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HOMAGE TO THE TRIPLE GEM

Arahāṁ sammā-sambuddho Bhagavā
Buddham̄ Bhagavantam̄ abhivādemi

Svākkhāto Bhagavatā dhammo
Dhammam̄ namassāmi

Supaṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho
Saṅgham̄ namāmi

1 BEGINNINGS

THREE REFUGES AND FIVE PRECEPTS

NAMAKKĀRA Homage

Namo tassa Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa.
Namo tassa Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa.
Namo tassa Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa.

SARANAGAMANA The Three Refuges

Buddham saraṇam gacchāmi.
Dhammam saraṇam gacchāmi.
Saṅgham saraṇam gacchāmi.

Dutiyam pi Buddham saraṇam gacchāmi.
Dutiyam pi dhammam saraṇam gacchāmi.
Dutiyam pi saṅgham saraṇam gacchāmi.

Tatiyam pi Buddham saraṇam gacchāmi.
Tatiyam pi dhammam saraṇam gacchāmi.
Tatiyam pi saṅgham saraṇam gacchāmi.

*I go to the Buddha as a refuge, the Dhamma as a refuge, the Sangha as a refuge.
For the second time... For the third time...*

PAÑCA SĪLA The Five Precepts

Pāṇatipātā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.
Adinnādānā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.
Kāmesu micchā-cārā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.
Musā-vādā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.
Surā-meraya-majja-pamāda-tṭhānā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

*I undertake the training rule of refraining from killing living beings.
I undertake the training rule of refraining from taking what is not given.
I undertake the training rule of refraining from sexual misconduct.
I undertake the training rule of refraining from false speech.
I undertake the training rule of refraining from intoxicants which cause heedlessness
(or refraining from states of heedlessness caused by intoxicants).*

RECOLLECTION OF THE TRIPLE GEM

NAMAKKĀRA Homage

Namo tassa Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa.
Namo tassa Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa.
Namo tassa Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa.

BUDDHĀNUSSATI Recollection of the Qualities of the Buddha

Iti pi so Bhagavā arahaṇ sammā-sambuddho vijjā-caraṇa-sampanno sugato loka-vidū anuttaro purisa-damma-sārathi satthā deva-manussānam Buddho Bhagavā ti.

DHAMMĀNUSSATI Recollection of the Qualities of the Dhamma

Svākkhāto Bhagavatā dhammo sanditthiko akāliko ehi-passiko opanayiko paccattam veditabbo viññūhī ti.

SAṄGHĀNUSSATI Recollection of the Qualities of the Sangha

Supatipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo uju-patipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo nāya-patipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo sāmīci-patipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo yad idam cattāri purisa-yugāni aṭṭha purisa-puggalā. Esa Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhiṇeyyo añjali-karaṇeyyo anuttaram puñña-kkhettam lokassā ti.

2 PŪJĀ

OFFERING VERSES

SALUTATION TO THE THREE CETIYAS

Vandāmi cetiyam sabbam
Sārīrika-dhātu mahā-bodhim

sabba-tṭhānesu patiṭṭhitam
buddha-rūpaṁ sakalam sadā.

Saluting all cetiyas, wheresoever established: the Relics, the Bodhi Tree and all images of the Buddha.



Pūjemi Buddham kusumen' anena
Puññena-m-etenā ca hotu mokkham.
Puppham milāyati yathā idam me
Kāyo tathā yāti vināsa-bhāvam.

PADĪPAPŪJĀ Offering of Lights

Ghana-sāra-ppadittena
Tiloka-dīpam sambuddham

dīpena tama-dhamśinā
pūjayāmi tamo-nudam.

Brightly shining lights removing darkness as a pūjā to the Enlightened One who dispels the darkness of the Three Worlds.

Pūjemi dhammam kusumen' anena
Puññena-m-etenā ca hotu mokkham.
Puppham milāyati yathā idam me
Kāyo tathā yāti vināsa-bhāvam.

Pūjemi saṅgham kusumen' anena
Puññena-m-etenā ca hotu mokkham.
Puppham milāyati yathā idam me
Kāyo tathā yāti vināsa-bhāvam.

DHŪPAPŪJĀ Offering of Incense

Gandha-sambhāra-yuttena
Pūjaye pūjaneyyan tam

dhūpenāham sugandhinā
pūjā-bhājanam uttamam.

Incense, compounded of aromatic substances, pleasingly scented — a pūjā to the Buddha as the true vessel of honour. (The vessel for incense, filled with fragrances, is compared to the Buddha who is a supreme vessel for pūjā i.e. filled with Dhamma qualities)

Through the merit of honouring the Triple Gem may there be Freedom. As these flowers are fading away, so this body of mine is moving towards dissolution.

PĀNĪYAPŪJĀ Offering of Drink

Sugandham sītalam kappam
Pānīyam etam Bhagavā

pasanna-madhuram subham
paṭigāṇhātu-m-uttamam.

Pure, cool liquid, clear and sweet: may the Lord accept this reverent offering.

PUPPHAPŪJĀ Offering of Flowers

Vaṇṇa-gandha-guṇopetam
Pūjayāmi munindassa

etam kusuma-santatiṁ
sirī-pāda-saroruhe.

Colourful and scented flowers as a pūjā to the Enlightened Lord.

Adhivāsetu no Bhante
Anukampam upādāya

bhojanam upanāmitam.
paṭigāṇhātu-m-uttama.

Let the Lord in his compassion receive our offering of food.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INATTENTION

This is an acknowledgement to the Tathāgata of actions done negligently with body, speech and mind.

WISH – FOR GOOD FRIENDS, NIBBĀNA

Iminā puñña-kammena mā me bāla-samāgamo.
Sataṁ samāgamo hotu yāva nibbāna-pattiyā.
Imam̄ me puññam̄ āsava-kkhayāvaham̄ hotu.

*Through this skilful action, may we have the companionship of good friends until reaching Nibbāna
and may we be freed from defilements.*



TRANSFERENCE OF MERIT

Ettāvatā ca amhehi sambhatam puñña-sampadam
Sabbe devānumodantu sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā.

Ettāvatā ca amhehi sambhataṁ puñña-sampadaṁ
Sabbe sattānumodantu sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā.¹

Ettāvatā ca amhehi sambhatam̄ puñña-sampadam̄
Sabbe bhūtānumodantu sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā.¹

A wish for all devas, humans and other beings to take joy in this good fortune of ours and thereby gain merit to bring them goodness and good fortune.

Idam me ñātinam hotu. Sukhitā hontu ñātayo.

Let this merit be of benefit to my relatives and may they be happy.

Sadhu sadhu sadhu

¹ The order of the second and third verses is often reversed, putting 'bhūtā' before 'sattā'.

3 PARITTA, AND OTHER CHANTS OF BLESSING AND PROTECTION



INVITATION TO THE DEVAS

Samantā cakka-vālesu atrāgacchantu devatā.
Sad-dhammam muni-rājassa sunāntu sagga-mokkha-dam.¹

Sagge kāme ca rūpe giri-sikhara-taṭe c' antalikkhe vimāne,
Dīpe rat̄the ca gāme taru-vana-gahane geha-vatthumhi khette
Bhummā c' āyantu devā jala-thala-visame yakkha-gandhabba-nāgā.
Tit̄thantā santike yam muni-vara-vacanam sādhavo me suṇantu.

Dhamma-ssavanakālo ayam bhadantā.
Dhamma-ssavanakālo ayam bhadantā.
Dhamma-ssavanakālo ayam bhadantā.

¹ An alternative version of the first two lines:
Pharitvāna mettam samettā bhadantā
Avikkhittacittā parittam bhaṇantu.

BUDDHAMĀNGALAGĀTHĀ

Handa mayam Buddha-maṅgala-gāthāyo bhaṇāmase.

Sambuddho dipadam set̄tho
Konḍañño pubba-bhāge ca
Sāriputto ca dakkhiṇe
Pacchime pi ca Ānando
Moggallāno ca uttare
Ime kho maṅgalā buddhā
Vanditā te ca amhehi
Etesam ānubhāvena
nisinno c' eva majjhime
āgaṇeyye ca Kassapo
haratiye Upāli ca
bāyabbe ca Gavampati
īsāne pi ca Rāhulo:
sabbe idha patiṭhitā
sakkārehi ca pūjitā.
sabba-sothī bhavantu no.
Icc evam accanta-namassaneyyam
Namassamāno ratana-ttayam yam
Puññābhisaṇḍam vipulam alattham,
Tassānubhāvena hatantarāyo.

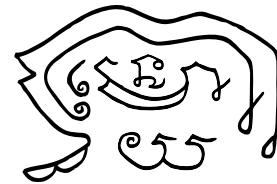
... May all obstacles be dispelled.

ATṬHAVĀSATITATHĀGATAVANDANĀ

Homage to the Twenty Eight Buddhas

Vande Taṇhaṇkaram Buddham
Saranaṇkaram munim vande
Vande Konḍañña-satthāram
Vande Sumana-sambuddham
Vande Sobhita-sambuddham
Vande Paduma-sambuddham
Padumuttaram munim vande
Vande Sujāta-sambuddham
Atthadassim munim vande
Vande Siddhattha-satthāram
Vande Phussa-mahā-vīram
Sikhim mahā-munim vande
Kakusandham munim vande
Kassapam Sugatam vande
Atṭhavāsat' ime Buddhā
Name te sirasā niccam
vande Medhaṇkaram munim
Dīpaṇkaram jinam name
vande Maṅgala-nāyakam
vande Revata-nāyakam
Anomadassim munim name
vande Nārada-nāyakam
vande Sumedha-nāyakam
Piyadassim munim name
Dhammadassim jinam name
vande Tissa-mahā-munim
vande Vipassi-nāyakam
vande Vessabhu-nāyakam
vande Konāgamanaṁ jinam
vande Gotama-nāyakam
nibbānāmata-dāyakā
te mam rakkhantu sabbadā.





METTASUTTA

Yassānubhāvato yakkhā n' eva dassenti bhim̄sanam
 Yamhi c' evānujuñjanto rattin-divam atandito
 Sukham̄ supatiutto ca pāpañ kiñci na passati,
 Evam-ādi-guñopetam̄ parittan tam̄ bhañāma he.

Karañiyam attha-kusalena

Sakko ujū ca su-h-ujū ca
 Santussako ca subharo ca
 Sant' indriyo ca nipako ca
 Na ca khuddam̄ samācare kiñci
 Sukhino vā khemino hontu
 Ye keci pāña-bhūt' atthi
 Dīghā vā ye mahantā vā
 Diññhā vā ye ca adiññhā
 Bhūtā vā sambhavesī vā:
 Na paro param̄ nikubbetha
 Byārosanā pañigha-saññā
 Mātā yathā niyam̄ puttam̄
 Evam pi sabba-bhūtesu
 Mettañ ca sabba-lokasmim̄
 Uddham̄ adho ca tiriyañ ca
 Tiññhañ caram̄ nisinno vā
 Etam̄ satim̄ adhiññheyga:
 Diññhiñ ca anupagamma
 Kāmesu vineyya gedham̄

yan tam̄ santam̄ padam̄ abhisamecca
 suvaco c' assa mudu anatimāñ
 appa-kicco ca sallahuka-vutti
 appagabbho kulesu ananugiddho;
 yena viññū pare upavadeyyum:
 sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhit'attā.
 tasā vā thāvarā vā anavasesā
 majjhimā rassakā añuka-thūlā
 ye ca dūre vasanti avidūre
 sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhit'attā.
 nātimāññetha katthaci nam̄ kiñci,
 nāññā-m-aññassa dukkham iccheyya.
 āyusā eka-puttam̄ anurakkhe
 mānasam bhāvaye aparimāñam̄.
 mānasam bhāvaye aparimāñam̄
 asambādham̄ averam̄ asapattam̄
 sayāno vā yāvat' assa vigata-middho.
 brahmam etam̄ vihāram̄ idha-m-āhu.
 sīlavā dassanena sampanno
 na hi jātu gabbha-seyyam̄ punar-etī ti.

MAÑGALASUTTA

Evam me sutam. Ekam̄ samayam̄ Bhagavā Sāvatthiyam̄ viharati Jeta-vane
 Anāthapiññikassa ārāme. Atha kho aññatarā devatā abhikkantāya rattiyañ abhikkanta-
 vanñā kevala-kappañ Jeta-vanam̄ obhāsetvā, yena Bhagavā ten' upasañkami.
 Upasañkamitvā Bhagavantam̄ abhivādetvā ekam antam̄ aññhāsi. Ekam antam̄ ñhitā kho sā
 devatā Bhagavantam̄ gāthāya ajjhabhāsi:

Bahū devā manussā ca
 Ākañkhamāñ sothānam̄.

mañgalāni acintayum̄
 Brūhi mañgalam uttamam̄.

Asevanā ca bālānam̄
 Pūjā ca pūjanīyānam̄,

paññitānañ ca sevanā
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Pañirūpa-desa-vāso ca
 Atta-sammā-pañidhi ca,

pubbe ca kata-puññatā
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Bāhu-saccañ ca sippañ ca
 Subhāsitā ca yā vācā,

vinayo ca susikkhito
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Mātā-pitu-upaññhānam̄
 Anākulā ca kammantā,

putta-dārassa sañgaho
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Dānañ ca dhamma-cariyā ca
 Anavajjāni kammāni,

ñātakānañ ca sañgaho
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Āratī viratī pāpā
 Appamādo ca dhampusu,

majja-pānā ca saññamo
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Gāravo ca nivāto ca
 Kālena dhamma-ssavanam̄,

santuññī ca kataññutā
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Khantī ca sovacassatā
 Kālena dhamma-sākacchā,

samanānañ ca dassanam̄
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Tapo ca brahma-cariyāñ ca
 Nibbāna-sacchi-kiriyā ca,

ariya-saccāna dassanam̄
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Phutthassa loka-dhammehi
 Asokam̄ virajam̄ khemam̄,

cittam yassa na kampati
 etam mañgalam uttamam̄.

Etādisāni katvāna
 Sabbattha sothim̄ gacchanti,

sabbattha-m-aparājītā
 tan tesam mañgalam uttaman ti.



RATANASUTTA

Yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni
Bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe
Sabbe va bhūtā sumanā bhavantu;
Atho pi sakkacca suṇantu bhāsitam:

Tasmā hi bhūtā nisāmetha sabbe
Mettam karotha mānusiyā pajāya
Divā ca ratto ca haranti ye balim
Tasmā hi ne rakkhatha appamattā.

Yam kiñci vittam idha vā huram vā
Saggesu vā yam ratanam pañītam
Na no samam atthi Tathāgatena.
Idam pi Buddhe ratanam pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Khayam virāgam amatam pañītam
Yad ajjhagā Sakyamunī samāhito
Na tena dhammena sam' atthi kiñci.
Idam pi dhamme ratanam pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Yam Buddha-seṭṭho parivanṇayī sucim
Samādhim ānantarikañ ñam āhu,
Samādhinā tena samo na vijjati.
Idam pi dhamme ratanam pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Ye puggalā aṭṭha satam pasatthā,
Cattāri etāni yugāni honti.
Te dakkhiṇeyyā sugatassa sāvakā.
Etesu dinnāni maha-pphalāni.
Idam pi saṅghe ratanam pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Ye suppayuttā manasā dalhena

Nikkāmino Gotama-sāsanamhi,
Te patti-pattā amatam vigayha
Laddhā mudhā nibbutim bhuñjamānā.
Idam pi saṅghe ratanam pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Yath' inda-khīlo pathavim̄ sito siyā
Catubbhi vātehi asampakampiyo,
Tath' ūpamam̄ sap-purisam̄ vadāmi,
Yo ariya-saccāni avecca passati.
Idam pi saṅghe ratanam̄ pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Ye ariya-saccāni vibhāvayanti
Gambhīra-paññena sudesitāni,
Kiñcāpi te honti bhusa-ppamattā,
Na te bhavam̄ aṭṭhamam̄ ādiyanti.
Idam pi saṅghe ratanam̄ pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Sahā va assa dassana-sampadāya
Tay' assu dhammā jahitā bhavanti:
Sakkāya-ditṭhi vicikicchitañ ca
Sīla-bbatam̄ vā pi yad atthi kiñci
Catūh' apāyehi ca vippamutto
Cha cābhīṭhānāni abhabbo kātum.
Idam pi saṅghe ratanam̄ pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Kiñcāpi so kammañ karoti pāpakañ
Kāyena vācā uda cetasā vā
Abhabbo so tassa paticchadāya.
Abhabbatā ditṭha-padassa vuttā.
Idam pi saṅghe ratanam̄ pañītam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Vana-ppagumbe yathā phussitagge
Gimhāna-māse paṭhamasmi gimhe,
Tath' ūpamam̄ dhamma-varam̄ adesayī



Nibbāna-gāmīm paramam hitāya.
Idam pi Buddhe ratanam pañitam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Varo varaññū vara-do varāharo
Anuttaro dhamma-varam adesayī.
Idam pi Buddhe ratanam pañitam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Khīnam purānam; navam n' atthi sambhavam.

Viratta-cittā āyatike bhavasmiṁ
Te khīṇa-bījā avirūlhi-chandā
Nibbanti dhīrā yathāyam padīpo.
Idam pi saṅghe ratanam pañitam;
Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni
Bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe
Tathāgataṁ deva-manussa-pūjitam
Buddham namassāma. Suvatthi hotu.

Yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni
Bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe
Tathāgataṁ deva-manussa-pūjitam
Dhammam namassāma. Suvatthi hotu.

Yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni
Bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe
Tathāgataṁ deva-manussa-pūjitam
Saṅgham namassāma. Suvatthi hotu.



MAHĀJAYAMĀNGALAGĀTHĀ

An invocation of blessings

Each section in this may be chanted on its own, or in any combination with others.

