

Exploring the ancient path in the Buddha's own words -- Lesson 3.2.5

Sammādiṭṭhisuttam

Evam me sutam— ekaṁ samayaṁ bhagavā sāvatthiyam viharati jetavane anāthapiṇḍikassa ārāme. Tatra kho āyasmā sāriputto bhikkhū āmantesi— “āvuso bhikkhave”ti. “Āvuso”ti kho te bhikkhū āyasmato sāriputtassa paccassosum. Āyasmā sāriputto etadavoca—

“Sammādiṭṭhi sammādiṭṭhī’ti, āvuso, vuccati. Kittāvatā nu kho, āvuso, ariyasāvako sammādiṭṭhi hoti, ujugatāssa diṭṭhi, dhamme aveccappasādena samannāgato, āgato imam saddhamman”ti?

“Dūratopi kho mayam, āvuso, āgaccheyyāma āyasmato sāriputtassa santike etassa bhāsitassa atthamaññatūm. Sādhu vatāyasmantamyeva sāriputtam paṭibhātu¹ etassa bhāsitassa attho. Āyasmato sāriputtassa sutvā bhikkhū dhāressantī’ti. “Tena hi, āvuso, suṇātha, sādhukam manasi karotha, bhāsissāmī”ti. “Evamāvuso”ti kho te bhikkhū āyasmato sāriputtassa paccassosum. Āyasmā sāriputto etadavoca—

“Yato kho, āvuso, ariyasāvako akusalañca pajānāti, akusalamūlañca pajānāti, kusalañca pajānāti, kusalamūlañca pajānāti— ettāvatāpi kho, āvuso, ariyasāvako sammādiṭṭhi hoti, ujugatāssa diṭṭhi, dhamme aveccappasādena samannāgato, āgato imam saddhammam.

Katamam panāvuso, akusalam, katamam akusalamūlam, katamam kusalam, katamam kusalamūlam? Pāṇātipāto kho, āvuso, akusalam, adinnādānam akusalam, kāmesumicchācāro akusalam, musāvādo akusalam, pisuṇā vācā akusalam, pharusā vācā akusalam, samphappalāpo akusalam, abhijjhā akusalam, byāpādo akusalam, micchādiṭṭhi akusalam— idam vuccatāvuso akusalam. Katamañcāvuso, akusalamūlam? Lobho akusalamūlam, doso akusalamūlam, moho akusalamūlam— idam vuccatāvuso,

¹ *paṭibhāti—paṭibhāna*: to appear, become evident—promptness, readiness of speech: is a quality of a wise person to whom the appropriate and correct reply appears in his mind immediately after he is addressed with a question.

akusalamūlam.

Katamañcāvuso, kusalam? Pāññātipātā veramañī kusalam, adinnādānā veramañī kusalam, kāmesumicchācārā veramañī kusalam, musāvādā veramañī kusalam, pisuṇāya vācāya veramañī kusalam, pharusāya vācāya veramañī kusalam, samphappalāpā veramañī kusalam, anabhijjhā kusalam, abyāpādo kusalam, sammādiṭṭhi kusalam— idam vuccatāvuso, kusalam. Katamañcāvuso, kusalamūlam? Alobho kusalamūlam, adoso kusalamūlam, amoho kusalamūlam— idam vuccatāvuso, kusalamūlam.

Yato kho, āvuso, ariyasāvako evam akusalam pajānāti, evam akusalamūlam pajānāti, evam kusalam pajānāti, evam kusalamūlam pajānāti, so sabbaso rāgānusayam pahāya, paṭighānusayam paṭivinodetvā, ‘asmī’ti diṭṭhimānānusayam samūhanitvā, avijjam pahāya vijjam uppādetvā, diṭṭhevadhamme² dukkhassantakaro hoti— ettāvatāpi kho, āvuso, ariyasāvako sammādiṭṭhi hoti, ujugatāssa diṭṭhi, dhamme aveccappasādena samannāgato, āgato imam saddhamman”ti. . . .

Majjhimanikāyo, Mūlapaṇñāsapāli, Mūlapariyāyavaggo

āgato	āgacchati(pp.)	arrived, obtained
abhijjhā		greed, desire
adinnādānam	a + dinna + adānam	not + given + not giving
atthamaññātum	attha + m + aññātum	meaning + knowing
aveccappasādena	avecca + p + pasāda + instr.	perfect + faith
byāpādo	dhāreti + fut.	ill will, aversion, hatred
dhāressanti	diṭṭhe+va+dhamma	they will bring
ettāvatāpi	ettāvatā + api	seen even in this present
kāmesumicchācāro	kāmesu + micchācāro	in this way, to that extend
kittāvatā	(adv.)	in sensual pleasures + wrong conduct
musāvādo		how far, to what extent
pāññātipāto	pāṇa + ā + tipāto	wrong speech
paṭibhātu		beings + killing
paṭivinodetvā	paṭivinodeti (ger.)	to make evident
pharusā		having dispelled
pisuṇā		harsh
samūhanitvā	samūhanati (ger.)	malicious
samphappalāpā	sampha + p + palāpo	having abolished
ujugatāssa	uju + gata + assa	useless, idle, frivolous + chatter, prattle
vatāyasmantamyeva	vata + āyasmantam + y +eva	walking upright
	***	indeed + Venerable + thus

² *ditṭhevadhamme*: in this world, in this very existence