-eating,

dung-filled, dung-full-up-stuffed dung beetle who has this great mess of dung before me!' In the same way, Beggars, some Beggar here, rising up in the morning, attending to his bowl and robes. with his mind obsessed and overpowered by Fame, Favors and Gains, enters town on his Beggars rounds and being invited to a meal eats his fill, is given a bowl full to take with him, and is invited back for the next day. When he returns to the residence he boasts and brags to the other beggars there saying: 'I have just returned from a fine meal where I ate my fill, was given a bowl full to take with me and was invited back for tomorrow.' And he looks down on the other Beggars, thinking: 'It is I, and not these beggars,

that gains food, clothing, medicine and shelter, of such mighty power and majesty is my good kamma." For sure that foolish beggar has been waylaid, has come upon hard luck and will suffer the unhappy consequences for many a long day. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us. we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.5 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains;

Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage.

It is like being struck by a thunderbolt for a Beggar that is a seeker in training for him to come upon **Fame, Favors and Gains** before having attained the goal. 'Thunderbolt', Beggars, is another word for Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.6

''Hard, Beggars, are
Fame, Favors and Gains;
cutting,
rough,
obstructions
to securing
the ultimate refuge from
bondage.
It is like being pierced by
a poisoned dart

for a Beggar that is a seeker in training for him to come upon Fame, Favors and Gains before having attained the goal. 'Poisoned Dart', Beggars, is another word for Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.7 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Did you hear, Beggars, that old jackal that was howling

through the night?"

"We did, Venerable!"

"That old jackal is afflicted with mange.

He is never at ease whether he has found some place to be alone, or at the root of some tree, out in an open field or in some empty cave. Whether he is walking or standing still or sitting down or lying down, there is where he finds hard luck and discomfort. In the same way, Beggars, some Beggar here, rising up in the morning, attending to his bowl and robes. with his mind obsessed and overpowered by Fame, Favors and Gains, is never at ease. Whether he is in his place to be alone or at the root of some tree, out in an open field or in some empty hut; whether he is walking, standing still, sitting, or lying down, there is where he finds hard luck and discomfort. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting,

rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.''

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. There are winds in the upper atmosphere, Beggars, that will tear some small bird that wanders there limb from limb in the same way as a hurricane can ... so that here is a wing, here the breast bones. there a foot, there the tail feathers and there also, the head. In the same way, Beggars, some Beggar here, rising up in the morning,

attending to his bowl and robes. with his mind obsessed and overpowered by Fame, Favors and Gains, setting out on his beggar's rounds, not having enveloped himself in satisfaction, without having set a guard at the doors of the senses, wanders into town, and there he comes upon women folk, having dressed recklessly in the morning, with their blouses incompletely protecting their charms from view. And that Beggar, Beggars, not having enveloped himself in satisfaction, not having set a guard at the door of the senses, is torn apart with lust there and then, and returning to his hut, he renounces the training and returns to the lower life ... and one here gets his kit bag, and one gets his strainer, and one his robes, and he also. his bowl.

Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.9

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. **Right here, Beggars,** I see a certain Beggar whose mind. obsessed and overpowered by Favors, at the breakup of the elements at death, finding consciousness relocated down the drain, in The Way of Woe, The Second Fall, or

Where the Sun Don't shine, Hell, *Niraya*.

Right here, Beggars, I see a certain Beggar whose mind, obsessed and overpowered by the lack of Favors, at the breakup of the elements at death finding consciousness relocated down the drain, The Way of Woe, The Second Fall, or Where the Sun Don't shine, Hell,

Niraya.

Right here, Beggars, I see a certain Beggar whose mind, obsessed and overpowered at one moment by **Favors and** at another moment by the lack of Favors, at the breakup of the elements at death, finding consciousness relocated down the drain, The Way of Woe, The Second Fall, or Where the Sun Don't shine, Hell, Niraya.

Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." Honored with Favors, **Disfavored**, or both; High minded, unshakable, Living without carelessness, A steady flame, He overlooks the view **Unbounded:** A good man SN 2.17.10

''Hard, Beggars, are
Fame, Favors and Gains;
cutting,
rough,
obstructions
to securing
the ultimate refuge from
bondage.
As far as that goes, Beggars,
I have seen a man,
encompassing his heart
with my heart,
who would not

for the sake of a golden bowl filled with silver flakes deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame. Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.11 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man,

encompassing his heart

with my heart, who would not for the sake of a silver bowl filled with gold flakes deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame. Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.12 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man. encompassing his heart

with my heart, who would not for the sake of a gold hundred-weight deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us. we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.13 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man. encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of

a hundred gold hundred-weights

deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.14

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of a hundred hundred-counts of gold hundred-weights deliberately tell a lie,

telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us. we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.15

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of a hundred hundred hundred-counts of gold hundred-weights deliberately tell a lie, telling lies

for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.16

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of all the gold in the world deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains.

Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.17

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of any material thing in the world deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains;

cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.18 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of his life

deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting,

rough obstructions

to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage.

Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.''

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of The Fairest Lass in the Land deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from

bondage.

Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.20 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. **Even alone** by himself with a woman, Beggars, a beggar might escape from obsessing in mind about her, yet be unable to escape obsessing in mind about Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains

come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.'' SN 2.17.21

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. **Even** alone by himself with The Most Beautiful Lass in the Land, Beggars, a Beggar might escape obsessing in mind about her, vet be unable to escape obsessing in mind about Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.'

This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.22

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. A loving mother, Beggars, a devoted lay disciple, speaking to her only son, might say: 'Grow up to be like Housefather Citta or Hatthaka of Alavaka, my dear, for these set the standard for householders who are followers of the Teacher ... but if you should give up the world for the homeless life, become like Sāriputta or Moggallāna, for these set the standard for those who have given up the world for the homeless life ... but whatever the case, my dear, while you are still in training and have not yet reached

the goal you have set in your mind for yourself, may Fame, Favors and Gains not come to you!' Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.23 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough,

obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage.

A loving mother, Beggars, a devoted lay disciple, speaking to her only daughter, might say: 'Grow up to be like

Grow up to be like Khujjuttara or Velukantakiya, my dear,

for these set the standard for householders who are followers of the Teacher ... but if you should give up the world for the homeless life, become like Khema or **Uppalavanna** for these set the standard for those who have given up the world for the homeless life ... but whatever the case. my dear, while you are still in training and have not yet reached the goal you have set in your mind for yourself, may Fame, Favors and Gains not come to you!' Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way

you must train yourselves."

SN 2.17.24

"Whatsoever Shaman or Brahman, Beggars, does not know the attraction, the danger, and the escape from Fame, Favors and Gains, for me such a one is no Shaman among Shaman or Brahman among Brahman and furthermore such do not live having attained or know for themselves here and now the purpose of Shamanship or Brahmanship. **But whatsoever** Shaman or Brahman, Beggars, who does know the attraction, the danger, and the escape from Fame, Favors and Gains, for me such a one is a Shaman of Shaman or **Brahman of Brahman and** furthermore such live having attained, knowing for themselves here and now the purpose of Shamanship and Brahmanship." SN 2.17.25

"Whatsoever Shaman or Brahman, Beggars, does not know the origin and the conclusion, the attraction, the danger, and the escape from Fame, Favors and Gains, for me such a one is no Shaman among Shaman or Brahman among Brahman and furthermore such do not live having attained or know for themselves here and now the purpose of Shamanship or Brahmanship. **But whatsoever** Shaman or Brahman, Beggars, who does know the origin and the conclusion, the attraction, the danger, and the escape from Fame, Favors and Gains, for me such a one is a Shaman of Shaman or **Brahman of Brahman and** furthermore such live having attained, knowing for themselves here and now the purpose of Shamanship and Brahmanship."