Mahā-kāruṇiko nātho

Pūretvā pāramī sabbā
Etena sacca-vajjena

Jayanto bodhiyā mūle
Evam mayham² jayo hotu,

Sakkatvā Buddha-ratanam
Hitam deva-manussānam
Nassant' upaddavā sabbe
Sakkatvā dhamma-ratanam
Parilāhūpasamanam
Nassant' upaddavā sabbe
Sakkatvā saṅgha-ratanam
Āhuneyyam pāhuneyyam
Nassant' upaddavā sabbe

Yam kiñci ratanam loke
Ratanam Buddha-samam n' atthi,
Yam kiñci ratanam loke
Ratanam dhamma-samam n' atthi,
Yam kiñci ratanam loke
Ratanam saṅgha-samam n' atthi,

N' atthi me saraṇam aññam:
Etena sacca-vajjena
N' atthi me saraṇam aññam:
Etena sacca-vajjena
N' atthi me saraṇam aññam:
Etena sacca-vajjena

Sabb' ītiyo vivajjantu,
Mā me¹ bhavatvantarāyo,
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalam.

hitāya sabba-pāṇinam
patto sambodhim uttamam
hotu me¹ jaya-maṅgalam.

Sakyānam nandi-vadḍhano,
jayassu jaya-maṅgalam.

osadham uttamam varam
Buddha-tejena sotthinā,
dukkhā vūpasamentu me.¹
osadham uttamam varam
dhamma-tejena sotthinā,
bhayā vūpasamentu me.¹
osadham uttamam varam
saṅgha-tejena sotthinā,
rogā vūpasamentu me.¹

vijjati vividhā puthu,
tasmā sotthī bhavantu me.¹
vijjati vividhā puthu,
tasmā sotthī bhavantu me.¹
vijjati vividhā puthu,
tasmā sotthī bhavantu me.¹

Buddho me saraṇam varam.
hotu me¹ jaya-maṅgalam.
dhammo me saraṇam varam.
hotu me¹ jaya-maṅgalam.
saṅgho me saraṇam varam.
hotu me¹ jaya-maṅgalam.

sabba-rogo vinassatu,
sukhī dīghāyuko aham³.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.

1 'me' for self; or 'te' for others.

2 'mayham' for self; 'tuyham' for others.

3 'aham' for self; 'bhava' for others.

Sabba-buddhānubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalam̄.
Sabba-dhammānubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalam̄.
Sabba-saṅghānubhāvena

Nakkhatta-yakkha-bhūtānam̄
Parittassānubhāvena

Devo vassatu kālena
Phīto bhavatu loko ca

Sabbe Buddhā bala-ppattā
Arahantānañ ca tejena

sadā sotthī bhavantu me¹.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
sadā sotthī bhavantu me¹.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
sadā sotthī bhavantu me¹.

pāpa-ggaha-nivāraṇā
hantu mayham² upaddave.

sassa-sampatti hotu ca
rājā bhavatu dhammadiko.

paccekānañ ca yam̄ balam̄
rakkham̄ bandhāmi sabbaso.



JAYAPARITTA The Victory Protection

Mahā-kāruṇiko nātho
Pūretvā pāramī sabbā
Etena sacca-vajjena

Jayanto bodhiyā mūle
Evañ tvam̄ vijayo hohi.
Aparājita-pallañke
Abhiseke sabba-buddhānam̄
Sunakkhattam̄ sumaṅgalam̄
Sukhañō sumuhutto ca
Padakkhiṇam̄ kāya-kammañ
Padakkhiṇam̄ mano-kammañ
Padakkhiṇāni katvāna

hitāya sabba-pāñinam̄
patto sambodhim uttamam̄.
hotu me¹ jaya-maṅgalam̄.

Sakyānam̄ nandi-vadḍhano,
Jayassu jaya-maṅgale.
sīse paṭhavi-pokkhare
aggapatto pamodati.
supabhātam̄ suhuṭṭhitam̄
suyiṭṭham̄ brahma-cārisu.
vācā-kammañ padakkhiṇam̄
pañidhī te padakkhiṇā.
labhant' atthe padakkhiṇe.

JINAPAÑJARAGĀTHĀ (Thai version)

Handa mayam̄ jina-pañjara-gāthāyo bhañāmase.

Jayāsanāgatā buddhā
Catu-saccāsabham̄ rasam̄
Tañhañkarādayo buddhā
Sabbe patiṭṭhitā mayham̄
Sīse patiṭṭhito mayham̄
Saṅgho patiṭṭhito mayham̄
Hadaye me Anuruddho
Konḍañño piṭṭhi-bhāgasmiñ
Dakkhiṇe savane mayham̄
Kassapo ca Mahānāmo
Kesante piṭṭhi-bhāgasmiñ
Nisinno siri-sampanno
Kumārakassapo therō
So mayham̄ vadane niccam̄
Puṇṇo Aṅgulimālo ca
Therā pañca ime jātā
Sesāsīti mahā-therā
Ete 'sīti mahā-therā
Jalantā sīla-tejena
Ratanam̄ purato āsi
Dhajaggam̄ pacchato āsi
Khandha-mora-parittañ ca
Ākāse chadanam̄ āsi
Jinā nānā vara-samyuttā
Vāta-pittādi-sañjātā
Asesā vinayam̄ yantu
Vasato me sakiccena
Jina-pañjara-majjh' amhi
Sadā pālentu mam̄ sabbe
Icc eva manto sugutto surakkho
Jinānubhāvena jitūpaddavo
Dhammānubhāvena jitārisaṅgho
Saṅghānubhāvena jitantarāyo
Sad-dhammānubhāva-pālito
carāmi jina-pañjare ti.

¹ 'me' for self; or 'te' for others.

² 'mayham̄' for self; 'tuyham̄' for others.

JINAPĀÑJARAGĀTHĀ (Sinhalese version)

Jayāsanāgatā vīrā
 Catu-saccāmata-rasam
 Tanhañkarādayo buddhā
 Sabbe patiñhitā mayham
 Sire patiñhitā buddhā
 Sañgho patiñthito mayham
 Hadaye Anuruddho ca
 Koñdañño piñhi-bhāgasmiñ
 Dakkhiñe savane mayham
 Kassapo ca Mahānāmo
 Kesante piñhi-bhāgasmiñ
 Nisinno siri-sampanno
 Kumārakassapo nāma
 So mayham vadane niccam
 Puñño Añgulimālo ca
 Therā pañca ime jātā
 Sesāsīti mahā-therā
 Jalantā sīla-tejena
 Ratanam purato āsi
 Dhajaggam pacchato āsi
 Khandha-Mora-parittañ ca
 Ākāsa-cchadanam āsi
 Jinānā bala-samyutte
 Vasato me catu-kiccena
 Vāta-pittādi-sañjatā
 Asesā vilayam yantu
 Jina-pañjara-majjhāttham
 Sadā pālentu mam sabbe

 Icc evam accanta-kato surakkho
 Jinānubhāvena jitūpapaddavo

Buddhānubhāvena hatārisaṅgo
 Carāmi sad-dhammānubhāva-pālito.
 Icc evam accanta-kato surakkho
 Jinānubhāvena jitūpapaddavo
 Dhammānubhāvena hatārisaṅgo
 Carāmi sad-dhammānubhāva-pālito.
 Icc evam accanta-kato surakkho
 Jinānubhāvena jitūpapaddavo
 Sañghānubhāvena hatārisaṅgo
 Carāmi sad-dhammānubhāva-pālito.
 Saddhamma-pākāra-parikkhito 'smi
 Añthāriyā añtha-disāsu honti
 Etthantare añtha-nāthā bhavanti
 Uddham vitānam va jinā thitā me.

Bhindanto māra-senam mama sirasi thito bodhim āruyha satthā
 Moggallāno 'si vāme vasati bhuja-taṭe dakkhiñe Sāriputto
 Dhammo majhe urasmīm viharati bhavato mokkhato mora-yonim
 Sampatto bodhi-satto caraṇa-yuga-gato bhānu lokeka-nātho.

Sabbāvamañgala-m-upaddava-dunnimittam
 Sabbīti-roga-gaha-dosa-m-asesa-nindā
 Sabbantarāya-bhaya-dussupinam akantam
 Buddhānubhāva-pavarena payātu nāsam.
 Sabbāvamañgala-m-upaddava-dunnimittam
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SAMBUDDHE AṬṬHAVĪSAÑCĀDIGĀTHĀ

Sambuddhe aṭṭhavīsañ ca
Pañca-sata-sahassāni
Tesam̄ dhammañ ca saṅghañ ca
Nama-kārānubhāvena
Anekā antarāyā pi
Sambuddhe pañca-paññāsañ ca
Dasa-sata-sahassāni
Tesam̄ dhammañ ca saṅghañ ca
Nama-kārānubhāvena
Anekā antarāyā pi
Sambuddhe navuttarasate
Viñsati-sata-sahassāni
Tesam̄ dhammañ ca saṅghañ ca
Nama-kārānubhāvena
Anekā antarāyā pi

dvādasañ ca sahassake
namāmi sirasā aham̄.
ādarena namāmi 'ham̄.
hantvā sabbe upaddave
vinassantu asesato.
catu-viñsati-sahassake
namāmi sirasā aham̄.
ādarena namāmi 'ham̄.
hantvā sabbe upaddave
vinassantu asesato.
aṭṭha-cattālīsa-sahassake
namāmi sirasā aham̄.
ādarena namāmi 'ham̄.
hantvā sabbe upaddave
vinassantu asesato.



NAMOKĀRATṬHAKAGĀTHĀ

Eight Verses of Homage

Namo arahato sammā-
Namo uttama-dhammassa
Namo mahā-saṅghassā pi
Namo omātyāraddhassa
Namo omakātītassa
Namo-kāra-ppabhāvena
Namo-kārānubhāvena
Namo-kārassa tejena

sambuddhassa mahesino.
svākkhātass' eva ten' idha.
visuddha-sīla-ditthino.
ratana-ttayassa sādhukam̄.
tassa vatthu-ttayassa pi.
vigacchantu upaddavā.
suvatthi hotu sabbadā.
vidhimhi homi tejavā.

ĀTĀNĀTIYAPARITTA

Appasannehi nāthassa sāsane sādhu-sammate
Amanussehi cañdehi sadā kibbisa-kāribhi
Parisānañ catassannam ahimsāya ca guttiyā
Yan desesi mahā-vīro parittan tam bhañāma se.

Vipassissa nam' atthu
Sikhissa pi nam' atthu
Vessabhussa nam' atthu
Nam' atthu Kakusandhassa
Konāgamanassa nam' atthu
Kassapassa nam' atthu
Aṅgirasassa nam' atthu
Yo imam̄ dhammam adesesi
Ye cāpi nibbutā loke
Te janā apisuñā
Hitam̄ deva-manussānam̄
Viñjā-carāṇa-sampannam̄
Viñjā-carāṇa-sampannam̄

cakkhumantassa sirīmato.
sabba-bhūtānukampino.
nhātakassa tapassino.
Māra-sena-ppamaddino.
brāhmaṇassa vusīmato.
vippamuttassa sabbadhi.
Sakya-puttassa sirīmato,
sabba-dukkhāpanūdanam̄
yathā-bhūtam̄ vipassisum̄,
mahantā vīta-sāradā
yam̄ namassanti Gotamam̄
mahantam̄ vīta-sāradam̄.
Buddham̄ vandāma Gotaman ti.

Namo me sabba-buddhānam̄
Tañhañkaro mahā-vīro
Sarañañkaro loka-hito
Konḍañño jana-pāmokho
Sumanō sumano dhīro
Sobhito guṇa-sampanno
Padumo loka-pajjoto
Padumuttaro satta-sāro
Sujāto sabba-lok'aggo
Atthadassī kāruṇiko
Siddhattho asamo loke
Phusso ca vara-do buddho
Sikhī sabba-hito satthā
Kakusandho sattha-vāho
Kassapo siri-sampanno

Ete c' aññe ca sambuddhā
Sabbe buddhā asama-samā,

uppannānam̄ mahesinam̄:
Medhañkaro mahā-yaso
Dīpañkaro jutin-dharo
Mañgalō purisāsabho
Revato rati-vadḍhano
Anomadassī-januttamo
Nārado vara-sārathī
Sumedho appañipuggalo
Piyadassī narāsabho
Dhammadassī tamo-nudo
Tisso ca vadatam̄ varo
Vipassī ca anūpamo
Vessabhū sukha-dāyako
Konāgamano rañāñjaho
Gotamo Sakya-puñgavo.

aneka-sata-koṭayo,
sabbe buddhā mahiddhikā,

Sabbe dasa-balūpetā
 Sabbe te paṭijānanti
 Sīha-nādaṁ nadant' ete
 Brahma-cakkam pavattenti
 Upetā buddha-dhammehi
 Dvattimsa-lakkhañupetā-
 Byāma-ppabhāya suppabhā
 Buddhā sabbaññuno ete
 Maha-ppabhā mahā-tejā
 Mahā-kāruṇikā dhīrā
 Dīpā nāthā patiṭṭhā ca
 Gatī bandhū mah'-assasā
 Sadevakassa lokassa
 Tesāham sirasā pāde
 Vacasā manasā c' eva
 Sayane āsane ṭhāne
 Sadā sukhena rakkhantu
 Tehi tvam rakkhito santo
 Sabba-roga-vinimutto
 Sabba-veram atikkanto

Tesam saccena sīlena
 Te pi tumhe anurakkhantu
 Puratthimasmiṁ disā-bhāge
 Te pi tumhe anurakkhantu
 Dakkhiṇasmiṁ disā-bhāge
 Te pi tumhe anurakkhantu
 Pacchimasmiṁ disā-bhāge
 Te pi tumhe anurakkhantu
 Uttarasmiṁ disā-bhāge
 Te pi tumhe anurakkhantu
 Purima-disam Dhataraṭṭho,
 Pacchimena Virūpakkho,
 Cattāro te mahā-rājā
 Te pi tumhe anurakkhantu
 Ākāsaṭṭhā ca bhummaṭṭhā
 Te pi tumhe anurakkhantu

N' atthi me saraṇam aññam:
 Etena sacca-vajjena

vesārajjeḥ' upāgatā:
 āsabhaṇ ṭhānam uttamam.
 parisāsu visāradā.
 loke appatīvattiyam.
 atṭhārasahi nāyakā
 sītyānubyañjanā-dharā,
 sabbe te muni-kuñjarā
 sabbe khīñāsavā jinā
 mahā-paññā maha-bbalā
 sabbesānam sukhāvahā
 tāñā leñā ca pāñinam
 saraṇā ca hitesino
 sabbe ete parāyanā.
 vandāmi puris'uttame,
 vandām' ete tathāgate
 gamane cāpi sabbadā.
 buddhā santi-karā tuvam.
 mutto sabba-bhayena ca
 sabba-santāpa-vajjito
 nibbuto ca tuvam bhava.

khanti-mettā-balena ca.
 ārogyena sukhena ca.
 santi bhūtā mahiddhikā:
 ārogyena sukhena ca.
 santi devā mahiddhikā:
 ārogyena sukhena ca.
 santi nāgā mahiddhikā:
 ārogyena sukhena ca.
 santi yakkhā mahiddhikā:
 ārogyena sukhena ca.
 dakkhīṇena Virulhako,
 Kuvero uttaram disam.
 loka-pālā yasassino:
 ārogyena sukhena ca.
 devā nāgā mahiddhikā:
 ārogyena sukhena ca.

Buddho me saraṇam varam.
 hotu te jaya-maṅgalam.

N' atthi me saraṇam aññam:
 Etena sacca-vajjena
 N' atthi me saraṇam aññam:
 Etena sacca-vajjena

Yañ kiñci ratanam loke
 Ratanam Buddha-samam n' atthi:
 Yañ kiñci ratanam loke
 Ratanam dhamma-samam n' atthi:
 Yañ kiñci ratanam loke
 Ratanam saṅgha-samam n' atthi:

Sakkatvā Buddha-ratanam
 Hitam deva-manussānam
 Nassant' upaddavā sabbe
 Sakkatvā dhamma-ratanam
 Parilāhūpasamanam
 Nassant' upaddavā sabbe
 Sakkatvā saṅgha-ratanam
 Āhuneyyam pāhuneyyam
 Nassant' upaddavā sabbe

Sabb' ītiyo vivajjantu.
 Mā te bhavatv antarāyo.
 Abhivādana-sīlissa
 Cattāro dhammā vadḍhanti:

dhammo me saraṇam varam.
 hotu te jaya-maṅgalam.
 saṅgho me saraṇam varam.
 hotu te jaya-maṅgalam.

vijjati vividhā puthu,
 tasmā sotthī bhavantu te.
 vijjati vividhā puthu,
 tasmā sotthī bhavantu te.
 vijjati vividhā puthu,
 tasmā sotthī bhavantu te.

osadham uttamam varam
 Buddha-tejena sotthinā,
 dukkhā vūpasamentu te.
 osadham uttamam varam
 dhamma-tejena sotthinā,
 bhayā vūpasamentu te.
 osadham uttamam varam
 saṅgha-tejena sotthinā,
 rogā vūpasamentu te.

Sabba-rogo vinassatu.
 Sukhī dīghāyuko bhava.
 niccam vuddhāpacāyino
 āyu vanṇo sukham balam.





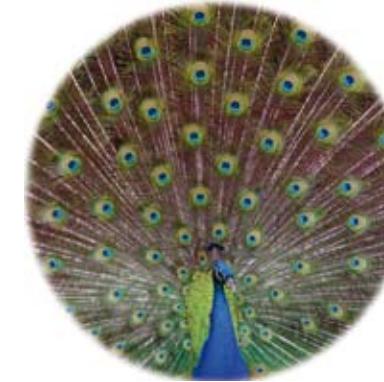
KHANDHAPARITTA

Sabbāsīvisa-jātīnam dibba-mantāgadām viya
Yan nāseti visañ ghoram sesañ cāpi parissayañ
Āṇa-kkhattamhi sabbattha sabbadā sabba-pāñinam
Sabbaso pi nivāreti parittan tam bhañāma se.

Virūpakkhehi me mettam.
Chabyāputtehi me mettam.
Apādakehi me mettam.
Catu-ppadehi me mettam.
Mā mam apādako hiñsi.
Sabbe sattā sabbe pāñā
Sabbe bhadrāni passantu.

