

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 3.5.8



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Methunasuttam

..... “Kim pana, bho gotama, brahmacariyassa khaṇḍampi chiddampi sabalampi kammāsampī”ti? “Idha, brāhmaṇa, ekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā sammā brahmacārī paṭijānamāno na heva kho mātugāmena saddhiṃ dvayaṃdvayasamāpattim samāpajjati; api ca kho mātugāmassa ucchādanaparimaddananhāpanasambāhanam sādiyati. So tam assādeti , tam nikāmeti, tena ca vittim āpajjati. Idampi kho, brāhmaṇa, brahmacariyassa khaṇḍampi chiddampi sabalampi kammāsampi. Ayam vuccati, brāhmaṇa, aparisuddham brahmacariyam carati, saṃyutto methunena saṃyogena na parimuccati jātiyā jarāya marañena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi, na parimuccati dukkhasmāti vadāmi.

“Puna caparam, brāhmaṇa, idhekacco samaṇo vā brāhmaṇo vā sammā brahmacārī paṭijānamāno na heva kho mātugāmena saddhiṃ dvayaṃdvayasamāpattim samāpajjati, napi mātugāmassa ucchādanaparimaddananhāpanasambāhanam sādiyati; api ca kho mātugāmena saddhiṃ sañjagghati saṃkīlati saṃkelāyati. So tam assādeti , tam nikāmeti, tena ca vittim āpajjati. Idampi kho, brāhmaṇa, brahmacariyassa khaṇḍampi chiddampi sabalampi kammāsampi. Ayam vuccati, brāhmaṇa, aparisuddham brahmacariyam carati, saṃyutto methunena saṃyogena na parimuccati jātiyā jarāya marañena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi, na parimuccati dukkhasmāti vadāmi.pe...¹ napi mātugāmena saddhiṃ sañjagghati saṃkīlati saṃkelāyati; api ca kho mātugāmassa cakkhunā cakkhum upanijjhāyati pekkhatipe... napi mātugāmassa cakkhunā cakkhum upanijjhāyati

¹ ...pe...—here refers to the respective sentences before and always adds the last.

pekkhati; api ca kho mātugāmassa saddam suñāti tirokuṭṭam² vā tiropākāram vā hasantiyā vā bhaṇtiyā vā gāyantiyā vā rodantiyā vā ...pe... napi mātugāmassa saddam suñāti tirokuṭṭam vā tiropākāravām hasantiyā vā bhaṇtiyā vā gāyantiyā vā rodantiyā vā; api ca kho yānissa tāni pubbe mātugāmena saddhim hasitalapitakīlitāni tāni anussarati ...pe... napi yānissa tāni pubbe mātugāmena saddhim hasitalapitakīlitāni tāni anussarati; api ca kho passati gahapatim vā gahapatiputtam vā pañcahi kāmaguṇehi samappitam samaṅgībhūtam paricārayamānam ...pe... napi passati gahapatim vā gahapatiputtam vā pañcahi kāmaguṇehi³ samappitam samaṅgībhūtam paricārayamānam; api ca kho aññataram devanikāyam pañidhāya brahmacariyam carati imināham sīlena vā vatena vā tapena vā brahmacariyena vā devo vā bhavissāmi devaññataro vāti. So tam assādeti, tam nikāmeti, tena ca vittim āpajjati. Idampi kho, brāhmaṇa, brahmacariyassa khaṇḍampi chiddampi sabalampi kammāsampi. Ayaṁ vuccati, brāhmaṇa, aparisuddham brahmacariyam carati saṃyutto methunena saṃyogena, na parimuccati jātiyā jarāya marañena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi, na parimuccati dukkhasmāti vadāmi.

Anguttaranikāyo, Sattakanipātapāli, Paṭhamapaññāsakam, Mahāyaññavaggo

anussarati		to remember
assādeti		taste, relish
bhaṇtiyā		speaking
chiddampi	part pres feminine <i>č?</i>	perforated, having holes
dvayamdvayasamāpattim	chiddam +api	two + entered upon, sexual
intercourse	dvaya+dvaya+samāpatti	
gāyantiyā		singing
gahapatim		householder
gahapatiputtam		householders son
hasitalapitakīlitāni	hasita + lapita + kīlitāni	laughing + talking + playing,
amusing		
kāmaguṇehi	kāma + guṇa + ehi	sensual pleasures
kammāsampi	kammāsa + api	blemished, variegated
khaṇḍampi	khaṇḍa + api	broken
mātugāmena		women, womenfolk
methunena	instr.	sexual intercourse
nikāmeti	ni – not?	strive after
pañidhāya	pañidahati (ger.)	aspiring for, attending to
paricārayamānam		indulging in
paridevehi		lamentation, wailing
patijānamāno	patijānati + māno	approving, promising, knowing
pekkhati		to look at

² *kuṭṭam / kuddam / pākāram* these are walls made of different materials like wattle and daub, bricks, stone and wood. *Tiro* is from the outside of these walls

³ *pañcahi kāmaguṇehi*—sensual pleasures that are enjoyed by any of the five senses.

rodantiyā	part pres feminin <i>u?</i>	crying
sādiyati		lit.: enjoy for oneself, agree to
samkīlati		to play
samkelāyati		amuse oneself
samyogena		bond, fetter
samyutto	pp.	tied, connected
sabalampi	sabala + api	inconsistent, spotted
samāpajjati		to enter upon
samaṅgībhūtam		possesed of, provided with
samappitam	samappeti (pp)	possesed of, endowed with
sañjagghati		to joke
ucchādanaparimaddananhāpanasambāhanam:	ucchādana + parimadda + nahāpana + sambāhana	anointing perfumes and oil rubbing, massage rubbing, shampooing
upāyāsa		trouble, unrest, disturbance
upanijjhāyati		to consider, to look at
vitti		joy, happiness
