

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 3.8.10



Pātālasuttam

“Assutavā bhikkhave, puthujjano yaṁ vācam bhāsati— ‘atthi mahāsamudde pātālo’ti. Tam kho panetam, bhikkhave, assutavā puthujjano asantam avijjamānam evaṁ vācam bhāsati— ‘atthi mahāsamudde pātālo’ti. Sārīrikānam kho etam, bhikkhave, dukkhānam vedanānam adhivacanam yadidam ‘pātālo’ti.

Assutavā, bhikkhave, puthujjano sārīrikāya dukkhāya vedanāya phuṭṭho samāno socati kilamati paridevati urattālim kandati sammoham āpajjati. Ayaṁ vuccati, bhikkhave, ‘assutavā puthujjano pātāle na paccuṭṭhāsi, gādhañca nājjhagā’.

Sutavā ca kho, bhikkhave, ariyasāvako sārīrikāya dukkhāya vedanāya phuṭṭho samāno neva socati, na kilamati, na paridevati, na urattālim kandati, na sammoham āpajjati. Ayaṁ vuccati, bhikkhave, ‘sutavā ariyasāvako pātāle paccuṭṭhāsi, gādhañca ajjhagā’”ti.

“*Yo etā nādhivāseti, uppannā vedanā dukkhā;*
Sārīrikā pāṇaharā, yāhi phuṭṭho pavedhati.
Akkandati parodati, dubbalo appathāmako;
Na so pātāle paccuṭṭhāsi, atho gādhampi nājjhagā.

Yo cetā adhivāseti, uppannā vedanā dukkhā;
Sārīrikā pāṇaharā, yāhi phuṭṭho na vedhati.
Sa ve pātāle paccuṭṭhāsi, atho gādhampi ajjhagā”ti.

Sagāthāvaggo, Vedanāsaṁyuttam, Saṭṭayanavaggo, Saṁyuttanikāyo



adhibāseti	adhibāseti	consent, endure, bear
akkandati		wail, lament
āpajjati		enter, undergo
appathāmako	appa + thāmako	little + strength
gādhañca	gādha + m + ca	firm ground, stand, foothold
kandati	kandati	wail, lament, cry
kilamati		get exhausted, tired, worn out
mahāsamudde	mahā + samudde	great + sea, ocean
nādhivāseti	na + adhibāseti	not +endure, bear
nājjhagā	na + ajjhagā (pret. of adhigacchati)	not + obtained
paccuṭṭhāsi	paccuṭṭhāti (aor.)	rose, got up
pāṇaharā		taking away life
paridevati		wail, lament, cry
parodati		burst into tears, wail
pavedhati	pa + vedhati	tremble, be frightened,
sārīrikānam	sārīrika (gen., dat.,pl)	bodily
urattālīm		beating one's breast