Mettam Erāpathehi me.
Mettam Kanñagotamakehi ca.
Mettam di-pādakehi me.
Mettam bahu-ppadehi me.
Mā mam hiñsi bahu-ppado.
sabbe bhūtā ca kevalā
Mā kiñci pāpam-āgamā.

Appamāño Buddho. Appamāño dhammo. Appamāño sañgho. Pamāñavantāni sirim̄sapāni
— ahi-vicchikā sata-padī uññā-nābhī sarabū mūsikā. Katā me rakkhā. Katā me parittā.
Pañikkamantu bhūtāni. So 'ham namo Bhagavato, namo sattannam sammā-sambuddhānam.

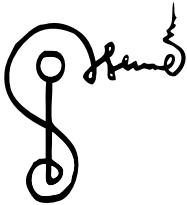


MORAPARITTA

Pūrentam bodhi-sambhāre nibbattam mora-yoniyam
Yena samvihitārakkham mahā-sattam vane-carā
Cirassam vāyamantā pi n'eva sakkhiñsu gañhitam
Brahma-mantan ti akkhātam parittan tam bhañāma se.

Udet' ayañ cakkhumā eka-rājā
Harissa-vañño pañhavi-ppabhāso:
Tam tam namassāmi harissa-vanñam pañhavi-ppabhāsam.
Ta-y-ajja guttā viharemu divasam.
Ye brāhmañā veda-gu sabba-dhamme
Te me namo te ca mam pālayantu.
Nam' atthu Buddhānam, nam' atthu bodhiyā,
Namo vimuttānam, namo vimuttiyā.
Imam so parittam katvā moro carati esanā.
Apet' ayañ cakkhumā eka-rājā
Harissa-vañño pañhavi-ppabhāso:
Tam tam namassāmi harissa-vanñam pañhavi-ppabhāsam.
Ta-y-ajja guttā viharemu rattim.
Ye brāhmañā veda-gu sabba-dhamme
Te me namo te ca mam pālayantu.
Nam' atthu Buddhānam, nam' atthu bodhiyā,
Namo vimuttānam, namo vimuttiyā,
Imam so parittam katvā moro vāsam akappayī ti.

JAYAMĀNGALAGĀTHĀ



Bāhum sahassam abhinimmita-sāvudhan tam
Grīmekhalam udita-ghora-sasena-Māram
Dānādi-dhamma-vidhinā jitavā munindo.
Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-māngalāni.

Mārātirekam abhiyujjhita-sabba-rattim
Ghoram pan' Ālavakam akkhama-thaddha-yakkham
Khantī-sudanta-vidhinā jitavā munindo.
Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-māngalāni.

Nālāgirim gaja-varam atimatta-bhūtam
Dāvaggi-cakkam asanīva sudāruṇan tam
Mettambu-seka-vidhinā jitavā munindo.
Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-māngalāni.

Ukkhitta-khaggam atihattha-sudāruṇan tam
Dhāvan ti-yojana-path' Aṅgulimālavantam
Iddhībhisaṅkhata-mano jitavā munindo.
Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-māngalāni.

Katvāna kaṭṭham udaram iva gabbinīyā
Ciñcāya duṭṭha-vacanam jana-kāya-majjhe
Santena soma-vidhinā jitavā munindo.
Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-māngalāni.

Saccam vihāya mati-Saccaka-vāda-ketum
Vādābhiropita-manam ati-andha-bhūtam
Paññā-padīpa-jalito jitavā munindo.
Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-māngalāni.

Nandopananda-bhujagam vibudham mahiddhim
Puttena thera-bhujagena damāpayanto
Iddhūpadesa-vidhinā jitavā munindo.
Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-māngalāni.

Duggāha-diṭṭhi-bhujagena sudaṭṭha-hattham
Brahmam visuddhi-jutim iddhi Bakābhidhānam
Ñānāgadena vidhinā jitavā munindo.
Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-māngalāni.

Etā pi Buddha-jaya-māngala-aṭṭha-gāthā
Yo vācano dinadine sarate matandī¹
Hitvānaneka-vividhāni c' upaddavāni
Mokkham sukham adhigameyya naro sapañño.

CULLAMĀNGALACAKKAVĀLA

The Lesser Sphere of Blessings

Sabba-buddhānubhāvena sabba-dhammānubhāvena sabba-saṅghānubhāvena
- Buddha-ratanam Dhamma-ratanam Saṅgha-ratanam - tiṇṇam ratanānam
ānubhāvena caturāsti-sahassa-dhamma-kkhandhānubhāvena piṭaka-
ttayānubhāvena jina-sāvakānubhāvena sabbe te rogā sabbe te bhayā sabbe
te antarāyā sabbe te upaddavā sabbe te dunniṁittā sabbe te avamaṅgalā
vinassantu. Āyu-vaddhako¹ dhana-vaddhako siri-vaddhako yasa-vaddhako bala-
vaddhako vaṇṇa-vaddhako sukha-vaddhako hotu sabbadā.

Dukkha-roga-bhayā verā
Anekā antarāyā pi
Jaya-siddhi dhanam lābhām
Siri āyu ca vanṇo ca
Sata-vassā ca āyū ca
Bhavatu sabba-māngalam.
Sabba-buddhānubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-māngalam.
Sabba-dhammānubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-māngalam.
Sabba-saṅghānubhāvena

sokā sattu c' upaddavā
vinassantu ca tejasā.
sotthi bhāgyam sukham balam
bhogam vuḍḍhī ca yasavā
jīva-siddhī bhavantu te.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
sadā sotthī bhavantu te.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
sadā sotthī bhavantu te.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
sadā sotthī bhavantu te.

RATANATTAYĀNUBHĀVĀDIGĀTHĀ

By the Power of the Triple Gem ...

Ratana-ttayānubhāvena
Dukkha-roga-bhayā verā
Anekā antarāyā pi
Jaya-siddhi dhanam lābhām
Siri āyu ca vanṇo ca
Sata-vassā ca āyū ca
Bhavatu sabba-māngalam.
Sabba-buddhānubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-māngalam.
Sabba-dhammānubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-māngalam.
Sabba-saṅghānubhāvena

ratana-ttaya-tejasā
sokā sattu c' upaddavā
vinassantu asesato.
sotthi bhāgyam sukham balam
bhogam vuḍḍhī ca yasavā
jīva-siddhī bhavantu te.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
sadā sotthī bhavantu te.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
sadā sotthī bhavantu te.
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
sadā sotthī bhavantu te.

¹ Change 'o' ending to 'ā' if addressed to a woman here and on all the words up to 'hotu'.



SĀMANERAPAÑHĀ

Ekan nāma kiṁ?	Sabbe sattā āhāra-ṭhitikā.
Dve nāma kiṁ?	Nāmañ ca rūpañ ca.
Tīni nāma kiṁ?	Tisso vedanā.
Cattāri nāma kiṁ?	Cattāri ariya-saccāni.
Pañca nāma kiṁ?	Pañc' upādāna-kkhandhā.
Cha nāma kiṁ?	Ajjhattikāni āyatanāni.
Satta nāma kiṁ?	Satta bojjhaṅgā.
Atṭha nāma kiṁ?	Ariyo atṭhaṅgiko maggo.
Nava nāma kiṁ?	Nava sattavāsā.
Dasa nāma kiṁ?	Dasah' aṅgehi samannāgato 'arahā' ti vuccatī ti.

THE THIRTY TWO PARTS OF THE BODY

Handa mayam dvattimsākāra-pāṭham bhaṇāmase.

Ayam kho me kāyo uddham pāda-talā adho kesa-matthakā taca-pariyanto pūro nāna-ppakārassa asucino. Atthi imasmiṁ kāye:

ANULOMA - forward order

Kesā lomā nakhā dantā taco

Maṇsañ nahārū atṭhī atṭhi-miñjam vakkam

Hadayañ yakanam kilomakam pihakam papphāsam

Antam anta-guṇam udariyam karīsam mattha-luṅgam

Pittam semham pubbo lohitam sedo medo

Assu vasā kheļo siṅghānikā lasikā muttam.

PATILOMA - reverse order

Muttam lasikā siṅghānikā kheļo vasā assu
Medo sedo lohitam pubbo semham pittam

Mattha-luṅgam karīsam udariyam anta-guṇam antam

Papphāsam pihakam kilomakam yakanam hadayañ

Vakkam atṭhi-miñjam atṭhī nahārū mamsam

Taco dantā nakhā lomā kesā.

Evam ayam me kāyo uddham pāda-talā adho kesa-matthakā taca-pariyanto pūro
nāna-ppakārassa asucino.

BODHIPĀDAGĀTHĀ

Imasmim rāja-semānā khette samantā
Satayo-jana-sata-sahassāni
Buddha-jāla-parikkhette
Rakkhantu surakkhantu.

Repeat, substituting the following for 'Buddha' each time:

dhamma, pacceka-buddha, saṅgha

DHAJAGGAPARITTA

Araññe rukkha-mūle vā
Anussaretha sambuddham
No ce Buddham sareyyātha
Atha dhammam sareyyātha
No ce dhammam sareyyātha
Atha saṅgham sareyyātha
Evam Buddham sarantānam
Bhayam vā chambhitattam vā

suññāgāre va bhikkhavo
bhayam tumhāka no siyā.
loka-jeṭṭham narāsabhām
niyyānikam sudesitam
niyyānikam sudesitam
puñña-kkhettam anuttaram
dhammam saṅghāñ ca bhikkhavo
loma-hamso na hessatī ti.

ABHAYAPARITTA

Verses of Protection from Fear

and from nightmares of the sleeping or waking mind

Yan dunnimittam avamaṅgalañ ca
Pāpa-ggaho dussupinam akantam

yo cāmanāpo sakuṇassa saddo
Buddhānubhāvena vināsam entu.

Yan dunnimittam avamaṅgalañ ca
Pāpa-ggaho dussupinam akantam

yo cāmanāpo sakuṇassa saddo
dhammānubhāvena vināsam entu.

Yan dunnimittam avamaṅgalañ ca
Pāpa-ggaho dussupinam akantam

yo cāmanāpo sakuṇassa saddo
saṅghānubhāvena vināsam entu.



DEVATĀUYYOJANAGĀTHĀ

Verses for Bidding the Devas Depart

Dukkha-ppattā ca niddukkhā	bhaya-ppattā ca nibbhayā
Soka-ppattā ca nissokā	hontu sabbe pi pāñino.
Ettāvatā ca amhehi	sambhatam puñña-sampadam
Sabbe devānumodantu	sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā.
Dānam dadantu saddhāya,	sīlam rakkhantu sabbadā,
Bhāvanābhīratā hontu,	gacchantu devatāgatā.

*May those in pain be free from pain, those in fear be free from fear,
Those in grief be free from grief, so may it be for all beings...*

BOJJHAṄGAPARITTA

Samsāre samsarantānam sabba-dukkha-vināsane	
Satta dhamme ca bojjhānge māra-sena-ppamaddino	
Bujjhitvā ye p' ime sattā ti-bhavāmuttak' uttamā	
Ajātiṁ ajarābyādhiṁ amataṁ nibbhayaṁ gatā	
Evam-ādi-guṇūpetam aneka-guṇa-saṅgaham	
Osadhañ ca imam mantam bojjhaṅgan tam bhanāma he.	
Bojjhaṅgo sati-saṅkhāto	dharmānam vicayo tathā
Viriyam pīti passaddhi	bojjhaṅgā ca tathāpare
Samādh'upekkha-bojjhaṅgā	satt' ete sabba-dassinā
Muninā sammad-akkhātā	bhāvitā bahulī-katā
Samvattanti abhiññāya	nibbānāya ca bodhiyā.
Etena sacca-vajjena	sotthi te hotu sabbadā.
Ekasmim samaye nātho	Moggallānañ ca Kassapam
Gilāne dukkhite disvā	bojjhaṅge satta desayi
Te ca tañ abhinanditvā	rogā muccimṣu tañ-khaṇe.
Etena sacca-vajjena	sotthi te hotu sabbadā.
Ekadā dhamma-rājā pi	gelaññenābhipīlito
Cunda-ttherena taññeva	bhañāpetvāna sādaram
Sammoditvā ca ābādhā	tamhā vuṭṭhāsi thānaso.
Etena sacca-vajjena	sotthi te hotu sabbadā.
Pahīnā te ca ābādhā	tinñannam pi mahesinam
Maggāhata-kilesā va	pattānuppatti-dhammatam
Etena sacca-vajjena	sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

A BLESSING

Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalam.	Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
Sabba-buddhānubhāvena	sadā sotthī bhavantu te ¹ .
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalam.	Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
Sabba-dhammānubhāvena	sadā sotthī bhavantu te.
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalam.	Rakkhantu sabba-devatā.
Sabba-saṅghānubhāvena	sadā sotthī bhavantu te.



ANUMODANĀ

Yathā vāri-vahā pūrā	paripūrenti sāgaram,
Evam eva ito dinnaṁ	petānam upakappati.
Icchitam patthitam tumham	khippam eva samijjhatu.
Sabbe pūrentu saṅkappā	cando paññaraso yathā.

Maṇi joti-raso yathā.

(The above is chanted by the most senior person alone.)

*Just as the rivers full of water fill the ocean full,
even so does what is given here benefit the dead (petas).*

*May whatever you want or wish for quickly come to be.
May all your wishes be fulfilled as the moon comes to fullness upon the fifteenth day,
or as the radiant wish-fulfilling gem.*

Sabb' ītiyo vivajjantu.	Sabba-rogo vinassatu.
Mā te bhavatv antarāyo.	Sukhī dīghāyuko bhava.
Abhivādana-sīlissa	niccam vuḍḍhāpacāyino
Cattāro dhammā vaḍḍhanti:	āyu vanṇo sukham balam.

May all distress be averted. May all diseases be destroyed.

May nothing hinder you. May you be happy, living long.

*Four qualities increase for one of respectful nature who honours elders:
life and beauty, happiness and strength.*

¹ 'Me' can be substituted for 'te' to invoke blessings on oneself, or 'no' (i.e. 'on us') if chanted by a group.

4 CHANTS FOR RECOLLECTION

SPREADING THE BRAHMAVIHĀRAS

Handa mayam brahma-vihāra-pharaṇam karomase.

Loving kindness

Aham sukhito homi.

Niddukkho homi.

Avero homi.

Abyāpajjho homi.

Anīgho homi.

Sukhī attānam parihaṇami.

*May I be happy, free from suffering, free from enmity, free from ill will,
free from trouble and stress. May I be happy and preserve myself.*

Sabbe sattā sukhitā hontu.

Sabbe sattā averā hontu.

Sabbe sattā abyāpajjhā hontu.

Sabbe sattā anīghā hontu.

Sabbe sattā sukhī attānam parihaṇantu.

*May all beings be happy, free from suffering, free from enmity, free from ill will,
free from trouble and stress. May all beings be happy and preserve themselves.*

Compassion

Sabbe sattā sabba-dukkhā pamuccantu.

May all beings be freed from all suffering.

Joy in the joy of others

Sabbe sattā laddha-sampattito mā vigacchantu.

May all beings not be parted from the good they have gained.

Equanimity

Sabbe sattā kamma-ssakā / kamma-dāyādā kamma-yonī / kamma-bandhū kamma-paṭisaraṇā. / Yam kammam karissanti / kalyāṇam vā pāpakam vā / tassa dāyādā bhavissanti.

All beings are owners of their kamma, heirs of their kamma, born of their kamma, kin to their kamma, have kamma as their refuge. Whatever kamma they do, whether good or bad, to that they will be heirs.





THE TEN PERFECTIONS

Honouring the Buddha's possession of the ten or thirty perfections (*pāramī*)

(Sampanno iti pi so Bhagavā)

Dāna-pāramī-sampanno
Dāna-upapāramī-sampanno

Dāna-paramatthapāramī-sampanno

Mettā maitrī karuṇā muditā upekkhā pāramī-sampanno iti pi so Bhagavā

and so on for

sīla
nekhamma
paññā
viriya
khantī
sacca
adhiṭṭhāna
mettā
upekkhā
dasa

... iti pi so Bhagavā
Buddham saranam gacchāmi
(Namāmi 'ham)

The perfections of dāna/giving, sīla/harmless conduct, freedom from desire, wisdom, strength, patience, truth, resolve, mettā/lovingkindness, equanimity and all ten together.

PAṬICCASAMUPPĀDA

Conditioned Arising

Avijjā-paccayā saṅkhārā
saṅkhāra-paccayā viññāṇam
viññāṇa-paccayā nāma-rūpam
nāma-rūpa-paccayā saṅyatanam
saṅyatana-paccayā phasso
phassa-paccayā vedanā
vedanā-paccayā taṇhā
taṇhā-paccayā upādānam
upādāna-paccayā bhavo
bhava-paccayā jāti
jāti-paccayā jarā-maraṇam soka-parideva-dukkha-domanassupāyāsā sambhavanti.
Evam etassa kevalassa dukkha-kkhandhassa samudayo hoti.

Avijjāya tveva asesa-virāga-nirodhā saṅkhāra-nirodho
saṅkhāra-nirodhā viññāṇa-nirodho
viññāṇa-nirodhā nāma-rūpa-nirodho
nāma-rūpa-nirodhā saṅyatana-nirodho
saṅyatana-nirodhā phassa-nirodho
phassa-nirodhā vedanā-nirodho
vedanā-nirodhā taṇhā-nirodho
taṇhā-nirodhā upādāna-nirodho
upādāna-nirodhā bhava-nirodho
bhava-nirodhā jāti-nirodho

jāti-nirodhā jarā-maraṇam soka-parideva-dukkha-domanassupāyāsā nirujjhanti.
Evam etassa kevalassa dukkha-kkhandhassa nirodho hoti.

Yadā have pātubhavanti dhammā
Ath' assa kaṅkhā vapayanti sabbā

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Yadā have pātubhavanti dhammā
Vidhūpayam tiṭṭhati māra-senam

ātāpino jhāyato brāhmaṇassa,
yato pajānāti sahetu-dhammam.