"Whatsoever Shaman or Brahman, Beggars, does not know the origin and the conclusion, the attraction, the danger, the escape and the way leading to the escape from Fame, Favors and Gains, for me such a one is no Shaman among Shaman or **Brahman among Brahman and** furthermore such do not live having attained or know for themselves here and now the purpose of Shamanship or Brahmanship. **But whatsoever** Shaman or Brahman, Beggars, who does know the origin and the conclusion, the attraction, the danger, the escape and the way leading to the escape from Fame, Favors and Gains, for me such a one is a Shaman of Shaman or Brahman of Brahman and furthermore such live

having attained, knowing for themselves here and now the purpose of Shamanship and Brahmanship.'' _{SN 2.17.27}

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Fame, Favors and Gains, Beggars they cut through the skin, they cut through the sub-durra, they cut through the muscle, they cut through the tendons, they cut through the bones and press right on into the marrow! Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us,

we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.'' SN 2.17.28

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Fame, Favors and Gains, Beggars they cut through the skin, they cut through the sub-durra, they cut through the muscle, they cut through the tendons, they cut through the bones and press right on into the marrow! In the same way as the torturer, Beggars, takes a strong rope and ties it tightly round the leg and putting a stick in the loop twists it even tighter 'till it cuts through the skin,

it cuts through the sub-durra, it cuts through the muscle, it cuts through the tendons, it cuts through the bones and presses right on into the marrow! Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.29 "I say, Beggars, that even for a Beggar who is Arahant, free from the corrupting influences

Fame, Favors and Gains are an entanglement." At this, Ānanda spoke up and asked: "But sir, to what sort of Arahant

would Fame, Favors and Gains be an entanglement?" "Well, Ānanda, I do not say that there would be any sort of entanglement to such a Beggar's freedom of mind. but in so far as **Fame, Favors and Gains** interfered with the pleasant living in the here and now that was a result of his careful living, strenuous effort and firm resolution. then would Fame, Favors and Gains be an entanglement. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.30

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. It was because his mind was obsessed and overpowered by Fame, Favors and Gains, Beggars, that Devadatta caused a schism in the Order. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us. we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.31 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting,

rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage.

It was because his mind was obsessed and overpowered by Fame, Favors and Gains, Beggars, that the root of skill dried up in Devadatta. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us. we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.32 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting,

cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. It was because his mind was obsessed and overpowered by Fame, Favors and Gains, Beggars,

that skill in *Dhamma* dried out in Devadatta. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.33 "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. It was because his mind was obsessed and overpowered by Fame, Favors and Gains, Beggars, that the light of Dhamma died out in Devadatta. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage.

Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.''

Once upon a time The Consummately Self-Awakened, Rājagaha, Vulture's Peak came-a revisiting, this being at a time only shortly after Devadatta had caused a schism in the Order. There. to the Beggars gathered round he said: "It was to the ruination of himself, Beggars, that Fame, Favors and Gains came to Devadatta. It was to his utter undoing, Beggars, that **Fame. Favors and Gains** came to Devadatta. In the same way, Beggars, as the kadali bears fruit to the ruination of itself, to its utter undoing, in the same way, Beggars,

it was to the ruination of himself that **Fame, Favors and Gains** came to Devadatta. it was to his utter undoing that **Fame, Favors and Gains** came to Devadatta. In the same way, Beggars, as the bamboo bears fruit to the ruination of itself, to its utter undoing, in the same way, Beggars, it was to the ruination of himself that **Fame.** Favors and Gains came to Devadatta. it was to his utter undoing that **Fame.** Favors and Gains came to Devadatta. In the same way, Beggars, as the reed bears fruit to the ruination of itself, to its utter undoing, in the same way, Beggars, it was to the ruination of himself that **Fame Favors and Gains** came to Devadatta. it was to his utter undoing that Fame, Favors and Gains came to Devadatta. In the same way, Beggars, as a mule is conceived

in the womb of a donkey, it is so conceived to the ruination of the donkey, to its utter undoing, in the same way, Beggars, it was to the ruination of himself that **Fame Favors and Gains** came to Devadatta. it was to his utter undoing that Fame, Favors and Gains came to Devadatta. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves."

> Its fruit the banana slays Its fruit the bamboo, its fruit the reed Honors the bad man slays Just as mule in womb of ass.

