

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 1.3.8 Caṅkamasuttaṃ (Bound Together by Inclinations)



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Atha kho bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi:	Then the Bhagavā addressed the Bhikkhus:
“Passatha no tumhe, bhikkhave, sāriputtaṃ sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhiṃ caṅkamantaṃ”ti?	“Do you, O’ Bhikkhus see Sāriputta walking up and down with many Bhikkhus?”
“Evaṃ, bhante”.	“Yes, Bhante!”
“Sabbe kho ete, bhikkhave, bhikkhū mahāpaññā.	“Bhikkhus, all these Bhikkhus are of great wisdom.
Passatha no tumhe, bhikkhave, moggallānaṃ sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhiṃ caṅkamantaṃ”ti?	Do you, O’ Bhikkhus, see Moggallāna walking up and down with many Bhikkhus?”
“Evaṃ, bhante”. “Sabbe kho ete, bhikkhave, bhikkhū mahiddhikā.	“Yes, Bhante!” “O’ Bhikkhus, all these Bhikkhus possess great magical power.
Passatha no tumhe, bhikkhave, kassapaṃ sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhiṃ caṅkamantaṃ”ti?	Do you see, O’ Bhikkhus, Kassapa walking up and down with many Bhikkhus?”
“Evaṃ, bhante”. “Sabbe kho ete, bhikkhave, bhikkhū dhutavādā.	“Yes, Bhante!” “O’ Bhikkhus, all these Bhikkhus keep strict observances.
Passatha no tumhe, bhikkhave, anuruddhaṃ sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhiṃ caṅkamantaṃ”ti?	Do you see, O’ Bhikkhus, Anuruddha walking up and down with many Bhikkhus?”
“Evaṃ, bhante”. “Sabbe kho ete, bhikkhave, bhikkhū dibbacakkhukā.	“Yes, Bhante!” “O’ Bhikkhus, all these Bhikkhus are endowed with super-human eye.
Passatha no tumhe, bhikkhave, puṇṇaṃ mantāniputtaṃ sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhiṃ caṅkamantaṃ”ti?	Do you see, O’, Bhikkhus, Puṇṇamantāniputta walking up and down with many Bhikkhus?”
“Evaṃ, bhante”. “Sabbe kho ete, bhikkhave, bhikkhū dhammakathikā.	“Yes, Bhante!” “O’ Bhikkhus, all these Bhikkhus preach the Dhamma.

Passatha no tumhe, bhikkhave, upāliṃ sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhiṃ caṅkamantaṃ”ti?	Do you see, O’ Bhikkhus, Upāli walking up and down with many Bhikkhus?”
“Evaṃ, bhante”. “Sabbe kho ete, bhikkhave, bhikkhū vinayadharā.	“Yes, Bhante!” “O’ Bhikkhus, all these Bhikkhus know the Vinaya by heart.
Passatha no tumhe, bhikkhave, ānandaṃ sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhiṃ caṅkamantaṃ”ti?	Do you see, O’ Bhikkhus, Ānanda walking up and down with many Bhikkhus?”
“Evaṃ, bhante”. “Sabbe kho ete, bhikkhave, bhikkhū bahussutā.	“Yes, Bhante!” “O’ Bhikkhus, all these Bhikkhus are of ample learning.
Passatha no tumhe, bhikkhave, devadattaṃ sambahulehi bhikkhūhi saddhiṃ caṅkamantaṃ”ti?	Do you see, O’ Bhikkhus, Devadatta walking up and down with many Bhikkhus?”
“Evaṃ, bhante”. “Sabbe kho ete, bhikkhave, bhikkhū pāpicchā”.	“Yes, Bhante!” “O’ Bhikkhus, all these Bhikkhus have bad intentions.”
“Dhātusova, bhikkhave, sattā saṃsandanti samenti.	“O’ Bhikkhus, it is their disposition that beings run together, meet together.
Hīnādhimuttikā hīnādhimuttikehi saddhiṃ saṃsandanti samenti; kalyāṇādhimuttikā kalyāṇādhimuttikehi saddhiṃ saṃsandanti samenti.	Those having low inclination run together, associate with those having low inclination; those disposed towards virtue run together, associate with those disposed towards virtue.
Atītampi kho, bhikkhave, addhānaṃ dhātusova sattā saṃsandimṣu samimṣu.	Bhikkhus, even in the past, beings used to run together, meet together through their disposition.
Hīnādhimuttikā hīnādhimuttikehi saddhiṃ saṃsandimṣu samimṣu.	Those having low inclination used to run together, associate with those having low inclination.
kalyāṇādhimuttikā kalyāṇādhimuttikehi saddhiṃ saṃsandimṣu samimṣu.”	Those disposed towards virtue used to run together, associate with those disposed towards virtue.”
“Anāgatampi kho, bhikkhave, addhānaṃ dhātusova sattā saṃsandissanti samessanti.	“Even in future, Bhikkhus, beings will run together, meet together through their disposition.
Hīnādhimuttikā hīnādhimuttikehi saddhiṃ saṃsandissanti samessanti.	Those having low inclination will run together, associate with those having low inclination.
kalyāṇādhimuttikā kalyāṇādhimuttikehi saddhiṃ saṃsandissanti samessanti.”	Those disposed towards virtue will run together, associate with those disposed towards virtue.”

“Etarahipi kho, bhikkhave, paccuppannaṃ addhānaṃ dhātuśova sattā saṃsandanti samenti.	“Now in the present also, Bhikkhus, beings run together, meet together through their disposition.
Hīnādhimuttikā hīnādhimuttikehi saddhiṃ saṃsandanti samenti.	Those having low inclination run together, associate with those having low inclination.
kalyāṇādhimuttikā kalyāṇādhimuttikehi saddhiṃ saṃsandanti samenti”ti.	Those disposed towards virtue run together, associate with those disposed towards virtue.”