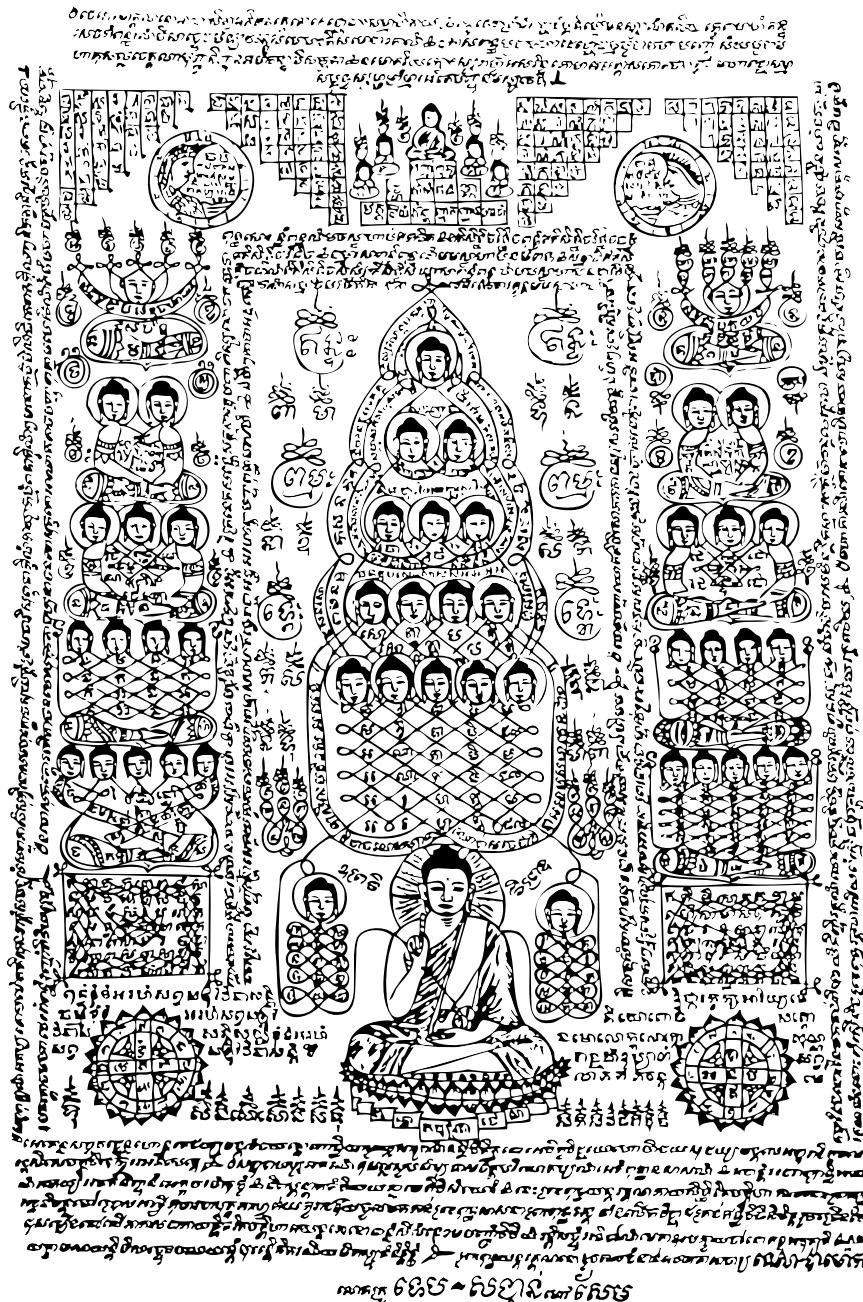
ātāpino jhāyato brāhmaṇassa,
yato khayam paccayānam avedi.

ātāpino jhāyato brāhmaṇassa,
sūro 'va obhāsayam antalikkhan ti.

PAMSUKŪLA

Aniccā vata saṅkhārā
Uppajjītvā nirujjhanti.

uppāda-vaya-dhammino.
Tesam vūpasamo sukho.



ABHIDHAMMASĀṄKHEPA

The Abhidhamma in Brief

DHAMMASĀṄGANĀĪ

Kusalā dhammā akusalā dhammā abyākatā dhammā. Katame dhammā kusalā?

Yasmim samaye kāmāvacaram kusalam cittam uppannam hoti somanassa-sahagatam ñāṇa-sampayuttam rūpārammaṇam vā saddārammaṇam vā gandhārammaṇam vā rasārammaṇam vā phoṭṭhabbārammaṇam vā dhammārammaṇam vā yaṁ yaṁ vā panārabba, tasmim samaye phasso hoti ... avikkhepo hoti ye vā pana tasmiṁ samaye aññe pi atthi paṭicca-samuppannā arūpino dhammā: ime dhammā kusalā.

VIBHAṄGA

Pañca-kkhandā: rūpa-kkhando vedanā-kkhando saññā-kkhando saṅkhāra-kkhando viññāna-kkhando. Tattha katamo rūpa-kkhando? Yañ kiñci rūpam atītānāgata-paccuppannam ajjhattam vā bahiddhā vā olārikam vā sukhumam vā hīnam vā pañitam vā yaṁ dūre vā santike vā tad ekajjhām abhisaññūhitvā abhisankhipitvā: ayam vuccati rūpa-kkhando.

DHĀTUKATHĀ

Saṅgaho asaṅgaho saṅgahitena asaṅgahitam asaṅgahitena saṅgahitam sangahitena saṅgahitam asaṅgahitena asaṅgahitam sampayogo vippayogo sampayuttena vippayuttam vippayuttena sampayuttam asaṅgahitam.

PUGGALAPAṄṄATTI

Cha paññattiyo: khanda-paññatti āyatana-paññatti dhātu-paññatti sacca-paññatti indriya-paññatti puggala-paññatti. Kittāvatā puggalānam puggala-paññatti? Samaya-vimutto asamaya-vimutto kuppera-dhammo akuppera-dhammo parihaṇa-dhammo aparihaṇa-dhammo cetanābhabbo anurakkhaṇābhabbo puthujjano gotrabhū bhayūparato abhayūparato bhabbāgamano abhabbāgamano niyato aniyato paṭipannako phale thito arahā arahattāya paṭipanno.

KATHĀVATTHU

Puggalo upalabbhati saccik'aṭṭha-paramatthenā ti? Āmantā. Yo saccik'aṭṭho paramattho tato so puggalo upalabbhati saccik'aṭṭha-paramatthenā ti? Na h' evam vattabbe. Ājānāhi niggaham. Hañci puggalo upalabbhati saccik'aṭṭha-paramatthena tena vata re vattabbe yo saccik'aṭṭho paramattho tato so puggalo upalabbhati saccik'aṭṭha-paramatthenā ti micchā.

YAMAKA

Ye keci kusalā dhammā sabbe te kusala-mūlā ye vā pana kusala-mūlā sabbe te dhammā kusalā. Ye keci kusalā dhammā sabbe te kusala-mūlena eka-mūlā ye vā pana kusala-mūlena eka-mūlā sabbe te dhammā kusalā.

MAHĀPATṬHĀNA

Hetu-paccayo ārammaṇa-paccayo adhipati-paccayo anantara-paccayo samanantara-paccayo sahajāta-paccayo añña-m-añña-paccayo nissaya-paccayo upanissaya-paccayo purejāta-paccayo pacchājāta-paccayo āsevana-paccayo kamma-paccayo vipāka-paccayo āhāra-paccayo indriya-paccayo jhāna-paccayo magga-paccayo sampayutta-paccayo vippayutta-paccayo atthi-paccayo n'atthi-paccayo vigata-paccayo avigata-paccayo.



MĀTIKĀ (DHAMMASAṄGANĀMĀTIKĀPĀTHĀ)

The Abhidhamma Triplet Mātikā

Kusalā dhammā akusalā dhammā abyākatā dhammā

Sukhāya vedanāya sampayuttā dhammā dukkhāya vedanāya sampayuttā dhammā adukkha-m-asukhāya vedanāya sampayuttā dhammā
Vipākā dhammā vipāka-dhamma-dhammā n' eva vipāka-na-vipāka-dhamma-dhammā
Upādinn'upādāniyā dhammā anupādinn'upādāniyā dhammā anupādinnānupādāniyā dhammā

Saṅkhiliṭha-saṅkilesikā dhammā asaṅkiliṭha-saṅkilesikā dhammā
asaṅkiliṭhāsaṅkilesikā dhammā

Savitakka-savicārā dhammā avitakka-vicāra-mattā dhammā avitakkāvicārā dhammā
Pīti-sahagatā dhammā sukha-sahagatā dhammā upekkhā-sahagatā dhammā
Dassanena pahātabbā dhammā bhāvanāya pahātabbā dhammā n' eva dassanena na bhāvanāya pahātabbā dhammā

Dassanena pahātabba-hetukā dhammā bhāvanāya pahātabba-hetukā dhammā n' eva dassanena na bhāvanāya pahātabba-hetukā dhammā

Ācaya-gāmino dhammā apacaya-gāmino dhammā n' evācaya-gāmino nāpacaya-gāmino dhammā

Sekkhā dhammā asekkhā dhammā n' eva sekkhā nāsekkhā dhammā
Parittā dhammā mahaggatā dhammā appamāṇā dhammā
Parittārammaṇā dhammā mahaggatārammaṇā dhammā appamāṇārammaṇā dhammā
Hīnā dhammā majjhimā dhammā pañītā dhammā

Micchatta-niyatā dhammā sammatta-niyatā dhammā aniyatā dhammā

Maggārammaṇā dhammā magga-hetukā dhammā maggādhipatino dhammā

Uppannā dhammā anuppannā dhammā uppādino dhammā

Atītā dhammā anāgatā dhammā paccuppannā dhammā

Atītārammaṇā dhammā anāgatārammaṇā dhammā paccuppannārammaṇā dhammā

Ajjhattā dhammā bahiddhā dhammā ajjhatta-bahiddhā dhammā

Ajjhattārammaṇā dhammā bahiddhārammaṇā dhammā ajjhatta-bahiddhārammaṇā dhammā

Sanidassana-sappaṭighā dhammā anidassana-sappaṭighā dhammā anidassanāppaṭighā dhammā.

LOKUTTARAJHĀNAPĀTHA

Transcendent Jhāna

The Four Ways



Kusalā dhammā, akusalā dhammā, abyākatā dhammā. Katame dhammā kusalā?

Yasmiṁ samaye lokuttaram jhānam bhāveti niyyānikam apacaya-gāmim diṭṭhi-gatānam pahānāya paṭhamāya bhūmiyā-pattiyā vitakka-vicārānam vūpasamā pe... dutiyam jhānam pe... tatiyam jhānam pe... catuttham jhānam pe... paṭhamam jhānam pe... pañcamam jhānam upasampajja viharati

dukkhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam
dukkhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam
sukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam
sukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam:

tasmiṁ samaye phasso hoti pe... avikkhepo hoti pe... Ime dhammā kusalā.

Katame dhammā kusalā? Yasmiṁ samaye lokuttaram jhānam bhāveti niyyānikam

apacaya-gāmim diṭṭhi-gatānam pahānāya paṭhamāya bhūmiyā-pattiyā vitakka-vicārānam vūpasamā pe... dutiyam jhānam pe... tatiyam jhānam pe... catuttham jhānam pe... paṭhamam jhānam pe... pañcamam jhānam upasampajja viharati

dukkhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam pe...
dukkhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam pe...
sukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam pe...
sukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam:

tasmiṁ samaye phasso hoti pe... avikkhepo hoti pe... Ime dhammā kusalā.

Emptiness

Katame dhammā kusalā? Yasmiṁ samaye lokuttaram jhānam bhāveti niyyānikam

apacaya-gāmim diṭṭhi-gatānam pahānāya paṭhamāya bhūmiyā-pattiyā vivicc' eva kāmehi pe... paṭhamam jhānam upasampajja viharati

dukkhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam suññatam
dukkhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam suññatam
sukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam suññatam
sukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam suññatam:

tasmiṁ samaye phasso hoti pe... avikkhepo hoti pe... Ime dhammā kusalā.

Katame dhammā kusalā? Yasmiṁ samaye lokuttaram jhānam bhāveti niyyānikam apacaya-gāmim diṭṭhi-gatānam pahānāya paṭhamāya bhūmiyā-pattiyā vitakka-vicārānam vūpasamā pe... dutiyam jhānam pe... tatiyam jhānam pe... catuttham jhānam pe... paṭhamam jhānam pe... pañcamam jhānam upasampajja viharati

dukkhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam suññatam pe...
dukkhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam suññatam pe...
sukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam suññatam pe...
sukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam suññatam:

tasmiṁ samaye phasso hoti pe... avikkhepo hoti pe... Ime dhammā kusalā.

Without Goal

Katame dhammā kusalā? Yasmiṁ samaye lokuttaram jhānam bhāveti niyyānikam apacaya-gāmim diṭṭhi-gatānam pahānāya paṭhamāya bhūmiyā-pattiyā vivicc' eva kāmehi pe... paṭhamam jhānam upasampajja viharati

dukkhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam appaṇihitam
dukkhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam appaṇihitam
sukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam appaṇihitam
sukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam appaṇihitam:

tasmiṁ samaye phasso hoti pe... avikkhepo hoti pe... Ime dhammā kusalā.

Katame dhammā kusalā? Yasmiṁ samaye lokuttaram jhānam bhāveti niyyānikam apacaya-gāmim diṭṭhi-gatānam pahānāya paṭhamāya bhūmiyā-pattiyā vitakka-vicārānam vūpasamā pe... dutiyam jhānam pe... tatiyam jhānam pe... catuttham jhānam pe... paṭhamam jhānam pe... pañcamam jhānam upasampajja viharati

dukkhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam appaṇihitam pe...
dukkhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam appaṇihitam pe...
sukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiñnam appaṇihitam pe...
sukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiñnam appaṇihitam:

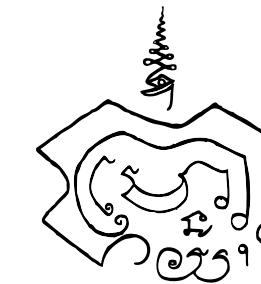
tasmiṁ samaye phasso hoti pe... avikkhepo hoti pe... Ime dhammā kusalā.

Katame dhammā kusalā? Yasmiṃ samaye lokuttaram jhānam bhāveti niyyānikam apacaya-gāmim diṭṭhi-gatānam pahānāya paṭhamāya bhūmiyā-pattiyā vivicca’ eva kāmehi pe... paṭhamam jhānam upasampajja viharati dukkhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam dukkhā-paṭipadam khippābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam sukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam sukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam:

tasmiṃ samaye phasso hoti pe... avikkhepo hoti pe... Ime dhammā kusalā.

Katame dhammā kusalā? Yasmiṃ samaye lokuttaram jhānam bhāveti niyyānikam apacaya-gāmim diṭṭhi-gatānam pahānāya paṭhamāya bhūmiyā-pattiyā vitakka-vicārānam vūpasamā pe... dutiyam jhānam pe... tatiyam jhānam pe... catuttham jhānam pe... paṭhamam jhānam pe... pañcamam jhānam upasampajja viharati dukkhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam pe... dukkhā-paṭipadam khippābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam pe... sukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam pe... sukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam pe... adukkha-m-asukhā-paṭipadam dandhābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam pe... adukkha-m-asukhā-paṭipadam khippābhiññam chandādhipateyyam viriyādhipateyyam cittādhipateyyam vimamṣādhipateyyam:

tasmiṃ samaye phasso hoti pe... avikkhepo hoti pe... Ime dhammā kusalā.



THE MEANINGS OF SAMĀDHIS

Api ca pañcavīsatī samādhissa samādhītihā

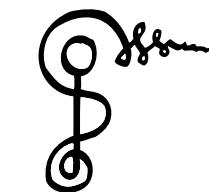
Pariggahaṭṭhena samādhi
Paripūraṭṭhena samādhi
Avikkhepaṭṭhena samādhi
Aniñjanaṭṭhena samādhi

parivāraṭṭhena samādhi
ekaggatṭhena samādhi
anāvilatṭhena samādhi
vimuttaṭṭhena samādhi

Ekatt’ upaṭṭhāna-vasena cittassa ṭhitattā samādhi

Samam esatī ti samādhi visamam n’ esatī ti samādhi
Samam esitattā samādhi visamam n’ esitattā samādhi
Samam ādiyatī ti samādhi visamam n’ ādiyatī ti samādhi
Samam ādiṇṇattā samādhi visamam anādiṇṇattā samādhi
Samam paṭipajjatī ti samādhi visamam na patipajjatī ti samādhi
Samam patipannattā samādhi visamam na patipannattā samādhi
Samam jhāyatī ti samādhi visamam jhāpetī ti samādhi
Samam jhātattā samādhi visamam jhāpitattā samādhi

Samo ca hito ca sukho cā ti samādhi



5 SUTTAS

DHAMMACAKKAPPAVATTANASUTTA



Anuttaram abhisambodhim
Pañhamam yam adesesi
Sammad eva pavattento
Yatthākkhātā ubho antā
Catūsv āriya-saccesu
Desitam dhamma-rājena
Nāmena vissutam suttam
Veyyākarana-pāthena

sambujjhitvā Tathāgato
dhamma-cakkaṁ anuttaram
loke appaṭivattiyam
paṭi-patti ca majjhimā
visuddham nāṇa-dassanam
sammā-sambodhi-kittanam
dhamma-cakka-ppavattanam
saṅgītan tam bhanāma se.

Evam me sutam. Ekam samayam Bhagavā Bārāṇasiyam viharati Isipatane Migadāye. Tatra kho Bhagavā pañca-vaggiye bhikkhū āmantesi:

“Dve ’me bhikkhave antā pabbajitena na sevitabbā. Yo c’ āyam kāmesu kāma-sukhallikānuyogo hīno gammo pothujjaniko anariyo anattha-saṁhito, yo c’ āyam atta-kilamathānuyogo dukkho anariyo anattha-saṁhito, ete te bhikkhave ubho ante anupagamma majjhimā paṭipadā Tathāgatena abhisambuddhā cakkhu-karaṇī nāṇa-karaṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṁvattati.

