

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 1.4.1

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<i>“Samaṇā’ti bhoti supī, ‘samaṇā’ti pabujjhasi</i>	<i>“ ‘Samana’ you say when falling asleep, ‘Samana’ you say when waking up.</i>
<i>Samaṇāneva kittesi, samaṇī nūna bhavissasi.</i>	<i>You’re praising only the Samanas. Surely you will be a Samana”</i>
<i>Vipulaṃ annaṅca pānaṅca, samaṇānaṃ pavecchasi.</i>	<i>So much food and drink Do you bestow on Samanas</i>
<i>Rohinī dāni pucchāmi, kena te samaṇā piyā.</i>	<i>Now Rohini I ask you: ‘Why the Samanas are so dear to you’?</i>
<i>Akammakāmā alasā, paradattūpajīvino;</i>	<i>They are lazy, not dutiful and Living on what is given by others.</i>
<i>Āsaṃsukā sādukāmā, kena te samaṇā piyā?”</i>	<i>Full of expectations, wishing sweet things: ‘Why are Samanas so dear to you’?”</i>
<i>“Cirassaṃ vata maṃ tāta, samaṇānaṃ pariṇpucchasi;</i>	<i>“Truly for a long time You have been questioning me about Samanas.</i>
<i>Tesaṃ te kittayissāmi, paññāsīlaparakkamaṃ.</i>	<i>Now I shall praise their wisdom, Their moral conduct and their efforts.</i>
<i>Kammakāmā analasā, kammaseṭṭhassa kārakā.</i>	<i>They desire to perform their work, are assiduous, Doers of the highest work,</i>
<i>Rāgaṃ dosaṃ pajahanti, Tena me samaṇā piyā.</i>	<i>Dispelling craving and aversion: ‘That is why they are dear to me!’</i>
<i>Tīṇi pāpassa mūlāni, dhunanti sucikārino;</i>	<i>Doers of the pure deeds, They shake away and cut the three roots of evil.</i>
<i>Sabbaṃ pāpaṃ pahīnesaṃ, Tena me samaṇā piyā.</i>	<i>All the evil falls away from them: ‘That is why they are dear to me!’</i>
<i>Kāyakammaṃ suci nesaṃ,</i>	<i>Their actions are pure,</i>

<i>vacīkammañca tādisaṃ;</i>	<i>Pure as well their speech,</i>
<i>Manokammaṃ suci nesaṃ, tena me samaṇā piyā.</i>	<i>Pure also are their mental activities: 'That is why they are dear to me!'</i>
<i>Bahussutā dhammadharā, Ariyā dhammajīvino;</i>	<i>There they are of ample learning, upholders of Dhamma And living the holy life in accordance to Dhamma</i>
<i>Atthaṃ dhammañca desenti, tena me samaṇā piyā.</i>	<i>They teach Dhamma along with its meaning: 'That is why they are dear to me!'</i>
<i>Bahussutā dhammadharā, Ariyā dhammajīvino;</i>	<i>They are of ample learning, upholders of the Dhamma Living the holy life in Dhamma,</i>
<i>Ekaggacittā satimanto, tena me samaṇā piyā.</i>	<i>Their concentrated minds are full of awareness: 'That is why they are dear to me!'</i>
<i>Na te hiraññaṃ gaṇhanti, na suvaṇṇaṃ na rūpiyaṃ,</i>	<i>They do not accept a billion, Neither gold nor silver,</i>
<i>Paccuppannaena yāpentī, tena me samaṇā piyā.</i>	<i>Living in the present moment: 'That is why they are dear to me!'</i>
<i>Nānākulā pabbajitā, nānājanapadehi ca;</i>	<i>From different families they have renounced the world And come from different places,</i>
<i>Aññaṃaṇñaṃ piyāyanti, tena me samaṇā piyā."</i>	<i>They love and respect each other in highest esteem: 'That is why they are dear to me!'</i> "