Dhammacakkappavattana sutta

Samyutta Nikāya, Mahāvagga,

Saccasamyuttam

Ekaṃ samayaṃ bhagavā bārāṇasiyaṃ viharati isipatane migadāye. Tatra kho bhagavā pañcavaggiye bhikkhū āmantesi –

"dveme, bhikkhave, antā pabbajitena na sevitabbā. Katame dve? Yo cāyam kāmesu kāmasukhallikānuyogo hīno gammo pothujjaniko anariyo anatthasamhito, yo cāyam attakilamathānuyogo dukkho anariyo anatthasamhito.

Ete kho, bhikkhave, ubho ante anupagamma majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā cakkhukaraṇī ñāṇakaraṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṃvattati".

"Katamā ca sā, bhikkhave, majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā cakkhukaraṇī ñāṇakaraṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya samvattati?

Ayameva ariyo atthangiko maggo,

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Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta: Setting the Wheel of Dhamma in Motion

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I have heard that on one occasion the Blessed One was staying at Varanasi in the Game Refuge at Isipatana. There he addressed the group of five monks:

"There are these two extremes that are not to be indulged in by one who has gone forth. Which two? That which is devoted to sensual pleasure with reference to sensual objects: base, vulgar, common, ignoble, unprofitable; and that which is devoted to selfaffliction: painful, ignoble, unprofitable.

Avoiding both of these extremes, the middle way realized by the Tathagata — producing vision, producing knowledge — leads to calm, to direct knowledge, to self-awakening, to Unbinding.

"And what is the middle way realized by the Tathagata that — producing vision, producing knowledge — leads to calm, to direct knowledge, to self-awakening, to Unbinding?

Precisely this Noble Eightfold Path: right view, right resolve, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration.

This is the middle way realized by the

Remarks

seyyathidam – sammādiţţhi sammāsankappo sammāvācā sammākammanto sammāājīvo sammāvāyāmo sammāsati sammāsamādhi.

Ayam kho sā, bhikkhave, majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā cakkhukaraṇī ñāṇakaraṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya samvattati.

"Idam kho pana, bhikkhave, dukkham ariyasaccam – jātipi dukkhā, jarāpi dukkhā, byādhipi dukkho, maranampi dukkham, appiyehi sampayogo dukkho, piyehi vippayogo dukkho, yampiccham na labhati tampi dukkham – samkhittena pancupādānakkhandhā dukkhā.

Idam kho pana, bhikkhave, dukkhasamudayam ariyasaccam – yāyam tanhā ponobbhavikā nandirāgasahagatā tatra tatrābhinandinī, seyyathidam – kāmatanhā, bhavatanhā, vibhavatanhā.

Idam kho pana, bhikkhave, dukkhanirodham ariyasaccam – yo tassāyeva tanhāya asesavirāganirodho cāgo paṭinissaggo mutti anālayo.

Idam kho pana, bhikkhave, dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā ariyasaccam – ayameva ariyo aṭṭhaṅgiko maggo, seyyathidam – sammāditthi...pe... sammāsamādhi. Tathagata that — producing vision, producing knowledge — leads to calm, to direct knowledge, to self-awakening, to Unbinding.

"Now this, monks, is the noble truth of stress:[1] Birth is stressful, aging is stressful, death is stressful; sorrow, lamentation, pain, distress, & despair are stressful; association with the unbeloved is stressful, separation from the loved is stressful, not getting what is wanted is stressful. In short, the five clinging-aggregates are stressful.

"And this, monks, is the noble truth of the origination of stress: the craving that makes for further becoming — accompanied by passion & delight, relishing now here & now there — i.e., craving for sensual pleasure, craving for becoming, craving for non-becoming.

"And this, monks, is the noble truth of the cessation of stress: the remainderless fading & cessation, renunciation, relinquishment, release, & letting go of that very craving.

"And this, monks, is the noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of stress: precisely this Noble Eightfold Path — right view, right resolve, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration.

"Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before: 'This is the noble truth of stress.'

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'Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhaṃ ariyasaccaṃ pariññeyya'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe...pe... udapādi.

'Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhaṃ ariyasaccaṃ pariññāta'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhuṃ udapādi, ñāṇaṃ udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

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'Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhasamudayaṃ ariyasaccaṃ pahātabba'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe...pe... udapādi.

'Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhasamudayaṃ ariyasaccaṃ pahīna'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhuṃ udapādi, ñāṇaṃ udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

regard to things never heard before: 'This noble truth of stress is to be comprehended.'

Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:' This noble truth of stress has been comprehended.'

"Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before: 'This is the noble truth of the origination of stress'

... 'This noble truth of the origination of stress is to be abandoned'

... 'This noble truth of the origination of stress has been abandoned.'

"Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before: 'This is the noble truth of the cessation of stress'

... 'This noble truth of the cessation of stress is to be directly experienced'

... 'This noble truth of the cessation of stress has been directly experienced.'

"Idam dukkhanirodham ariyasacca'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi, ñāṇam udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

'Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodhaṃ ariyasaccaṃ sacchikātabba'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe...pe... udapādi.

'Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodhaṃ ariyasaccaṃ sacchikata'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhuṃ udapādi, ñāṇaṃ udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

"Idam dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā ariyasacca'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi, ñāṇam udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā ariyasaccaṃ bhāvetabba'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe...pe... udapādi.

'Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā ariyasaccaṃ bhāvita'nti me, bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhuṃ udapādi, ñāṇaṃ udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

"Yāvakīvañca me, bhikkhave, imesu catūsu ariyasaccesu evam tiparivaṭṭaṃ dvādasākāraṃ yathābhūtaṃ ñāṇadassanaṃ na suvisuddhaṃ ahosi, neva tāvāhaṃ, bhikkhave, sadevake loke samārake

"Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before: 'This is the noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of stress'

... 'This noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of stress is to be developed'

... 'This noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of stress has been developed.' [3]

"And, monks, as long as this — my three-round, twelve-permutation knowledge & vision concerning these four noble truths as they have come to be — was not pure, I did not claim to have directly awakened to the right self-awakening unexcelled in the cosmos with its deities, Maras, & Brahmas, with its contemplatives & brahmans, its royalty & commonfolk.

But as soon as this — my three-round, twelve-permutation knowledge & vision concerning these four noble truths as they have come to be — was truly pure, then I did claim to have directly awakened to the right self-awakening unexcelled in the cosmos with its deities, Maras & Brahmas, with its contemplatives & brahmans, its royalty & commonfolk.

Knowledge & vision arose in me: 'Unprovoked is my release. This is the last birth. There is now no further becoming.'"

That is what the Blessed One said. Gratified, the group of five monks delighted at his words.

sabrahmake sassamaṇabrāhmaṇiyā pajāya sadevamanussāya 'anuttaraṃ sammāsambodhiṃ abhisambuddho'ti paccaññāsiṃ

"Yato ca kho me, bhikkhave, imesu catūsu ariyasaccesu evam tiparivaṭṭaṃ dvādasākāraṃ yathābhūtaṃ ñāṇadassanaṃ suvisuddhaṃ ahosi, athāhaṃ, bhikkhave, sadevake loke samārake sabrahmake sassamaṇabrāhmaṇiyā pajāya sadevamanussāya 'anuttaraṃ sammāsambodhiṃ abhisambuddho'ti paccaññāsiṃ.

Ñāṇañca pana me dassanaṃ udapādi – 'akuppā me vimutti ayamantimā jāti, natthidāni punabbhavo'''ti.

Idamavoca bhagavā. Attamanā pañcavaggiyā bhikkhū bhagavato bhāsitaṃ abhinandunti.

Imasmiñca pana
veyyākaraṇasmiṃ bhaññamāne
āyasmato koṇḍaññassa virajaṃ
vītamalaṃ dhammacakkhuṃ udapādi
– "yaṃ kiñci samudayadhammaṃ,
sabbaṃ taṃ nirodhadhamma"nti.

Pavattite ca pana bhagavatā dhammacakke bhummā devā saddamanussāvesum — "etam bhagavatā bārāṇasiyam isipatane migadāye anuttaram dhammacakkam pavattitam appaṭivattiyam samaṇena vā brāhmanena vā devena vā mārena

And while this explanation was being given, there arose to Ven. Kondañña the dustless, stainless Dhamma eye: Whatever is subject to origination is all subject to cessation.

And when the Blessed One had set the Wheel of Dhamma in motion, the earth devas cried out: "At Varanasi, in the Game Refuge at Isipatana, the Blessed One has set in motion the unexcelled Wheel of Dhamma that cannot be stopped by brahman or contemplative, deva, Mara or God or anyone in the cosmos."

On hearing the earth devas' cry, the devas of the Four Kings' Heaven took up the cry

... the devas of the Thirty-three...
the Yama devas... the Tusita devas...
the Nimmanarati devas...
the Paranimmita-vasavatti devas... the
devas of Brahma's retinue took up the
cry: "At Varanasi, in the Game Refuge at
Isipatana, the Blessed One has set in
motion the unexcelled Wheel of
Dhamma that cannot be stopped by
brahman or contemplative, deva, Mara,
or God or anyone at all in the cosmos."

So in that moment, that instant, the cry shot right up to the Brahma worlds. And this ten-thousand fold cosmos shivered & quivered & quaked, while a great, measureless radiance appeared in the cosmos, surpassing the effulgence of the devas.

Then the Blessed One exclaimed: "So you really know, Kondañña? So you really

vā brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasmi''nti.

know?" And that is how Ven. Kondañña acquired the name Añña-Kondañña — Kondañña who knows.

Bhummānam devānam saddam sutvā cātumahārājikā devā saddamanussāvesum — "etam bhagavatā bārānasiyam isipatane migadāye anuttaram dhammacakkam pavattitam, appaṭivattiyam samanena vā brāhmanena vā devena vā mārena vā brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasmi'nti.

Cātumahārājikānam devānam saddam sutvā tāvatimsā devā...pe... yāmā devā...pe... tusitā devā...pe... nimmānaratī devā...pe... paranimmitavasavattī devā...pe... brahmakāyikā devā saddamanussāvesum — "etam bhagavatā bārāṇasiyam isipatane migadāye anuttaram dhammacakkam pavattitam appaṭivattiyam samaṇena vā brāhmaṇena vā devena vā mārena vā brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasmi'nti.

Itiha tena khaṇena (tena layena) tena muhuttena yāva brahmalokā saddo abbhuggacchi. Ayañca dasasahassilokadhātu saṅkampi sampakampi sampavedhi, appamāṇo ca ulāro obhāso loke pāturahosi atikkamma devānam devānubhāvanti.

Atha kho bhagavā imam udānam udānesi – "aññāsi vata, bho, kondañño, aññāsi vata, bho, kondañño"ti! Iti hidam āyasmato kondaññassa aññāsikondañño' tveva nāmam ahosīti.