“Katamā ca sā bhikkhave majjhimā paṭipadā Tathāgatena abhisambuddhā cakkhu-karaṇī nāṇa-karaṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṁvattati? Ayam eva ariyo atṭhaṅgiko maggo seyyathīdam: sammā-diṭṭhi sammā-saṅkappo sammā-vācā sammā-kammanto sammā-ājīvo sammā-vāyāmo sammā-sati sammā-samādhi. Ayam kho sā bhikkhave majjhimā paṭipadā Tathāgatena abhisambuddhā cakkhu-karaṇī nāṇa-karaṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṁvattati.

“Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkham ariya-saccam: jāti pi dukkhā jarā pi dukkhā maraṇam pi dukkham soka-parideva-dukkha-domanass’upāyāsā pi dukkhā, appiyehi sampayogo dukkho piyehi vippayogo dukkho, yam p’ iccham na labhati tam pi dukkham, saṅkhitteṇa pañc’upādāna-kkhandhā dukkhā.

“Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccam: yāyam taṇhā pono-bhavikā nandi-rāga-sahagatā tatra tatrābhinandinī seyyathīdam: kāma-taṇhā bhava-taṇhā vibhava-taṇhā.

“Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-nirodho ariya-saccam: yo tassā yeva taṇhāya asesa-virāga-nirodho cāgo paṭinissaggo mutti anālayo.

“Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-nirodha-gāminī paṭipadā ariya-saccam: ayam eva ariyo aṭṭhaṅgiko maggo seyyathīdam: sammā-diṭṭhi sammā-saṅkappo sammā-vācā sammā-kammanto sammā-ājīvo sammā-vāyāmo sammā-sati sammā-samādhi.

“Idam dukkham ariya-saccan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi. Tam kho pan’ idam dukkham ariya-saccam pariññeyyan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi. Tam kho pan’ idam dukkham ariya-saccam pariññātan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

“Idam dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi. Tam kho pan’ idam dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccam pahātabban ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi. Tam kho pan’ idam dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccam pahīnan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

“Idam dukkha-nirodho ariya-saccan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi. Tam kho pan’ idam dukkha-nirodho ariya-saccam sacchi-kātabban ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Tam kho pan’ idam dukkha-nirodho ariya-saccam sacchi-katan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

“Idam dukkha-nirodha-gāminī paṭipadā ariya-saccan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Tam kho pan’ idam dukkha-nirodha-gāminī paṭipadā ariya-saccam bhāvetabban ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Tam kho pan’ idam dukkha-nirodha-gāminī paṭipadā ariya-saccam bhāvitan ti me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

“Yāvakīvañ ca me bhikkhave imesu catūsu ariya-saccesu evan ti-parivatṭam dvādasākāram yathābhūtam ñāṇa-dassanam na suvisuddham ahosi, n’ eva tāvāham bhikkhave sadevake loke samārake sabrahmake sassamaṇa-brāhmaṇiyā pajāya sadeva-manussāya anuttaram sammā-sambodhim abhisambuddho paccaññāsim.

Yato ca kho me bhikkhave imesu catūsu ariya-saccesu evan ti-parivatṭam dvādasākāram



yathābhūtam ñāṇa-dassanam suvisuddham ahosi, athāhañ bhikkhave sadevake loke samārake sabrahmake sassamaṇa-brāhmaṇiyā pajāya sadeva-manussāya anuttaram sammā-sambodhim abhisambuddho paccaññāsim. Ñāṇañ ca pana me dassanam udapādi: Akuppā me vimutti, ayam antimā jāti, n’ atthi dāni punabhavo” ti.

Idam avoca Bhagavā attamanā pañca-vaggyā bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāsitam abhinandum.

Imasmiñ ca pana veyyākaraṇasmiñ bhaññamāne āyasmato Koṇḍaññassa virajam vītamalam dhamma-cakkhum udapādi:

Yam kiñci samudaya-dhammam sabban tam nirodha-dhamman ti.

Pavattite ca Bhagavatā dhamma-cakke Bhummā devā saddam anussāvesum: “Etam Bhagavatā Bārāṇasiyam Isipatane Migadāye anuttaram dhamma-cakkam pavattitam appatīvattiyam samanena vā brāhmaṇena vā devena vā mārena vā brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasmin” ti.

Bhummānam devānam saddam sutvā Cātummahā-rājikā devā saddam anussāvesum.

Cātummahā-rājikānam devānam saddam sutvā Tāvatimsā devā saddam anussāvesum, Tāvatimsānam devānam saddam sutvā Yāmā devā saddam anussāvesum, Yāmānam devānam

saddam sutvā Tusitā devā saddam anussāvesum, Tusitānam devānam saddam sutvā Nimmāṇa-ratī devā saddam anussāvesum, Nimmāṇa-ratīnam devānam saddam sutvā Paranimmita-vasa-vattī devā saddam anussāvesum, Paranimmita-vasa-vattīnam devānam saddam sutvā *Brahma-kāyikā devā saddam anussāvesum*: “Etam Bhagavatā Bārāṇasiyam Isipatane Migadāye anuttaram dhamma-cakkam pavattitam appaṭivattiyam samaṇena vā brāhmaṇena vā devena vā mārena vā brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasmin” ti.

Itiha tena khaṇena tena muhuttena yāva brahma-lokā saddrabbhugacchi. Ayañ ca dasa-sahassī loka-dhātu saṅkampi sampakampi sampavedhi. Appamāṇo ca olāro obhāso loke pātūrahosi atikkamm’ eva devānam devānubhāvam.

Atha kho Bhagavā udānam udānesi:

“Aññāsi vata bho Koṇḍañño, aññāsi vata bho Koṇḍañño” ti.

Itih’ idam āyasmato Koṇḍaññassa Aññā-konḍañño tveva nāmam ahosī ti.



* When the 16 additional heaven realms are included the text below replaces the phrase between the two asterisks above.

Brahma-pārisajjā devā saddam anussāvesum, Brahma-pārisajjānam devānam saddam sutvā Brahma-purohitā devā saddam anussāvesum, Brahma-purohitānam devānam saddam sutvā Mahā-brahmā devā saddam anussāvesum, Mahā-brahmānam devānam saddam sutvā Parittābhā devā saddam anussāvesum, Parittābhānam devānam saddam sutvā Appamāṇābhā devā saddam anussāvesum, Appamāṇābhānam devānam saddam sutvā Ābhassarā devā saddam anussāvesum, Ābhassarānam devānam saddam sutvā Paritta-subhā devā saddam anussāvesum, Paritta-subhānam devānam saddam sutvā Appamāṇa-subhā devā saddam anussāvesum, Appamāṇa-subhānam devānam saddam sutvā Subha-kiñhakā devā saddam anussāvesum, Subha-kiñhakānam devānam saddam sutvā [Asaññi-sattā devā saddam anussāvesum, Asaññi-sattānam devānam saddam sutvā] Vehapphalā devā saddam anussāvesum, Vehapphalānam devānam saddam sutvā Avihā devā saddam anussāvesum, Avihānam devānam saddam sutvā Atappā devā saddam anussāvesum, Atappānam devānam saddam sutvā Sudassā devā saddam anussāvesum, Sudassānam devānam saddam sutvā Sudassī devā saddam anussāvesum, Sudassīnam devānam saddam sutvā Akaniṭṭhakā devā saddam anussāvesum:

ANATTALAKKHĀNASUTTA

Yan tam sattehi dukkhena
Atta-vādātta-saññānam
Sambuddho tam pakāsesi
Uttarim paṭivedhāya
Yan tesam diṭṭha-dhammānam
Sabbāsavehi cittāni
Tathā ñāñānusārena
Sādhūnam attha-siddhattham

ñeyyam anattalakkhaṇam
sammad eva vimocanam
diṭṭha-saccāna yoginam
bhāvetum ñāñānam uttamam.
ñāñen’ upaparikkhatam
vimuccim̄su asesato
sāsanam kātum icchatam
tam sustattam bhañāma se.

Evam me sutam. Ekam samayaṁ Bhagavā Bārāṇasiyam viharati Isipatane Migadāye. Tatra kho Bhagavā pañca-vaggiye bhikkhū āmantesi:

“Rūpaṁ bhikkhave anattā. Rūpañ ca h’ idam bhikkhave attā abhavissa na-y-idam rūpaṁ ābādhāya samvatteyya, labbhetha ca rūpe ‘evam me rūpaṁ hotu, evam me rūpaṁ mā ahosī’ ti. Yasmā ca kho bhikkhave rūpaṁ anattā, tasmā rūpaṁ ābādhāya samvattati. Na ca labbhati rūpe ‘evam me rūpaṁ hotu, evam me rūpaṁ mā ahosī’ ti.

“Vedanā anattā. Vedanā ca h’ idam bhikkhave attā abhavissa na-y-idam vedanā ābādhāya samvatteyya, labbhetha ca vedanāya ‘evam me vedanā hotu, evam me vedanā mā ahosī’ ti. Yasmā ca kho bhikkhave vedanā anattā, tasmā vedanā ābādhāya samvattati. Na ca labbhati vedanāya ‘evam me vedanā hotu, evam me vedanā mā ahosī’ ti.

“Saññā anattā. Saññā ca h’ idam bhikkhave attā abhavissa na-y-idam saññā ābādhāya samvatteyya, labbhetha ca saññāya ‘evam me saññā hotu, evam me saññā mā ahosī’ ti. Yasmā ca kho bhikkhave saññā anattā, tasmā saññā ābādhāya samvattati. Na ca labbhati saññāya ‘evam me saññā hotu, evam me saññā mā ahosī’ ti.

“Saṅkhārā anattā. Saṅkhārā ca h’ idam bhikkhave attā abhavissamsu na-y-idam saṅkhārā ābādhāya samvatteyyum, labbhetha ca saṅkhāresu ‘evam me saṅkhārā hontu, evam me saṅkhārā mā ahesun’ ti. Yasmā ca kho bhikkhave saṅkhārā anattā, tasmā saṅkhārā ābādhāya samvattanti. Na ca labbhati saṅkhāresu ‘evam me saṅkhārā hontu, evam me saṅkhārā mā ahesun’ ti.

“Viññāṇam anattā. Viññāṇañ ca h’ idam bhikkhave attā abhavissa na-y-idam viññāṇam ābādhāya samvatteyya, labbhetha ca viññāñe ‘evam me viññāṇam hotu, evam me viññāṇam mā ahosī’ ti. Yasmā ca kho bhikkhave viññāṇam anattā, tasmā viññāṇam ābādhāya samvattati. Na ca labbhati viññāñe ‘evam me viññāṇam hotu, evam me

¹ The Asaññisattā devas are included only in the Thai version.

viññānam mā ahosī' ti.

“Tām kiṁ maññatha bhikkhave: rūpam̄ niccam̄ vā aniccam̄ vā?” ti. “Aniccam̄ Bhante.”

“Yam panāniccam̄, dukkham̄ vā tām sukham̄ vā?” ti. “Dukkham̄ Bhante.” “Yam panāniccam̄ dukkham̄ vipariñāma-dhammam̄ kallam̄ nu tām samanupassitum̄ ‘etam̄ mama, eso ‘ham asmi, eso me attā?’” ti. “No h’ etam̄ Bhante.”

“Tām kiṁ maññatha bhikkhave: vedanā niccā vā aniccā vā?” ti. “Aniccā Bhante.” “Yam panāniccam̄, dukkham̄ vā tām sukham̄ vā?” ti. “Dukkham̄ Bhante.” “Yam panāniccam̄ dukkham̄ vipariñāma-dhammam̄, kallam̄ nu tām samanupassitum̄ ‘etam̄ mama, eso ‘ham asmi, eso me attā?’” ti. “No h’ etam̄ Bhante.”

“Tām kiṁ maññatha bhikkhave: sañkhārā niccā vā aniccā vā?” ti. “Aniccā Bhante.” “Yam panāniccam̄, dukkham̄ vā tām sukham̄ vā?” ti. “Dukkham̄ Bhante.” “Yam panāniccam̄ dukkham̄ vipariñāma-dhammam̄, kallam̄ nu tām samanupassitum̄ ‘etam̄ mama, eso ‘ham asmi, eso me attā?’” ti. “No h’ etam̄ Bhante.”

“Tām kiṁ maññatha bhikkhave: sañkhārā niccā vā aniccā vā?” ti. “Aniccā Bhante.”

“Yam panāniccam̄, dukkham̄ vā tām sukham̄ vā?” ti. “Dukkham̄ Bhante.” “Yam panāniccam̄ dukkham̄ vipariñāma-dhammam̄, kallam̄ nu tām samanupassitum̄ ‘etam̄ mama, eso ‘ham asmi, eso me attā?’” ti. “No h’ etam̄ Bhante.”

“Tām kiṁ maññatha bhikkhave: viññānam niccam̄ vā aniccam̄ vā?” ti. “Aniccam̄ Bhante.” “Yam panāniccam̄, dukkham̄ vā tām sukham̄ vā?” ti. “Dukkham̄ Bhante.” “Yam panāniccam̄ dukkham̄ vipariñāma-dhammam̄, kallam̄ nu tām samanupassitum̄ ‘etam̄ mama, eso ‘ham asmi, eso me attā?’” ti. “No h’ etam̄ Bhante.”

“Tasmātiha bhikkhave yam̄ kiñci rūpam̄ atītānāgata-paccuppannam̄ ajjhattam̄ vā bahiddhā vā olārikam̄ vā sukhumam̄ vā hīnam̄ vā pañītam̄ vā yan dūre santike vā, sabbam̄ rūpam̄ ‘n’ etam̄ mama, n’ eso ‘ham asmi, na me so attā’ ti: evam etam̄ datthabbam̄.

“Yā kāci vedanā atītānāgata-paccuppannā ajjhattā vā bahiddhā vā olārikā vā sukhumā vā hīnā vā pañītā vā yā dūre santike vā sabbā vedanā ‘n’ etam̄ mama, n’ eso ‘ham asmi, na me so attā’ ti: evam etam̄ yathābhūtam̄ samma-ppaññāya datthabbam̄.

“Yā kāci saññā atītānāgata-paccuppannā ajjhattā vā bahiddhā vā olārikā vā sukhumā vā hīnā vā pañītā vā yā dūre santike vā sabbā saññā ‘n’ etam̄ mama, n’ eso ‘ham asmi, na me so attā’ ti: evam etam̄ yathābhūtam̄ samma-ppaññāya datthabbam̄.



“Ye keci sañkhārā atītānāgata-paccuppannā ajjhattā vā bahiddhā vā olārikā vā sukhumā vā hīnā vā pañītā vā ye dūre santike vā sabbe sañkhārā ‘n’ etam̄ mama, n’ eso ‘ham asmi, na me so attā’ ti: evam etam̄ yathābhūtam̄ samma-ppaññāya datthabbam̄.

“Yam̄ kiñci viññānam̄ atītānāgata-paccuppannam̄ ajjhattam̄ vā bahiddhā vā olārikam̄ vā sukhumam̄ vā hīnam̄ vā pañītam̄ vā yan dūre santike vā sabbam̄ viññānam̄ ‘n’ etam̄ mama, n’ eso ‘ham asmi, na me so attā’ ti: evam etam̄ yathābhūtam̄ samma-ppaññāya datthabbam̄.

“Evam passam̄ bhikkhave sutavā ariyasāvako rūpasmim̄ pi nibbindati, vedanāya pi nibbindati, saññāya pi nibbindati, sañkhāresu pi nibbindati, viññānasmim̄ pi nibbindati. Nibbindam̄ virajjati, virāgā vimuccati, vimuttasmiṁ ‘vimuttam’ iti nāṇam̄ hoti; ‘khīṇā jāti vusitam̄ brahma-cariyam̄ katam̄ karaṇīyam̄ nāparam̄ itthattāyā’ ti pajānātī” ti.

Idam avoca Bhagavā. Attamanā pañca-vaggyā bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāśitam̄ abhinandum̄. Imasmiñ ca pana veyyākaraṇasmim̄ bhaññamāne pañca-vaggyānam̄ bhikkhūnam̄ anupādāya āsavehi cittāni vimuccim̄sū ti.

ĀDITTAPARIYĀYASUTTA

Veneyya-damanopāye	sabbaso pāramiṁ gato
Amogha-vacano Buddho	abhiññāyānusāsako
Ciññānurūpato cāpi	dhammena vinayam pajam
Ciññāggi-pāricariyānam	sambojjhāraha-yoginam
Yam āditta-pariyāyam	desayanto mano-haram
Te sotāro vimocesi	asekkhāya vimuttiyā.
Tath' evopaparikkhāya	viññūṇam sotum icchatam
Dukkhatā-lakkhaṇopāyam	tam suttantam bhaṇāma se.

Evam me sutam. Ekaṁ samayaṁ Bhagavā Gayāyam viharati Gayāsīse saddhim bhikkhu-sahassena, tatra kho Bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi:

“Sabbam bhikkhave ādittam. Kiñca bhikkhave sabbaṁ ādittam?

“Cakkhum bhikkhave ādittam rūpā ādittā cakkhu-viññāṇam ādittam cakkhu-samphasso āditto, yam p’ idam cakkhu-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tam pi ādittam. Kena ādittam? Ādittam rāgagginā dosagginā mohagginā ādittam jātiyā jarā-maraṇena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi ādittan ti vadāmi.

“Sotam ādittam saddā ādittā sota-viññāṇam ādittam sota-samphasso āditto, yam p’ idam sota-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tam pi ādittam. Kena ādittam? Ādittam rāgagginā dosagginā mohagginā ādittam jātiyā jarā-maraṇena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi ādittan ti vadāmi.

“Ghānam ādittam gandhā ādittā ghāna-viññāṇam ādittam ghāna-samphasso āditto, yam p’ idam ghāna-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tam pi ādittam. Kena ādittam? Ādittam rāgagginā dosagginā mohagginā ādittam jātiyā jarā-maraṇena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi ādittan ti vadāmi.