SN 2.17.35

At the time that Prince Ajātasattu

was acting as patron of Devadatta, calling on him morning and evening and daily having conveyed to him five hundred carts with five hundred bowls each capable of feeding five hundred Bhikkhus. Seeing this a number of Bhikkhus came into the presence of the Buddha. sat down to one side and said: "At this time, Sir, Prince Ajātasattu is acting as patron of Devadatta calling on him morning and evening and daily having conveyed to him five hundred carts with five hundred bowls each capable of feeding five hundred Bhikkhus." And, at that, The Consummately Self-Awakened said: "Do not pine after such **Fame Favors and Gains** as are Devadatta's, Beggars, for as long as Prince Ajātasattu acts as patron of Devadatta, calling on him morning and evening and daily having conveyed to him five hundred carts with five hundred bowls

each capable of feeding five hundred Bhikkhus. there is but decrease in skill in Dhamma to be expected for Devadatta, not increase. In the same way, Beggars, as a fierce dog is roused to fury when they place the scent of bile in front of his nose. In the same way, Beggars, as long as Prince Ajātasattu acts as patron of Devadatta, calling on him morning and evening and daily having conveyed to him five hundred carts with five hundred bowls each capable of feeding five hundred Bhikkhus. there is but decrease in skill in Dhamma to be expected for Devadatta, not increase. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way:

'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.'' SN 2.17.36

On another occasion, again at Sāvatthi, The Consummately Self-Awakened said this: "Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of saving his mother's life deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage.

Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.''

SN 2.17.37

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage.

As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man. encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of saving his father's life deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage.

Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.'

This is the way you must train yourselves."

SN 2.17.38

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man. encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of saving his brother's life deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.'' SN 2.17.39

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of saving his sister's life deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and

not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves.'' SN 2.17.40

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man. encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of saving his son's life deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.'

This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.41

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of saving his daughter's life deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves."

"Hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough, obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. As far as that goes, Beggars, I have seen a man, encompassing his heart with my heart, who would not for the sake of saving his wife's life deliberately tell a lie, telling lies for the sake of Fame, Favors and Gains. Even this hard, Beggars, are Fame, Favors and Gains; cutting, rough obstructions to securing the ultimate refuge from bondage. Wherefore, Beggars, train yourselves this way: 'When Fame, Favors and Gains come to us, we will let them go, and not let them take lasting hold on our heart.' This is the way you must train yourselves." SN 2.17.43

There then, The Consummately Self-Awakened addressed the beggars: "Beggars!" Then those beggars responding "Venerable!" The Consummately Self-Awakened said this: "In the same way, beggars, as in a pinnacled house, whatsoever rafters there are all angle towards the pinnacle, fit together at the pinnacle culminate at the pinnacle all inter-depend for support on the pinnacle. In the same way, beggars, whatsoever unskillful things there are all are angles of blindness, fit together with blindness, are grouped under blindness, all inter-depend for support on blindness. Wherefore, beggars, train yourselves this way: 'Let us not live carelessly!' This is the way to train yourselves." SN 2.20.1

There then The Consummately Self-Awakened, lifting up a little tiny itti bitti bit a dust by the pointy-end of his nail, addressed the beggars: "What do you think about this, beggars? Which is the more: this little tiny itti bitti bit **a** dust gathered together and lifted up on the pointy-end of my nail, or whatever the great-earth has gathered?" "It is thus, Elder: the more is that of this great earth. **Of little consideration** is that little tiny itti bitti bit a dust lifted up by The Consummately Self-Awakened on the pointy-end of his nail. It doesn't even amount to a measure of. it doesn't even amount to a deposit on, it doesn't even amount to a fraction of a deposit on the great earth that little tiny itti bitti bit a dust

lifted up by The Consummately Self-Awakened on the pointy-end of his nail." "Even so is it, beggars little stuff are the beings for whom the result of birth ends up in being human. More are the beings for whom the result of birth ends up in being other than human. Therefore indeed, beggars, it is thus that you should train yourselves: 'Let us live without carelessness!' **Even thus** should you train yourselves SN 2.20.2



"Beggars!

