

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 1.4.6

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Tena kho pana samayena bhagavā tadahuposathe pannarase komudiyā cātumāsiniyā puṇṇāya puṇṇamāya rattiyā bhikkhusaṅghaparivuto abbhokāse nisinno hoti.	At that time the Bhagavā sat down under open sky at the Uposatha-day in the full moon night ending the four-month's rain retreat surrounded by the Bhikkhusaṅgha.
Atha kho bhagavā tuṅhībhūtaṃ tuṅhībhūtaṃ bhikkhusaṅghaṃ anuviloketvā bhikkhū āmantesi:	Having surveyed the silent and quiet Bhikkhusaṅgha he addressed the Bhikkhus thus:
“Apalāpāyaṃ, bhikkhave, parisā; nippalāpāyaṃ, bhikkhave, parisā; suddhā sare patiṭṭhitā.	“Free from prattle, O' Bhikkhus, is this assembly, free from chatter, O' Bhikkhus, is this assembly, pure and established in essence.
Tathārūpo ayaṃ, bhikkhave, bhikkhusaṅgho; tathārūpā ayaṃ, bhikkhave, parisā yathārūpā parisā āhuneyyā pāhuneyyā dakkhiṇeyyā añjalikaraṇīyā anuttaraṃ puññakkhettaṃ lokassa.	Such is this Bhikkhusaṅgha, O' Bhikkhus, of such nature is, O' Bhikkhus, this assembly, that it is truly an assembly that is worthy of offerings, worthy of hospitality, worthy of gifts, and well worth to be addressed with folded hands, an endless field of merit in this world.
Tathārūpo ayaṃ, bhikkhave, bhikkhusaṅgho; tathārūpā ayaṃ, bhikkhave, parisā yathārūpāya parisāya appaṃ dinnāṃ bahu hoti, bahu dinnāṃ bahutaraṃ.	Such is this Bhikkhusaṅgha, O' Bhikkhus, of such nature is, O' Bhikkhus, this assembly, that a little gift given to this assembly leads to great result, and a greater gift to even greater result.
Tathārūpo ayaṃ, bhikkhave, bhikkhusaṅgho; tathārūpā ayaṃ, bhikkhave, parisā yathārūpā parisā dullabhā dassanāya lokassa.	Such is this Bhikkhusaṅgha, O' Bhikkhus, of such nature is it, O' Bhikkhus, that an assembly like this is rare to be seen in this world.
Tathārūpo ayaṃ, bhikkhave, bhikkhusaṅgho; tathārūpā ayaṃ, bhikkhave, parisā yathārūpaṃ parisāṃ alaṃ yojanagaṇaṇāni dassanāya gantaṃ puṭosenāpi.	Such is this Bhikkhusaṅgha, O' Bhikkhus, of such nature is, O' Bhikkhus, this assembly, that to be able to see an assembly like this it is surely worthwhile to walk with a provision bag even for a number of yojanas.
Santi, bhikkhave, bhikkhū imasmiṃ bhikkhusaṅghe arahanto khīṇāsavā vusitavanto katakaraṇīyā	There are, O' Bhikkhus, Bhikkhus in this Bhikkhusaṅgha, who are Arahants, completely freed

ohitabhārā anuppattasadatthā	from any defilements, who have reached perfection and done what ought to be done, laid down the burden and reached their goal,
parikkhīṇabhavasamyojanā sammadaññāvimuttā— evarūpāpi, bhikkhave, santi bhikkhū imasmim bhikkhusaṅghe.	who have destroyed the fetters binding them to existence and are completely liberated by their own final knowledge—of such nature there are, O’ Bhikkhus, Bhikkhus in this Bhikkhusaṅghe.
Santi, bhikkhave, bhikkhū imasmim bhikkhusaṅghe pañcannaṃ orambhāgiyānaṃ samyojanānaṃ parikkhayā opapātikā tattha parinibbāyino anāvattidhammā tasmā lokā— evarūpāpi, bhikkhave, santi bhikkhū imasmim bhikkhusaṅghe.	There are also, O’ Bhikkhus, Bhikkhus in this Bhikkhusaṅghe, who have completely destroyed the five lower fetters with one spontaneous rebirth left, where they will realise full liberation and are unlikely to return to this world—of such nature there are Bhikkhus, O’ Bhikkhus, in this Bhikkhusaṅghe.
Santi, bhikkhave, bhikkhū imasmim bhikkhusaṅghe tiṇṇaṃ samyojanānaṃ parikkhayā rāgadosamohānaṃ tanuttā sakadāgāmino sakideva imaṃ lokaṃ āgantvā dukkhassantaṃ karissanti— evarūpāpi, bhikkhave, santi bhikkhū imasmim bhikkhusaṅghe.	There are, O’ Bhikkhus, Bhikkhus in this Bhikkhusaṅghe, who are Sakadāgāmi- having completely destroyed the three fetters and reduced craving, aversion and illusion, they will return once more to this world and make an end to suffering—of such nature there are Bhikkhus, O’ Bhikkhus, in this Bhikkhusaṅghe.
Santi, bhikkhave, bhikkhū imasmim bhikkhusaṅghe tiṇṇaṃ samyojanānaṃ parikkhayā sotāpannā avinipātadhammā niyatā sambodhiparāyanā— evarūpāpi, bhikkhave, santi bhikkhū imasmim bhikkhusaṅghe.	There are, O’ Bhikkhus, Bhikkhus in this Bhikkhusaṅghe, who are Sotāpannā having completely destroyed the three fetters they are not liable to return to the lower worlds but are assured to reach final liberation—of such nature there are Bhikkhus, O’ Bhikkhus, in this Bhikkhusaṅghe.