“Jivhā ādittā rasā ādittā jivhā-viññāṇam ādittam jivhā-samphasso āditto, yam p’ idam jivhā-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tam pi ādittam. Kena ādittam? Ādittam rāgagginā dosagginā mohagginā ādittam jātiyā jarā-maraṇena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi ādittan ti vadāmi.

“Kāyo āditto phoṭṭhabbā ādittā kāya-viññāṇam ādittam kāya-samphasso āditto, yam p’

idam kāya-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tam pi ādittam. Kena ādittam? Ādittam rāgagginā dosagginā mohagginā ādittam jātiyā jarā-maraṇena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi ādittan ti vadāmi.

“Mano āditto dhammā ādittā mano-viññāṇam ādittam mano-samphasso āditto, yam p’ idam mano-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tam pi ādittam. Kena ādittam? Ādittam rāgagginā dosagginā mohagginā, ādittam jātiyā jarā-maraṇena sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi ādittan ti vadāmi.

“Evam passam bhikkhave sutavā arya-sāvako cakkhusimī pi nibbindati rūpesu pi nibbindati cakkhu-viññāne pi nibbindati cakkhu-samphasse pi nibbindati, yam p’ idam cakkhu-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tasmiṁ pi nibbindati.

“Sotasmīm pi nibbindati saddesu pi nibbindati sota-viññāne pi nibbindati sota-samphasse pi nibbindati, yam p’ idam sota-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tasmiṁ pi nibbindati.

“Ghānasmīm pi nibbindati gandhesu pi nibbindati ghāna-viññāne pi nibbindati ghāna-samphasse pi nibbindati, yam p’ idam ghāna-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tasmiṁ pi nibbindati.

“Jivhāya pi nibbindati rasesu pi nibbindati jivhā-viññāne pi nibbindati jivhā-samphasse pi nibbindati, yam p’ idam jivhā-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tasmiṁ pi nibbindati.

“Kāyasmīm pi nibbindati phoṭṭhabbesu pi nibbindati kāya-viññāne pi nibbindati kāya-samphasse pi nibbindati, yam p’ idam kāya-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tasmiṁ pi nibbindati.

“Manasmīm pi nibbindati dhammesu pi nibbindati mano-viññāne pi nibbindati mano-samphasse pi nibbindati, yam p’ idam mano-samphassa-paccayā uppajjati vedayitam sukham vā dukkham vā adukkha-m-asukham vā tasmiṁ pi nibbindati. Nibbindam virajjati virāgā vimuccati vimuttasmiṁ ‘vimuttam’ iti nāṇam hoti; ‘khīṇā jāti vusitam brahma-cariyam katam karaṇiyam nāparam itthattāyā’ ti pajānātī” ti.

Idam avoca Bhagavā. Attamanā te bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāsitam abhinanduṁ. Imasmiṁ ca pana veyyākaraṇasmīm bhaññamāne tassa bhikkhu-sahassassa anupādāya āsavehi cittāni vimuccimśū ti.

FROM THE SATIPATTHĀNA SUTTA

Atthi kho tena Bhagavatā jānatā passatā arahatā sammā-sambuddhena ekāyano ayaṁ maggo sammad-akkhāto sattānam visuddhiyā soka-paridevānam samatikkamāya, dukkha-domanassānam atthaṅgamāya, nāyassa adhigamāya, nibbānassa sacchi-kiriyāya, yad idam cattāro sati-paṭṭhānā.

Katame cattāro? Idha bhikkhu kāye kāyānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam. Vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam. Citte cittānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam. Dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam.

Contemplation of body

Kathañ ca bhikkhu kāye kāyānupassī viharati? Idha bhikkhu ajjhattam vā kāye kāyānupassī viharati, bahiddhā vā kāye kāyānupassī viharati, ajjhatta-bahiddhā vā kāye kāyānupassī viharati. Samudaya-dhammānupassī vā kāyasmīm viharati, vaya-dhammānupassī vā kāyasmīm viharati, samudaya-vaya-dhammānupassī vā kāyasmīm viharati. Atthi kayo ti vā pan' assa sati paccupaṭṭhitā hoti, yāvad-eva nāṇa-mattāya paṭissati-mattāya. Anissito ca viharati na ca kiñci loke upādiyati. Evam kho bhikkhu kāye kāyānupassī viharati.

Contemplation of feelings

Kathañ ca bhikkhu vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati? Idha bhikkhu ajjhattam vā vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, bahiddhā vā vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, ajjhatta-bahiddhā vā vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati. Samudaya-dhammānupassī vā vedanāsu viharati, vaya-dhammānupassī vā vedanāsu viharati, samudaya-vaya-dhammānupassī vā vedanāsu viharati. Atthi vedanā ti vā pan' assa sati paccupaṭṭhitā hoti, yāvad-eva nāṇa-mattāya paṭissati-mattāya. Anissito ca viharati na ca kiñci loke upādiyati. Evam kho bhikkhu vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati.

Contemplation of mind

Kathañ ca bhikkhu citte cittānupassī viharati? Idha bhikkhu ajjhattam vā citte cittānupassī viharati, bahiddhā vā citte cittānupassī viharati, ajjhatta-bahiddhā vā citte cittānupassī viharati. Samudaya-dhammānupassī vā cittasmīm viharati, vaya-dhammānupassī vā cittasmīm viharati, samudaya-vaya-dhammānupassī vā cittasmīm viharati. Atthi cittan ti vā pan' assa sati paccupaṭṭhitā hoti, yāvad-eva nāṇa-mattāya paṭissati-mattāya. Anissito ca viharati na ca kiñci loke upādiyati. Evam kho bhikkhu citte cittānupassī viharati.

Contemplation of dhamma

Kathañ ca bhikkhu dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati? Idha bhikkhu ajjhattam vā dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, bahiddhā vā dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, ajjhatta-bahiddhā vā dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati. Samudaya-dhammānupassī vā dhammesu viharati, vaya-dhammānupassī vā dhammesu viharati, samudaya-vaya-dhammānupassī vā dhammesu viharati. Atthi dhammā ti vā pan' assa sati paccupaṭṭhitā hoti, yāvad-eva nāṇa-mattāya paṭissati-mattāya. Anissito ca viharati na ca kiñci loke upādiyati. Evam kho bhikkhu dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati.

Ayam kho tena Bhagavatā jānatā passatā arahatā sammā-sambuddhena, ekāyano maggo sammad-akkhāto, sattānam visuddhiyā, soka-paridevānam samatikkamāya, dukkha-domanassānam atthaṅgamāya, nāyassa adhigamāya, nibbānassa sacchi-kiriyāya, yad idam cattāro sati-paṭṭhānā ti.



6 PRECEPTS AND REQUESTS



METTĀNISAMSASUTTAPĀTHA

Evam me sutam. Ekam samayam Bhagavā Sāvatthiyam viharati Jetavane Anāthapiṇḍikassa ārāme. Tatra kho Bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi: “Bhikkhavo” ti. “Bhadante” ti te bhikkhū Bhagavato paccasosum. Bhagavā etad avoca:

“Mettāya bhikkhave ceto-vimuttiyā āsevitāya bhāvitāya bahulī-katāya yānī-katāya vatthu-katāya anuṭhitāya paricitāya susamāraddhāya ekādasānisamsā pāṭikaṅkhā. Katame ekādasa? Sukham supati, sukham paṭibujjhati, na pāpakaṁ supinam passati, manussānam piyo hoti, amanussānam piyo hoti, devatā rakkhanti, nāssa aggi vā visam vā sattham vā kamati, tuvaṭam cittam samādhiyati, mukha-vanṇo vippasīdati, asammuļho kālam karoti, uttarim appaṭivijjhanto brahma-lokūpago hoti. Mettāya bhikkhave ceto-vimuttiyā āsevitāya bhāvitāya bahulī-katāya yānī-katāya vatthu-katāya anuṭhitāya paricitāya susamāraddhāya ime ekādasānisamsā pāṭikaṅkhā” ti.

Idam avoca Bhagavā. Attamanā te bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāsitam abhinandun ti.

ATṬHAṄGA SĪLA The Eight Precepts

Pāṇātipātā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padaṁ samādiyāmi.
Adinnādānā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padaṁ samādiyāmi.
Abrahma-cariyā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padaṁ samādiyāmi.
Musā-vādā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padaṁ samādiyāmi.
Surā-meraya-majja-pamāda-tṭhānā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padaṁ samādiyāmi.
Vikāla-bhojanā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padaṁ samādiyāmi.
Nacca-gīta-vādita-visūka-dassana-mālā-gandha-vilepana-dhāraṇa-maṇḍana-vibhūsana-tṭhānā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padaṁ samādiyāmi.
Uccā-sayana-mahā-sayanā veramaṇī-sikkhā-padaṁ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from killing living beings.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from taking what is not given.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from sexual activity.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from false speech.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from intoxicants which cause heedlessness.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from eating at the wrong time.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from watching improper dancing, singing and music, and from adornment by wearing garlands, or decorating with perfumes and cosmetics. [This includes jewellery and the like, but not anything medicinal.]

I undertake the training rule of refraining from sleeping on a high or great bed.

ĀJĪVATṬHAMAKA SĪLA The Eight Precepts ending with Right Livelihood

Pāṇātipātā veramaṇī-sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi.
Adinnādānā veramaṇī-sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi.
Kāmesu micchācārā veramaṇī-sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi.
Musāvādā veramaṇī-sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi.
Pisuṇa-vācā veramaṇī-sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi.
Pharusa-vācā veramaṇī-sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi.
Samphapalāpā veramaṇī-sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi.
Micchā-ājīvā veramaṇī-sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from killing living beings.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from taking what is not given.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from sexual misconduct.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from false speech.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from engaging in speech intended to divide.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from engaging in speech intended to harm.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from pointless speech.

I undertake the training rule of refraining from wrong means of livelihood.

REQUESTING THE FIVE (OR EIGHT) PRECEPTS

Lay person or people: Mayam Bhante visum visum rakkhanatthāya ti-saranena saha pañca sīlāni yācāma.

Dutiyam pi mayam Bhante visum visum rakkhanatthāya ti-saranena saha pañca sīlāni yācāma.

Tatiyam pi mayam Bhante visum visum rakkhanatthāya ti-saranena saha pañca sīlāni yācāma.

(Anuggaham katvā sīlam detha no Bhante)

The monk recites the Homage to the Buddha all three times together or one line at a time, then the lay people do likewise. The lay people repeat each refuge after the monk.

Monk: Ti-saraṇa-gamanam niṭṭhitam.

Lay people: Āma Bhante.

The lay people repeat each precept after the monk.

Monk: Imāni pañca sikkhā-padāni sīlena sugatim yanti, sīlena bhoga-sampadā sīlena nibbutim yanti. Tasmā sīlam visodhaye.

Lay people: Sādhu, sādhu, sādhu!¹

REQUESTING PARITTA CHANTING

Vipatti-paṭibāhāya

Sabba-dukkha-vināsāya

Vipatti-paṭibāhāya

Sabba-bhaya-vināsāya

Vipatti-paṭibāhāya

Sabba-roga-vināsāya

sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā

parittam brūtha maṅgalam.

sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā

parittam brūtha maṅgalam.

sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā

parittam brūtha maṅgalam.

REQUESTING A DHAMMA TALK

Brahmā ca lokādhipatī Sahampatī

Katañjalī an-adhivaram ayācatha:

“Santīdha sattāppa-rajakkha-jātikā;

Desetu dhammaṁ anukamp’ imam pajam.”

7 MORNING AND EVENING CHANTING

MORNING CHANTING

This more or less follows the usual current practice at Thai temples. The Mahānikāya sect generally start with the following Ratanattayavandanā. The Thammayut omit it but have a longer chant by the leader following the three prostrations.

RATANATTAYAVANDANĀ Salutation to the Triple Gem

Yo so Bhagavā araham sammā-sambuddho / svākkhāto yena
Bhagavatā dhammo / supaṭipanno yassa Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho: /
tam mayam Bhagavantam sadhammam sasaṅgham /
imehi sakkārehi yathārahām āropitehi abhipūjayāma. / Sādhu no,
Bhante, Bhagavā sucira-parinibbuto pi / pacchimā-janatānukampa-
mānasā / ime sakkāre duggata-paṇṇākāra-bhūte paṭiggaṇhātu /
amhākaṁ dīgharattam hitāya sukhāya.

RATANATTAYANAMAKKĀRAPĀTHA Homage to the Triple Gem

Araham sammā-sambuddho Bhagavā.
Buddham Bhagavantam abhivādemi. (Bow once)

Svākkhāto Bhagavatā dhammo.
Dhammam namassāmi. (Bow once)

Supaṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho.
Saṅgham namāmi. (Bow once)

PUBBABHĀGANAMAKKĀRAPĀTHA Preliminary Homage to the Buddha

Handa dāni mayam tam Bhagavantam vācāya abhithutim
pubba-bhāga-namakkāram karomase.

Namo tassa Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. / Namo tassa
Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. / Namo tassa Bhagavato
arahato sammā-sambuddhassa.

¹ *The eight precepts can be requested in the same way as the five precepts, substituting ‘āṭha’ ‘eight’ for ‘pañca’ ‘five’ in the request, and omitting the words ‘visum visum’. After the repetition of the precepts after the monk, the monk says: ‘Imāni aṭṭha sikkhā-padāni samādiyāmi’ and the lay people repeat this three times.*

The rest follows in the same way as for the five precepts.

BUDDHĀBHITHUTI
Supreme Praise of the Buddha

Handa mayam Buddhābhithutim karomase.

Yo so Tathāgato araham sammā-sambuddho / vijjā-caraṇa-sampanno sugato loka-vidū / anuttaro purisa-damma-sārathi satthā deva-manussānām Buddha Bhagavā, / yo imam lokam sadevakanam samārakam sabrahmakam / sassamaṇa-brāhmaṇīm pajam sadeva-manussam sayam abhiññā sacchi-katvā pavedesi, / yo dhammam desesi ādi-kalyāṇam majjhe-kalyāṇam pariyośāna-kalyāṇam / sāttham sabyañjanam kevala-paripuṇṇam parisuddham brahma-cariyam pakāsesi: / tam aham Bhagavantam abhipūjayāmi, tam aham Bhagavantam sirasā namāmi. (*Bow once*.)

DHAMMĀBHITHUTI
Supreme Praise of the Dhamma

Handa mayam dhammābhithutim karomase.

Yo so svakkhāto Bhagavatā dhammo / sandīṭhiko akāliko ehi-passiko / opanayiko paccattam veditabbo viññūhi: / tam aham dhammam abhipūjayāmi, tam aham dhammam sirasā namāmi. (*Bow once*)

SAṄGHĀBHITHUTI
Supreme Praise of the Sangha

Handa mayam saṅghābhithutim karomase.

Yo so supaṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo, / uju-paṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo, / nāya-paṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo, / sāmīci-paṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo, / yad idam cattāri purisa-yugāni aṭṭha-purisa-puggalā. / Esa Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo / āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhiṇeyyo añjalī-karaṇīyo / anuttaram puñña-kkhettam lokassa: / tam aham saṅgam abhipūjayāmi, tam aham saṅgam sirasā namāmi. (*Bow once*)

AROUSING SAMVEGA
preceded by VERSES HONOURING THE TRIPLE GEM

Handa mayam ratana-ttaya-ppaṇāma-gāthāyo c' eva samvega-vatthu-paridīpaka-pāṭhañ ca bhanāmase.

Buddho susuddho karuṇā-mahaṇnavo
Yo 'ccanta-suddha-bbara-ñāṇa-locano
Lokassa pāpūpakilesa-ghātako,
Vandāmi Buddham aham ādarena tam.

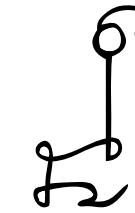
Dhammo padīpo viya tassa satthuno
Yo magga-pākāmata-bheda-bhinnako
Lokuttaro yo ca tad-attha-dīpano,
Vandāmi dhammam aham ādarena tam.

Saṅgo sukhettabhyatikhetta-saññito
Yo diṭṭha-santo sugatānubodhako
Lola-ppahīno ariyo sumedhaso,
Vandāmi saṅgam aham ādarena tam.

Icc evam ekantabhipūjaneyyakam
Vatthu-ttayam vandayatābhisaṅkhataṁ
Puñṇam mayā yaṁ mama sabb' upaddavā
Mā hontu ve tassa pabhāva-siddhiyā.

Idha Tathāgato loke uppanno araham sammā-sambuddho / dhammo ca desito niyyāniko upasamiko parinibbāniko sambodha-gāmī sugata-ppavedito. / Mayan tam dhammam sutvā evam jānāma:

Jāti pi dukkhā, jarā pi dukkhā, marañam pi dukkham, / soka-parideva-dukkha-domanassupāyāsā pi dukkhā, / appiyehi sampayogo dukkho, piyehi vippayogo dukkho, yam p' iccham na labhati tam pi dukkham, / saṅkhittena pañc'upādāna-kkhandhā dukkhā, / seyyathīdam:



rūpūpādāna-kkhandho
vedanūpādāna-kkhandho
saññūpādāna-kkhandho
saṅkhārūpādāna-kkhandho
viññānūpādāna-kkhandho,

yesam pariññāya / dharamāno so Bhagavā / evam bahulam sāvake
vineti. / Evam bhāgā ca pan' assa Bhagavato sāvakesu anusāsanī /
bahulā pavattati:

Rūpam aniccam.
Vedanā aniccā.
Saññā aniccā.
Saṅkhārā aniccā.
Viññāṇam aniccam.
Rūpam anattā.
Vedanā anattā.
Saññā anattā.
Saṅkhārā anattā.
Viññāṇam anattā.
Sabbe saṅkhārā aniccā.
Sabbe dhammā anattā ti.