Practice the heart's release through friendly vibrations. Practicing the heart's release through friendly vibrations, brings great fruit brings great profit. **Beggars!**

If one were to give **100 bowls of rice** in the morning and again at noon and again in the evening, Or if one were to practice the heart of friendly vibrations in the morning and again at noon and again in the evening, if only for so short a time as it takes to snap the fingers, Greater would be the fruit greater would be the profit of the practice of the heart of friendly vibrations in the morning and again at noon and again in the evening if only for so short a time as it takes to snap the fingers, Less would be the fruit less would be the profit of giving 100 bowls of rice in the morning and again at noon and again in the evening,

Not even worth a quarter part of a quarter part would be the fruit would be the profit of giving 100 bowls of rice in the morning and again at noon and again in the evening **Compared to** the fruit compared to the profit of the practice of the heart of friendly vibrations in the morning and again at noon and again in the evening if even for only so short a time as it takes to snap the fingers Wherefore, beggars, train yourselves this way: 'Let us develop, make a big thing of, make a vehicle of, make a habit of, establish, build up, well set going the heart's release through Friendly Vibrations.'" SN 2.20.4

There then The Consummately Self-Awakened, said this: "In the same way, beggars, as if of a sharp, tempered sword, there came along some person saying: 'I will clutch this sharp, tempered sword with bare hands and twisting it back, twisting it around, twist it off!' Well what do you think about that, beggars? Would that man be able to clutch that sharp, tempered sword with bare hands and distort. turn back its point and dull its edge?" "Not likely, Venerable! How come? Before such a one as that a person clutching that sharp, tempered sword with bare hands could bend its point back on the safeguard, turn its edge onto itself, twist it around, he would reach exhaustion, come to destruction, be cut to pieces." "Even so, of such a one, beggars, a non-human,

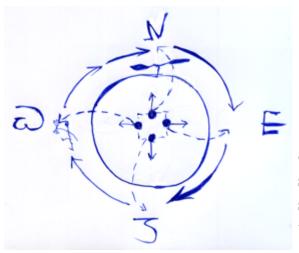
thinking to overthrow the heart of a beggar who has developed, made a big thing of, made a vehicle of, made a habit of, established, built up, well set going the heart's release through Friendly Vibrations, even there and then that non-human would reach exhaustion, come to destruction, be cut to pieces. Wherefore, beggars, train yourselves this way: 'Let us develop, make a big thing of, make a vehicle of, make a habit of,

establish, build up, well set going the heart's release through Friendly Vibrations.'

This is the way to train yourselves beggars." SN 2.20.5

There, to the beggars gathered round, The Consummately Self-Awakened said:

> "Imagine, beggars, the situation in which there were four bowmen of surpassing strength, training, and



experience standing together squared to the compass with their backs to each other. And here comes some beggar

saying:

'I will catch and bring back the shafts released into the four directions by these bowmen of surpassing strength, training, and experience even before they are able to reach the ground'. What do you think, beggars? Could we say the speed of this man was exceedingly fast?" "Catching and bringing back even just one shaft released by a bowman of such surpassing strength, training, and experience would be sufficient to say that the speed of this man was exceedingly fast! There is no need to speak of the shafts released

by four bowmen of such surpassing strength, training and experience." "In the same way, beggars, as fast as is that man, swifter still is the speed of moon and sun; as much faster as is the speed of moon and sun than is the speed of that man, swifter still is the speed of the gods that race the sun; as much faster as is the speed of the gods that race the moon and sun than the speed of the moon and sun, swifter still do the confounded things of this world up and fly away. Therefore, beggars, train yourselves this way: 'We will live without carelessness!' This is how you must train yourselves!" SN 2.20.6 There then Old Man Mahā-Moggallāno said this to the beggars: "Beggars, my friends!" Then the beggars responding "Friend!" to Old Man Mahā-Moggallāno

Old Man Mahā-Moggallāno said this:

"Here, friends, to me, having attained to solitude, reflecting to myself therein, this subject of thought arose in my heart:

'The silent existence of the aristocrat. The silent existence of the aristocrat.

