

Exploring the ancient path in the Buddha's own words -- Lesson 1.2.3

Dullabhasuttam

“Tiṇṇaṃ, bhikkhave, pātubhāvo dullabho lokasmiṃ. Katamesaṃ tiṇṇaṃ? Tathāgataṃ, bhikkhave, arahato sammāsambuddhassa pātubhāvo dullabho lokasmiṃ, tathāgatappaveditassa dhammavinayassa desetā puggalo dullabho lokasmiṃ, kataññū katavedī puggalo¹ dullabho lokasmiṃ. Imesaṃ kho, bhikkhave, tiṇṇaṃ pātubhāvo dullabho lokasmin”ti.

Aṅguttaranikāyo, Tikanipātapāḷi, Paṭhamapaṇṇāsakaṃ, Āpāyikavaggo

desetā	desetar, nom.sing.	instructor, teacher
dhammavinayassa	dhammavinayassa	teaching + discipline + of
dullabho	du+ l+labho	hard, difficult + attainment, acquisition
kataññū	kata+aññū	grateful, lit.: knowing what has been done (for oneself)
katavedī	kata+vedī	grateful, lit.: understanding what has been done (for oneself)
tathāgatappaveditassa	tathā+gata+p+ pa+vedita/pp.+ssa	made known by a tathāgata
tiṇṇaṃ	ti+gen.	three

¹ *Dveme, bhikkhave, puggalā dullabhā lokasmiṃ. Katame dve? Yo ca pubbakārī, yo ca kataññū katavedī. Ime kho, bhikkhave, dve puggalā dullabhā lokasmin”ti*—There are two kind of individuals rare in this world. What are these two? An individual, who is doing something first (i.e. without expecting something in return), and likewise an individual who is grateful and obliged. These are the two kind of individuals who are rare in this world. *Aṅguttaranikāyo, Dukanipātapāḷi, Tatiyapaṇṇāsakaṃ, Āsāduppajahavaggo*