Te mayam / otinñāmha jātiyā jarā-maranena / sokehi paridevehi
dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi / dukkhotinñā dukkha-paretā: /
app' eva nām' imassa kevalassa dukkha-kkhandhassa antakiriyā
paññāyethā ti. / Ciraparinibbutam pi tam Bhagavantam saraṇam gatā /
dhammañ ca bhikkhu-saṅghañ ca. / Tassa Bhagavato sāsanam / yathā-
satti yathā-balā manasikaroma / anupaṭipajjāma. / Sā sā no paṭipatti.
/ Imassa kevalassa dukkha-kkhandhassa antakiriyāya samvattatu.



PATTIDĀNAGĀTHĀ

Transference of what has been Gained

Handa mayam patti-dāna-gāthāyo bhañāmase.

Yā devatā santi vihāra-vāsinī
Thūpe ghare bodhi-ghare tahiṁ tahiṁ,
Tā dhamma-dānena bhavantu pūjītā
Sotthīm karonte 'dha vihāra-maṇḍale.
Therā ca majjhā navakā ca bhikkhavo
Sārāmikā dāna-patī upāsakā
Gāmā ca desā nigamā ca issarā
Sappāṇa-bhūtā sukhitā bhavantu te.
Jalābujaṁ ye pi ca aṇḍa-sambhavā
Samseda-jātā atha vopapātikā
Niyyānikāṁ dhamma-varaṁ paṭicca, te
Sabbe pi dukkhassa karontu saṅkhayam.

Thātu ciram satam dhammo
Saṅgho hotu samaggo va
Amhe rakkhatu sad-dhammo
Vuḍḍhiṁ sampāpuṇeyyāma
Pasannā hontu sabbe pi
Sammādhāram pavechhanto
Vuḍḍhi-bhāvāya sattānam
Mātā pitā ca atrajam
Evam dhammena rājāno

dhamma-ddharā ca puggalā.
atthāya ca hitāya ca
sabbe pi dhamma-cārino
dhamme ariya-ppavedite.
pāṇino Buddha-sāsane
kāle devo pavassatu.
samiddham netu medaniṁ.
niccaṁ rakkhanti puttakam.
pajam rakkhantu sabbadā.

EVENING CHANTING

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RATANATTAYAVANDANĀ Salutation to the Triple Gem

Yo so Bhagavā araham̄ sammā-sambuddho, / svākkhāto yena
Bhagavatā dhammo, / supatipanno yassa Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo:
/ tam̄ mayam̄ Bhagavantam̄ sadhammam̄ sasaṅgham̄ / imehi
sakkārehi yathārahām̄ āropitehi abhipūjayāma. / Sādhu no Bhante,
Bhagavā sucira-parinibbuto pi / pacchimā-janatānukampa-mānasā
/ ime sakkāre duggata-paññākāra-bhūte paṭiggaṇhātu / amhākam̄
dīgharattam̄ hitāya sukhāya.

RATANATTAYANAMAKKĀRAPĀTHA Homage to the Triple Gem

Arahām̄ sammā-sambuddho Bhagavā.
Buddham̄ Bhagavantam̄ abhivādemi. (*Bow once*)

Svākkhāto Bhagavatā dhammo.
Dhammam̄ namassāmi. (*Bow once*)

Supatipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo.
Saṅgham̄ namāmi. (*Bow once*)

PUBBABHĀGANAMAKKĀRAPĀTHA Preliminary Homage to the Buddha

Handa dāni mayam̄ tam̄ Bhagavantam̄ vācāya abhigāyitum̄
pubba-bhāga-nama-kkārañ c' eva Buddhanussati-nayañ ca
karomase.

Namo tassa Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. / Namo tassa
Bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. / Namo tassa Bhagavato
arahato sammā-sambuddhassa.

BUDDHĀNUSSATI

Recollection of the Buddha

Tam̄ kho pana Bhagavantam̄ evam̄ kalyāñō kitti-saddo abbhuggato: /
iti pi so Bhagavā araham̄ sammā-sambuddho / vijjā-caraṇa-sampanno
sugato loka-vidū / anuttaro purisa-damma-sārathi satthā deva-
manussānam̄ Buddha Bhagavā ti.

BUDDHĀBHIGĪTI Supreme Praise of the Buddha

Handa mayam̄ Buddhabhigītim̄ karomase.

Buddhvārahanta-varatādi-guṇābhīyutto
Suddhābhiññā-karuṇāhi samāgatatto
Bodhesi yo sujanataṁ kamalam̄ va sūro,
Vandām' aham̄ tam̄ aranām̄ sirasā jinendam̄.

Buddho yo sabba-paññinam̄
Paṭhamānussati-tṭhānam̄
Buddhassāh' asmi dāso¹ va,
Buddho dukkhassa ghātā ca
Buddhassāham̄ niyyādemī
Vandanto 'ham̄² carissāmi
N' atthi me saraṇam̄ aññam̄:
Etena sacca-vajjena
Buddham̄ me vandamānenā³
Sabbe pi antarāyā me

saraṇam̄ khemam uttamam̄
vandāmi tam̄ sirenaham̄.
Buddho me sāmik'issaro
vidhātā ca hitassa me.
sarīrañ jīvitañ c' idam̄.
Buddhass' eva subodhitam̄.
Buddho me saraṇam̄ varam̄.
vaddheyyam̄ satthu sāsane.
yam̄ puññam̄ pasutam̄ idha,
māhesum̄ tassa tejasā.

Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā
Buddhe kukammañ pakatam̄ mayā yam̄,
Buddho paṭiggaṇhatu accayan tam̄
Kālantare saṃvaritum̄ va Buddhe.

(bowing)

1 Wonen chant “dāsī”.

2 Wonen chant “vandantī 'ham̄”.

3 Wonen chant “vandantī 'ham̄”.

DHAMMĀNUSSATI
Recollection of the Dhamma

Handa mayam dhammānussatinayam karomase.

Svākkhāto Bhagavatā dhammo / sandīṭṭhiko akāliko ehi-
passiko / opanayiko paccattam veditabbo viññūhī ti.

DHAMMĀBHIGĪTI
Supreme Praise of the Dhamma

Handa mayam dhammābhigītim karomase.

Svākkhātādi-guṇa-yoga-vasena seyyo
Yo magga-pāka-pariyatti-vimokkha-bhedo
Dhammo kuloka-patanā tadadhāri-dhārī,
Vandām' aham tama-haram vara-dhammam etam.

Dhammo yo sabba-pāñīnam
Dutiyānussati-tthānam,
Dhammadhāsā' asmi dāso¹ va,
Dhammo dukkhassa ghātā ca
Dhammadhāsāham niyyādemi
Vandanto 'ham² carissāmi
N' atthi me saraṇam aññam:
Etena saccavajjena
Dhammadhām me vandamānena³
Sabbe pi antarāyā me

saraṇam khemam uttamam
vandāmi tam sirenaham.
dhammo me sāmik'issaro.
vidhātā ca hitassa me.
sarīrañ jīvitañ c' idam.
dhammadhāsā' eva sudhammatam.
dhammo me saraṇam varam.
vadḍheyam satthu sāsane.
yam puññam pasutam idha
māhesum tassa tejasā.

(bowing)

Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā
Dhamme kukammam pakatam mayā yam,
Dhammo paṭiggañhatu accayan tam
Kālantare samvaritum va dhamme.

SAṄGHĀNUSSATI
Recollection of the Sangha

Handa mayam saṅghānussatinayam karomase.

Supaṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo, / uju-paṭipanno
Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo, / nāya-paṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-
saṅgo, / sāmīci-paṭipanno Bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgo, / yad
idam cattāri purisa-yugāni aṭṭha-purisa-puggalā. / Esa Bhagavato
sāvaka-saṅgo / āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhinēyyo añjalī-
karaṇīyo / anuttaram puññā-kkhettam lokassā ti.

SAṄGHĀBHIGĪTI
Supreme Praise of the Sangha

Handa mayam saṅghābhigītim karomase.

Sad-dhamma-jo supaṭipatti-guṇādi-yutto
Yo 'ṭṭha-bbidho ariya-puggala-saṅha-settho
Sīlādi-dhamma-pavarāsaya-kāya-citto,
Vandām' aham tam ariyāna gaṇam susuddham.

Saṅgo yo sabba-pāñīnam
Tatiyānussati-tthānam,
Saṅghassā' asmi dāso¹ va,
Saṅgho dukkhassa ghātā ca
Saṅghassāham niyyādemi
Vandanto 'ham² carissāmi
N' atthi me saraṇam aññam:
Etena saccavajjena
Saṅgham me vandamānena³
Sabbe pi antarāyā me

saraṇam khemam uttamam
vandāmi tam sirenaham.
saṅgo me sāmik'issaro.
vidhātā ca hitassa me.
sarīrañ jīvitañ c' idam.
saṅghass' opaṭipannataṁ.
saṅgo me saraṇam varam.
vadḍheyam satthu sāsane.
yam puññam pasutam idha,
māhesum tassa tejasā.

(bowing)

Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā
Saṅge kukammam pakatam mayā yam,
Saṅgo paṭiggañhatu accayan tam
Kālantare samvaritum va sanghe.

UDDISSANĀDHITTHĀNAGĀTHĀ
Verses of Dedication of Merit and Aspiration

Handa mayam uddissanādhitiṭṭhāna-gāthāyo bhaṇāmase.

Iminā puñña-kammaṇa
Ācariyūpakaṛā ca
Suriyo candimā rājā
Brahma-Mārā ca Indā ca
Yamo mittā manussā ca
Sabbe sattā sukhī hontu
Sukhañ ca ti-vidham dentu

upajjhāyā guṇuttarā
mātā-pitā ca nātakā
guṇavantā narā pi ca
loka-pālā ca devatā
majjhattā verikā pi ca:
puññāni pakatāni me
khippam pāpetha vo'matam.

Iminā puñña-kammaṇa
Khipp'āham sulabhe c'eva
Ye santāne hīnā dhammā
Nassantu sabbadā yeva
Uju-cittam sati-paññā
Mārā labhantu n'okāsam
Buddhādhipavaro nātho,
Nātho pacceka-buddho ca
Tes'ottamānubhāvena

iminā uddissenā ca
taṇhūpādāna-chedanam.
yāva nibbānato mamaṇ
yattha jāto bhave bhave.
sallekho viriyamhinā
kātuñ ca viriyeshu me.
dhammo nātho varuttamo,
saṅgho nāthottaro mamaṇ:
Mār'okāsam labhantu mā.



8 TRANSLATIONS, SUMMARIES, SOURCES AND COMMENTS

Pali texts are traditionally learnt by ear and then explained briefly by word of mouth before any detailed translation is seen. Until modern times very few people (East or West) read texts with the eyes i.e. without verbalizing them either aloud or to themselves. The effect of reading them with the eyes can often be very different to that intended. Their purpose is to arouse joy and faith or to provide material for contemplation and wisdom, not to be a subject for thinking and mental proliferation or for views and judgement.

The translations here and throughout the book are no more than attempts to give some sense of a meaning which is often many-layered and untranslatable. For this reason alternative translations, where known, are listed below. References to the sources of texts give the page numbers of the Pali Text Society editions, which are also indicated in some of the translations.

Abbreviations:

A	<i>Āṅguttaranikāya</i>
BD	<i>Book of the Discipline</i>
D	<i>Dīghanikāya</i>
Dhs	<i>Dhammasaṅgañī</i>
Kh	<i>Khuddakapāṭha</i>
M	<i>Majjhimanikāya</i>
Paṭis	<i>Paṭisambhidāmagga</i>
S	<i>Samyuttanikāya</i>
Sn	<i>Suttanipāṭa</i>
Vin	<i>Vinayapiṭaka</i>
Vism	<i>Visuddhimagga</i>

Recollection of the qualities of the Buddha

The Lord is indeed thus:

An Arahat;
Completely self-awakened;
Perfect in knowing and doing (i.e. in understanding and ‘skill in means’ (compassion); in other words, in *vipassanā* and *samatha* — seeing what is needed and knowing how to do it);
Going along well (or ‘well-gone’);
One who can see all worlds;
An incomparable trainer of those ready for training;
Teacher of gods and men;
Awake;
The Lord.

This is found in many places in the Suttas, including M I 37 and A III 285. Vism Ch7 (1) gives a detailed commentary.

Recollection of the Qualities of the Dhamma

Wonderfully taught is the Lord’s teaching:

Visible here and now (*Nibbāna* is timeless, or it is all around, here and now — no need to wait for some other time or place!);

Instantaneous (i.e. there is no gap between attainment and the resulting transformation); Inviting (its quality everywhere is ‘come, see!’);

Leading onwards (the whole path leads onwards, and Stream-entry is irreversible, and leads ultimately to Arahatship);

To be seen by the wise, each for himself (i.e. no-one, not even a Buddha, can *make* you attain: you must do it for yourself).

This occurs at M I 38, A III 286 and elsewhere. Vism Ch7 (2) gives a detailed commentary.

Recollection of the qualities of the Sangha

Of good conduct is the Community of Hearers of the Lord;

Of straight conduct is the Community of Hearers of the Lord;

Of conduct conforming with the Path is the Community of Hearers of the Lord;

Of right conduct is the Community of Hearers of the Lord;

That is to say, the four pairs of men, the eight kinds of noble individuals (in other words, as four pairs, those attaining both Path and Fruit of Stream Entry, Once Return, Never Return, and Arahatship; or, as eight kinds of individual, those attaining the Path of Stream Entry and those attaining the Fruit of Stream Entry taken separately, and similarly for the other three Paths and Fruits);

This, indeed, is the Community of Hearers of the Lord: worthy of veneration with offerings, worthy of hospitality, worthy of gifts, worthy of respectful greeting — an incomparable field in which merit grows for the whole world.

This occurs at M I 38, A III 286 and elsewhere. Vism Ch7 (3) gives a detailed commentary. All three Recollections are translated in *Buddhist Meditation: an Anthology of Texts from the Pali Canon* by Sarah Shaw, p.112.

Pūjā

The last line is from the Tirokuddasutta, Kh VII.

Invitation to the Devas

An invitation to listen to the teaching of the Buddha addressed firstly to the devas in world systems all around and then to those in the various levels of this one as well as those in various places on earth. It concludes with the repetition three times of the declaration: this is the time to hear the Dhamma.

Homage to the Twenty-eight Buddhas

This chant pays homage to the twenty-eight Buddhas that preceded, and include, Gotama; and wishes for their protection.

Mettasutta

He who is skilled in welfare, who wishes to attain that calm state (*nibbāna*), should act in this way: he should be able, upright, perfectly upright, of noble speech, gentle and humble.

Contented, easily supported, with few duties, of simple livelihood, with senses calmed, discreet, not impudent, he should not be greedily attached to families.

He should not pursue the slightest thing for which other wise men might blame him.
May all beings be happy and secure, may their hearts be wholesome!

Whatever living beings there be: feeble or strong, tall, stout or medium, short, small or large, without exception; seen or unseen, those dwelling far or near, those who are born or those who are yet to be born, may all beings be happy!

Let one not deceive another, nor despise any person, whatsoever, in any place. Let him not wish any harm to another out of anger or ill-will.

Just as a mother would protect her only child at the risk of her own life, even so, let him cultivate a boundless heart towards all beings.

Let his thoughts of boundless love pervade the whole world: above, below and across without any obstruction, without any hatred, without any enmity.

Whether he stands, walks, sits or lies down, as long as he is awake, he should develop this mindfulness. This they say is the noblest living here in this world.

Not falling into wrong views, endowed with *sīla* and insight, by discarding attachment to sense desires, he never again knows rebirth.

Sn 143 - 152, Kh IX. There are very many translations of this, for example in *Being Nobody, Going Nowhere* by Ayya Khema, *What the Buddha said* by Walpola Rahula, the Amaravati Chanting Book ...; and *Buddhist Meditation* by Sarah Shaw discusses it further, p.166ff.

Maṅgalasutta

Thus have I heard. On one occasion the Lord was staying at Sāvatthi, in Jeta's Grove, at Anāthapiṇḍika's monastery. And then, late on a beautiful night, a certain minor deva of surpassing beauty, after making Jeta's grove shine with radiance, approached the Lord, and, having paid respect to the Lord, stood at one side. Having stood at one side, the deva addressed the Lord in verses:

Many gods and men have tried to find *mangalas*,
Which bring safety. Tell, then, the supreme *mangala*.

Not associating with fools, associating with the wise,
Honouring those worthy of honour: this is the supreme *mangala*.

Living in a suitable place, having made merit in the past,
Directing oneself aright: this is the supreme *mangala*.

Great learning, a craft, well-learnt discipline,
Any well-spoken speech: this is the supreme *mangala*.

Looking after one's parents, kindness towards one's wife and children,
An occupation that causes no disturbance: this is the supreme *mangala*.

Generosity, living according to Dhamma, kindness to one's relatives,
Faultless actions: this is the supreme *mangala*.

Not delighting in, abstaining from, wrongdoing; abstaining from intoxicating drink;
Not careless about practice: this is the supreme *mangala*.

Respect, humility, contentment, gratefulness,
Hearing Dhamma at the right time: this is the supreme *mangala*.

Acceptance, being easily spoken to, seeing monks,
Discussing Dhamma at the right time: this is the supreme *mangala*.

Self control, the Brahmabearing, seeing the Noble Truths,
Seeing Nibbāna directly: this is the supreme *mangala*.

When he experiences worldly ups and downs, his mind does not waver.
It is sorrowless, stainless, safe: this is the supreme *mangala*.

By performing suchlike deeds, they go everywhere unconquered,
Everywhere in safety: that is their supreme *mangala*.

Sn 258 - 269; Kh V. The latter is translated by Nāṇamoli Bhikkhu as *The Minor Readings and Illustrator*: the sutta is on p.2, the commentary, which explains the occasion of the sutta, on p.95.

The occasion of the Maṅgalasutta:

It seems that people in India used to meet to listen to story-tellers, and to talk afterwards. At one such

gathering, a discussion arose about what brings good fortune. All sorts of things were favoured by one person or another, such as seeing a black cat, overhearing a particular word, a conjunction of the planets, or a host of other things seen, heard, smelt, tasted or touched. This discussion got heated, and was carried out into the town and beyond. So, a tremendous debate started up, and factions formed, and wherever you went people would be speculating and arguing about good omens.

