

## Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

### Lesson 3.6.13

### Sārandadasuttaṃ

### How to Live in Harmony and True Democracy



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<p>Evam me sutam – ekam samayam bhagavā vesāliyam viharati sārandade cetiye.</p> <p>Atha kho sambahulā licchavī yena bhagavā tenupasaṅkamimsu; upasaṅkamtivā bhagavantam abhivādetvā ekamantaṃ nisidimsu.</p>	<p>Thus has been heard by me: At one time the Bhagavā was staying at Vesāliyam at the Sārandada cave.</p> <p>Here a number of Licchavī approached the Bhagavā. Having approached him, they greeted him respectfully and sat down at one side.</p>
<p>Ekamantaṃ nisinne kho te licchavī bhagavā etadavoca –</p> <p>“satta vo, licchavī, aparihāniye dhamme desessāmi. Tam suṇātha, sādhuḥkaṃ manasi karotha; bhāssissāmi”ti.</p> <p>“Evam, bhante”ti kho te licchavī bhagavato paccassosum.</p>	<p>Having sat down at one side, the Bhagavā addressed the Licchavī with the following words: “Licchavī, I will teach you seven principles of non-decline. Listen carefully and attentive, I will speak!”</p> <p>“Well, Bhante,” replied the Licchavī to the Bhagavā.</p>
<p>Bhagavā etadavoca –</p> <p>“Katame ca, licchavī, satta aparihāniyā dhammā?</p> <p>Yāvakīvaṅca, licchavī, vajjī abhiṅṅham sannipātā bhavissanti sannipātabahulā; vuddhiyeva, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ pātīkaṅkhā, no parihāni.</p>	<p>Then the Bhagavā spoke thus:</p> <p>“Now, Licchavī, what are these seven principles of non-decline?</p> <p>As long, Licchavī, as the Vajjans will hold regular and frequent assemblies, it can be expected Licchavī, of the Vajjans to prosper and not to decline.</p>
<p>Yāvakīvaṅca, licchavī, vajjī samaggā sannipattissanti, samaggā vuṭṭhahissanti, samaggā vajjikaraṇīyāni karissanti; vuddhiyeva, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ pātīkaṅkhā, no parihāni.</p> <p>Yāvakīvaṅca, licchavī, vajjī apaññattaṃ na paññāpessanti, paññattaṃ na samucchindissanti, yathāpaññatte porāṇe vajjidhamme samādāya vattissanti;</p>	<p>As long, Licchavī, as the Vajjans will assemble in harmony, depart in harmony and carry on their affairs in harmony, it can be expected, Licchavī, of the Vajjans to prosper and not to decline.</p> <p>As long, Licchavī, as the Vajjans will not proclaim what has not been announced yet and will not derive from what has been proclaimed but proceed in accordance in the ancient Vajjan</p>

<p>vuddhiyeva, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ pāṭikaṅkhā, no parihāni.</p>	<p>tradition as authorized, it can be expected, Licchavī, of the Vajjans to prosper and not to decline.</p>
<p>Yāvakīvaṅca, licchavī, vajjī ye te vajjīnaṃ vajjimahallakā te sakkarissanti garuṃ karissanti mānessanti pūjessanti, tesaṅca sotabbaṃ maññissanti; vuddhiyeva, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ pāṭikaṅkhā, no parihāni.</p>	<p>As long, Licchavī, as the Vajjans will keep in honour their elders, pay respect, venerate and revere them, and believe in their advice, it can be expected Licchavī, of the Vajjans to prosper and not to decline.</p>
<p>Yāvakīvaṅca, licchavī, vajjī yā tā kulitthiyo kulakumāriyo tā na okassa pasayha vāsessanti; vuddhiyeva, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ pāṭikaṅkhā, no parihāni.</p>	<p>As long, Licchavī, as no women or any young girls are abducted and forced to live in another's house, it can be expected Licchavī, of the Vajjans to prosper and not to decline.</p>
<p>Yāvakīvaṅca, licchavī, vajjī yāni tāni vajjīnaṃ vajjicetiyaṇi abhantarāni ceva bāhirāni ca tāni sakkarissanti garuṃ karissanti mānessanti pūjessanti, tesaṅca dinnapubbaṃ katapubbaṃ dhammikaṃ baliṃ no parihāpessanti; vuddhiyeva, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ pāṭikaṅkhā, no parihāni.</p>	<p>As long, Licchavī, as the Vajjans keep in honour the Vajjan shrines in vicinity and those further away, pay respect to them, venerate and revere them and arrange righteous oblations as provided and given before, it can be expected Licchavī, of the Vajjans to prosper and not to decline.</p>
<p>Yāvakīvaṅca, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ arahantesu dhammikā rakkhāvaraṇagutti susaṃvihitā bhavissati – ‘kinti anāgatā ca arahanto vijitaṃ āgaccheyyūṃ, āgatā ca arahanto vijite phāsuṃ vihareyyu’nti; vuddhiyeva, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ pāṭikaṅkhā, no parihāni.</p>	<p>As long, Licchavī, as the Vajjans provide suitable and necessary protection, guard and support for the Arahants – ‘let those Arahants, who are not yet dwelling amongst us come in future and those Arahants, who already are dwelling here, may they live comfortable!’ – it can be expected Licchavī, of the Vajjans to prosper and not to decline.</p>
<p>Yāvakīvaṅca, licchavī, ime satta aparihāniyā dhammā vajjīsu ṭhassanti, imesu ca sattu aparihāniyesu dhammesu vajjī sandissanti vuddhiyeva, licchavī, vajjīnaṃ pāṭikaṅkhā, no parihāni”’ti.</p>	<p>As long, Licchavī, as these seven principles of non-decline will be maintained by the Vajjans, as long as these seven principles of non-decline will remain obvious amongst the Vajjans, it can be expected Licchavī, of the Vajjans to prosper and not to decline.”</p>