

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 1.4.8

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Evaṃ vutte, rājā māgadho ajātasattu vedehiputto bhagavantam etadavoca:	This being said, the King of Māgadha, Ajātasattu, Vedehiputta, spoke thus to Bhagavā:
“abhikkantaṃ, bhante, abhikkantaṃ, bhante. Seyyathāpi, bhante, nikkujjitaṃ vā ukkujeyya,	“Excellent, Bhante, how wonderful! Just as, Bhante, something knocked down would be put up again,
paṭicchannaṃ vā vivareyya, mūlhassa vā maggaṃ ācikkheyya,	as if something covered would get uncovered, as if someone would point out the way to someone gone astray,
andhakāre vā telapajjotaṃ dhāreyya ‘cakkhumanto rūpāni dakkhanti’ti,	as if somebody held up a shining oil lamp into darkness so that those with eyes could perceive what was there to see,
evamevaṃ, bhante, bhagavatā anekapariyāyena dhammo pakāsito.	in the same way, Bhante, the Bhagavā has revealed the Dhamma in various ways.
Esāhaṃ, bhante, bhagavantaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi dhammaṇca bhikkhusaṅghaṇca.	And thus, Bhante, I take refuge in the Bhagavā, the Dhamma and the Bhikkhusaṅgha.
Upāsakaṃ maṃ bhagavā dhāretu ajjatagge pāṇupetaṃ saraṇaṃ gataṃ.	May the Bhagavā accept me as his lay disciple from this day onwards for my whole life.
Accayo maṃ, bhante, accagamā yathābālaṃ yathāmūlhaṃ yathā-akusalaṃ, yohaṃ pītaraṃ dhammikaṃ dhammarājānaṃ issariyakāraṇā jīvitaṃ voropesiṃ.	Such foolish, such erroneous, such wicked was I that for gaining the rulership I had deprived my father, the just and good king, of his life.
Tassa me, bhante bhagavā accayaṃ accayato paṭiggaṇhātuāyatiṃ saṃvarāyā”ti.	May Bhante, the Bhagavā accept my confession of this and that I may restrain from it in future.