What then is this 'silent existence of the aristocrat?'

At this, friends, it came to me thus:

'Here a beggar, with the fading away of thinking and pondering, internally impassive, become at one with heart, without thinking, without pondering, enters into and inhabits the sweet enthusiasm born of serenity of the second knowing.

This is what is said to be the silent existence of the aristocrat.'

So then, friends, I, with the fading away of thinking and pondering internally impassive, become at one with heart, without thinking, without pondering,

entered into and inhabited the sweet enthusiasm born of serenity of the second knowing. However, friends, while inhabiting this abiding, engagement with this attainment was overpowered by thought connected with perception and examination. There then, friends, The Consummately Self-Awakened, appearing through magic power, said this to me: 'Moggallāno! Moggallāno! Do not, Brahmin, be careless in the silent existence of the aristocrat! Settle your heart in the silent existence of the aristocrat. Become one with **your heart** in the silent existence of the aristocrat. Make serene vour heart in the silent existence of the aristocrat.' So then, friends, after a time, with the fading away of thinking and pondering internally impassive,

become at one with heart, without thinking, without pondering, I entered into and inhabited the sweet enthusiasm born of serenity of the second knowing. Whoever, friends, speaking rightly, would say: 'The Master enabled this disciple's attainment of great-super-knowledge.' **Speaking rightly** could say of me: 'The Master enabled this disciple's attainment

of great-super-knowledge.'" SN 2.21.1

Once upon a time, The Consummately Self-Awakened, Rājagaha, **Bamboo Grove,** the squirrels' feeding place came-a revisiting.

That was at a time when a certain beggar named Elder had been living alone and was speaking in praise of living alone.

Alone he entered the village for handouts, alone he returned, alone

he sat in solitude, alone he paced the place to pace. There then a number of beggars approached The Consummately Self-Awakened and drew near. Having drawn near The Consummately Self-Awakened and exchanged greetings and salutations, they took seats to one side. Seated to one side then, they said this to The Consummately Self-Awakened: "Here, Bhante, a certain beggar named Elder lives alone and speaks in praise of living alone." At that The Consummately Self-Awakened addressed a certain beggar: "Come you, beggar, in my words invite bhikkhu Elder saying: 'The Master invites you, friend Elder.'" "Very well, Bhante!" this beggar responded to The Consummately Self-Awakened and then he approached the Ancient bhikkhu Elder and drew near. Having drawn near

he addressed the Ancient Elder saying:

"The Master invites you, friend Elder."

"Very well, friend" responded the Ancient Elder who then approached The Consummately Self-Awakened and drew near.

Having drawn near and exchanged greetings, he took a seat to one side.

As he was seated to one side then, The Consummately Self-Awakened said this to him:

"Is it true, Elder, that you live alone and speak in praise of living alone?"

"Even so, Bhante."

"But in detail, Elder, what is the manner of your living alone and speaking in praise of living alone?"

"In this case, Bhante, alone I enter the village for handouts, alone

I return,

alone

I sit in solitude,

alone

I pace the place to pace.

Thus, Bhante, do I

live alone and

speak in praise of

living alone." "This, Elder, is living alone, I do not say it is not. But there is, Elder, a more satisfactory development of living alone to be had. Give ear! Give your mind over to studious attention! I will speak!" And the ancient Elder responding: "Even so, Bhante!" The Consummately Self-Awakened said: "And what, Elder, is this more satisfactory development of living alone to be had? Here Elder. whatsoever is of the past, that is let go, whatsoever is of the future, that is abandoned, and as to appearance in the present of that which one has coming to the self, wanting and lust is well removed. This, Elder, is this more satisfactory development of living alone which may be had."

This is what The Consummately Self-Awakened said.

> "Above it all, all knowing, wise By all things unpolluted, All rejecting, thirst destroyed, free — Of such a hero I speak of as 'living alone'." SN 2.21.10



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