The devas of the Realm of the Four Kings overheard all this, and they, too, took to speculating about good omens. From there, the debate spread like wild fire through the heavenly realms, upwards to the highest heaven and outwards to ten thousand world systems; and thus a great tumult arose about good omens, with divisions and factions everywhere.

Investigations and debate went on among gods and men for twelve years, without reaching any agreement about what brings good fortune. At last the devas of the Thirty-Three assembled and, taking counsel together, decided to consult Sakka, their wise ruler.

So they formally entered his presence, and paid homage before his throne, where he sat resplendent with raiment and regalia befitting the occasion, surrounded by thousands of beautiful attendants. They told him of the tumultuous debate about good omens, and that neither they nor others had come to any conclusion; and they respectfully asked him to give his verdict.

But wise Sakka asked where the debate had started. They said they had heard it from the devas of the Realm of the Four Kings; and the devas of the Realm of the Four Kings told where they had heard it, and so on until it was clear that the argument had started in the human world. Sakka asked, "Where is the Fully Enlightened One living?", and they replied, "In the human world, sire". Sakka gently enquired, "Has anyone asked the Lord?" They shook their heads, and Sakka said, "Good sirs, why do you make light with a glow worm, rejecting a fire? You are passing over the Lord who is the teacher of every kind of good omen, and imagine that I should be asked instead. Let us ask the Lord, and we will surely get a splendid answer."

So he commanded a minor deva, "Go, ask the Lord". And that deva decorated himself as befits such an occasion, and then, flaring like a lightning flash, vanished from the Heaven of the Thirty-Three, and appeared in Jeta's Grove, making it shine with radiance. He approached the Lord, and, having paid respect to the Lord, stood at one side. Having stood at one side, the deva addressed the Lord in verses...

The discussion preceding the sutta concerns external omens whereas the things which lead to good fortune as identified by the Buddha are things done by oneself.

Ratanasutta

The two introductory verses invite all beings 'of earth or sky' to be happy and kind and listen well to what is said in the following verses. They are asked to practise metta towards the human beings who constantly bring offerings and to protect them carefully.

There follow nine verses on the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha. Each ends with the two lines:

This sublime wealth is found in the Buddha/Dhamma/Sangha.
By this truth may there be happiness and good fortune.

The first of these verses concerns the Buddha, declaring that whatever precious things there are here or in the heavens, the *Tathāgata* is more precious and without an equal. Here and throughout the word '*ratana*' which means literally 'jewel' and more generally 'wealth' or 'riches', is extended to mean anything precious or valuable — heavenly riches or spiritual wealth, as it were.

The next two verses are in praise of the Dhamma. It is that ceasing of defilements, dispassion, deathlessness, subtleness which the Sage of the Sakyas attained in concentration. Nothing at all is the equal of that Dhamma. That concentration which the Buddha praised as pure is said to give direct results. No other concentration is the equal of that concentration.

Then come six verses praising the Sangha. The first indicates that what is meant by Sangha here is all those on the eight stages from stream-entry to arahat. They are the disciples of the Buddha, worthy of offerings and whatever is offered them bears great fruit. They are described as devoting themselves with a firm mind to the Buddha's teaching and as reaching their goal, free from sense objects, plunging into the Deathless and enjoying a bliss without cost. Such persons who have penetrated and seen the Noble Truths are as unshakable as a locking post (Indra's pillar) with its base sunk deep into the ground. Even if they are very heedless, they will not take an eighth rebirth. From the moment of vision they have abandoned three things: seeing aggregates as real, doubt, and attachment to doing right. Very bad acts are impossible for them and if they do something wrong, they never conceal it.

Then come three more verses as a kind of climax. Two concern both the Buddha and Dhamma. 'Like a forest with treetops in flower in the heat of the first month of summer is the most excellent Dhamma which he taught' and 'the most excellent one, knower of the most excellent, giver of the most excellent, bringer of the most excellent, unsurpassed has taught the most excellent Dhamma.' ('*Vara*' means both excellent and also a gift or boon) The last of the three refers again to the Sangha, but now specifically to those who have achieved the goal — 'the old has perished; the new is not produced. Detached as to future rebirth, with seeds destroyed, without desire to proliferate, those heroes enter *nibbāna* just as this lamp blows out (*nibbanti*)'.

Sn 222 - 238, Kh VI. This sutta was recited by the Buddha at Vesāli to remove the distress caused by cholera. The three concluding verses ask all beings 'of earth or sky' to revere the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha respectively and each concludes with a wish for happiness and good fortune.

Mahājayamāṅgalagāthā

The last two lines are traditionally used when tying blessing thread.

Jayaparitta

These verses can repeat until an auspicious time has been reached. The first three lines are optional, and are not included in the repetition if the chant is repeated.

Jayamaṅgalagāthā

Jinapañjaragāthā

The Jinapañjara establishes a protective enclosure. This is made up of Buddhas and Arahats called Conquerors (as they have conquered defilements) linked to various parts of the body of the person and protective chants placed around, above and below. At the end of the chanting, blessing is invoked to destroy all misfortunes, inimical qualities and obstacles by the power of the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha. It can be chanted for oneself or for others.

Sambuddhe Atṭhavīsañcādigāthā

Homage is offered to 512,028 Buddhas together with their Dhamma and Sangha. By the power of this homage (*namo*) all troubles are destroyed and all obstacles completely perish. Similarly for 1,024,055 Buddhas and a third time with 2,048,109 Buddhas.

Eight Verses of Homage (*Namo*)

This is a play on AUM and OM and NAMO and OMAKA.

The chant was composed by King Mongkut (Rāma IV) of Thailand.

Ātānāṭiyaparitta

This is an extract of some of the verses from the Ātānāṭiyasutta of the *Dīghanikāya* together with some added blessings.

Khandhaporita

This is the final portion of the Ahirājasutta (A V 342f) and Ahi(metta)sutta (A II 72), also given at Vin II 110 and as the Khaṇḍajātaka (or Khandhajātaka) at Ja II 144-148.

This is one of the oldest protective chants, as such, specifically given by the Buddha for protection against the bite of snakes and other such creatures. It refers to spreading loving-kindness to the four clans of serpent and to other beings whether legless or going on two, four or many feet. It concludes with homage to the seven Buddhas.

Moraparitta

This is the text of the verses of the Morajātaka (Ja II 3336), the story of the Golden Peacock.

A brahminical mantra (*brahmamanta*) addressed to the rising and setting sun for protection by day and by night respectively is combined with a more Buddhist one offered to the true brahmins i.e. the Buddhas, giving homage and seeking protection.

These nine verses declare that through various good qualities the Buddha overcame eight opponents:

through giving, Māra, with a thousand arms and a thousand weapons, and his terrible army;
through patience and discipline, the terrible, impatient yakkha Ālavaka;
through metta, Nālāgiri, the crazed elephant, cruel as a thunderbolt;
through psychic powers, cruel-handed Angulimāla with raised sword;
through his serene and peaceful bearing, Ciñcā, who faked pregnancy and made false allegations against him;
with the lamp of wisdom, Saccaka, bent on dispute, who had abandoned truth and was completely blinded;
through psychic powers, the powerful serpent Nandopananda, whom he sent Moggallāna to tame;
through the medicine of true knowledge, the mighty Brahma Baka, bitten by the serpent of misconceived views.

Each verse ends: by the power of this deed may victory and blessings be yours.

Cullamaṅgalacakkavāla The Lesser Sphere of Blessings

This chant invokes the power of all Buddhas, all their Dhammas, all their Sanghas; that of the Three Jewels — Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha; that of the 84,000 Dhamma teachings; that of the Threefold Scripture and that of the Arahat disciples of the Buddha to destroy all kinds of troubles, fears and dangers and to bring about many kinds of blessing and good fortune.
This is a blessing to be chanted for a single individual.

Ratanattayānubhāvādigāthā Verses beginning ‘by the Power of the Triple Gem’

By the power of the Triple Gem, by the might of the Triple Gem, may *dukkha*, disease, danger, enmity and distress be destroyed.
May success, prosperity, security, happiness, strength, long life and beauty increase.
May you have all blessings, may devas guard you well, by the power of all the Buddhas and Dhammas and Sanghas may you always have well-being.

Sāmañerapañha

Kh IV. A numerically ordered catechism for a novice.

The Thirty Two Parts of the Body

Satipatṭhānasutta, M I 57 and Mahāsatipatṭhānasutta, D II 293 and elsewhere. These only give 31 parts; the full 32 are found in the Canon only at Patis I 6f. See also *Buddhist Meditation* by Sarah Shaw,

Dhajaggaparitta

The Banner Safeguard

In the forest or at the root of the tree or an empty place, bhikkhus, if you call to mind the Buddha, you will have no fear; if not the Buddha, then the Dhamma; if not the Dhamma, then the Sangha. For those who recollect the Triple Gem, fear and terror will not arise.

S I 220. These verses close the Dhajaggasutta, in which the Buddha compares the recollection of the Triple Gem to a banner carried in battle by the devas to sustain the courage of their troops.

Devatāuyyojanagāthā

This can be chanted towards the end of a session of chanting to let the devas depart after inviting them with the Invitation to the Devas.

Bojjhaṅgaparitta

The Enlightenment factor called mindfulness, investigation of *dhammas* too, and the Enlightenment factors vigour, joy and tranquillity, also the two remaining Enlightenment factors of concentration and equanimity — these seven were taught perfectly by the all-seeing Sage and, when developed and frequently practised, bring about higher knowledge, *Nibbāna* and Enlightenment — by the speaking of this truth, may you ever have safety.

On one occasion, when the Lord saw that Moggallāna and Kassapa were ill and in pain, he taught to them the seven Enlightenment factors. They felt delight in that and were at that moment freed from their sickness — by the speaking of this truth, may you ever have safety.

Once when the King of Dhamma himself was afflicted by an illness he got the Elder Cunda to chant the same seven factors with devotion. He rejoiced and immediately arose from that disease — by the speaking of this truth, may you ever have safety.

Those diseases were abandoned by those three Great Sages, just as defilements destroyed by the Path can arise no more — by the speaking of this truth, may you ever have safety.

This is sometimes chanted for people who are ill.

Anumodanā

The first two lines are from the Tirokuddasutta, Kh VII.

The following four chants (*Patičcasamuppāda*, *Pamsukūla*, *Abhidhammasaṅkhepa* and *Mātikā*) are often used at funerals and memorials.

Patičcasamuppāda

Conditioned Arising

The Buddha spent the first seven days after the enlightenment seated in a single cross-legged posture, enjoying the happiness of liberation. He emerged from ‘that *saṃādhi*’, as the *Udāna* mentions, to contemplate conditioned arising. He spent the three watches of the night contemplating conditioned arising as processes of arising, as processes of cessation and both together. The three verses here are those he uttered at the end of each of the three watches respectively. They are found at the beginning of BD Vol IV and in the *Udāna* at the very beginning. (Cf. also Vin I (Mahāvagga))

(End of the first watch)

Truly when *dhammas* appear to the brahmin who is energetic and meditating, then all his doubts depart because he understands *dhamma(s)* as having cause(s);

(End of the second watch)

Truly when *dhammas* appear to the brahmin who is energetic and meditating, then all his doubts depart because he has known the destruction of conditions;

(End of the third watch, i.e. at dawn)

Truly when *dhammas* appear to the brahmin who is energetic and meditating, he abides dispersing Māra’s army, as the sun lights up the sky.

The exposition of *paticca-samuppāda* - ‘dependent origination’ or ‘conditioned arising’ - is found in many places in the suttas, for example D II 55, M I 261, S II 1.

Pamsukūla

Cast-off Rags

Compounded things are indeed impermanent
After arising they cease

Of nature to arise and decay.
And the calming of them is happiness.

D II 157 (*Mahāparinibbānasutta*) and II 199 (*Mahāsudassanasutta*) and elsewhere.

Each of these is a key extract from one of the seven books of the Abhidhamma.

The Abhidhamma Triplet Mātikā

Dhs 1 - 2.

Lokuttarajhānapāṭha

Transcendent Jhāna

This is a chant based on the section of the first book of the Abhidhamma which describes the transcendent *jhāna* of the path of stream-entry. It is this which leads out of the round of rebirths and

abandons fixed views. It can be of any of the four or five *jhānas*, but always refers to the combination of 60 states beginning with contact and ending with non-distraction (i.e. concentration) and must always be reached by one of four ways, depending on whether the way which suppresses hindrances is pleasant or painful and whether the direct experience which follows occurs swiftly or slowly.

The chant is subsequently repeated three times. The first time the transcendent *jhāna* is described as empty because it is produced by the experience of emptiness and retains that quality. The second time it is described as without goal because it is reached without any deliberate directing of the mind. Finally it is accompanied also with one of the four rulerships — purpose, strength, mind and investigation. One or other of these has generated the *jhāna* and continues to flavour it.

Dhs 72ff.

The Meanings of Samādhi

Twenty-five ways of looking at the nature of *samādhi* (concentration/mental unification). The first three are shared with the other four faculties: each faculty embraces the others, supports the others and helps bring them to fulfilment. Then come the one-pointed, undistracted, purified, stable and liberated aspects of *samādhi*, culminating in the statement that it is the fixing of the mind due to the establishment of unity.

Then follow eight pairs, involving plays on the meaning of the first part of the word *samādhi* — taking that as *sama* ‘peace’ or ‘even’ and its opposite *visama*. In four of these *samādhi* is so-called (in the weakest level of access concentration) because it seeks the peace (of absorption) but does not seek absence of peace. (In the middle level of access) it takes hold of the peace (of absorption) but does not take hold of the absence of peace. (In the highest level of access) it progresses towards the peace (of absorption) but does not progress towards the absence of peace. Lastly there is also a play on the meanings of the verb *jhāyati* ‘to meditate’ or ‘to burn’: *samādhi* is so-called (at the moment of reaching absorption) because it meditates peacefully/evenly and because it brings about the burning up of the hindrances, etc. Each of these four pairs is followed by a second pair indicating that *samādhi* in absorption comes because of previously seeking peace and not its absence, or taking hold of peace not its absence, or progressing towards peace not towards its absence, or because it meditates evenly and burns up the hindrances.

After the twenty-five ways it concludes with the simple statement that *samādhi* is peaceful and beneficial and happy.

Patis I 269

Dhammacakkappavattanasutta The Sutta on Setting Turning the Wheel of the Dhamma

Vin I 10 - 12 (Mahāvagga), S V 420 - 424. There are many translations of this sutta, eg in *The Life of the Buddha* by Nāṇamoli, *The First Discourse of the Buddha* by Dr. Rewata Dhamma, *What the Buddha Taught* by Walpola Rahula, and *Pain and its Ending: the Four Noble Truths in the Theravāda Buddhist Canon* by Carol S. Anderson, pp.64 - 67.

Anattalakkhanasutta Discourse on the Mark/Sign of Anatta

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After the Buddha had given the First Sermon on the last day of the month (the Full Moon day) to the first five disciples in the Animal Park at Benares and Koṇḍañña understood, he continued to teach and on the following four days the ‘stainless eye of Dhamma’ arose to the remaining four disciples. So they had now all seen the truths. On the fifth day of the month the Discourse on the Mark of *Anatta* was taught to them and as this explanation was being given, their minds were completely freed from distorting tendencies.

The discourse applies the mark of *anatta* to each of the five aggregates — if they were not *anatta*, they would not lead to distress and they would be subject to our control. Since they are not permanent, each is unsatisfactory and subject to change and each should be understood as ‘that is not mine, that am I not, that is not my self’. Whoever sees that is disenchanted with the five aggregates and becomes detached from them. As a result of detachment, he becomes free and knows ‘I am free’ in regard to what has been freed. He understands that ‘birth is destroyed, the religious life has been lived, what needed doing has been done, there is no more of existence like this’.

S III 66f. See also Vin I 13f. i.e. BD IV 20f.

Ādittapariyāyasutta The Fire Sermon

This discourse was given to the three Kassapa brothers and their thousand disciples who had been recently won over by the Buddha and joined the Sangha. They had previously been fire-worshippers and as this explanation was being given, their minds were completely freed from distorting tendencies.

The Buddha declares that each of the six senses, their objects, the corresponding consciousnesses and consequential contacts and feelings are on fire. They are on fire with the three fires of greed, hate and delusion. They are on fire with birth, old age and death, with sorrows, lamentations, sufferings, miseries and despairs. Seeing that, the noble disciple who has heard the teaching is disenchanted with the world of the senses and becomes detached from that. As a result of detachment, he becomes free and knows ‘I am free’ in regard to what has been freed. He understands that ‘birth is destroyed, the religious life has been lived, what needed doing has been done, there is no more of existence like this’.

S IV 19. See also Vin I 34f. (The Ādittapariyāyasutta at S IV 168 is different)

From the Satipaṭṭhānasutta The Foundations of Mindfulness Sutta

Knowing and seeing, the Exalted One, attained to Truth, perfectly enlightened by himself, rightly expounded this path that leads in one direction, for the purification of beings, for the surmounting of grief and lamentation, for the disappearance of suffering and pain, for the attainment of the way, for the realization of *nibbāna*: that is, the four foundations of mindfulness.

What four?

Here a monk practises contemplating the body in the body, ardent, mindful and clearly comprehending, having put away longing and discontent with the world. He practises contemplating feeling in feelings, ardent, mindful and clearly comprehending, having put away longing and discontent with the world. He contemplates mind in the mind, ardent, mindful and clearly comprehending, having put away longing and discontent with the world. He contemplates *dhamma* in *dhammas*, ardent, mindful and clearly comprehending, having put away longing and discontent with the world.

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And how does a monk practise contemplating the body in the body?

Here a monk practises contemplating the body in the body, internally; or he practises contemplating the body in the body, externally; or he practises contemplating the body in the body both internally and externally. He practises contemplating the arising of *dhammas* in the body, or the ceasing of *dhammas* in the body or he practises contemplating the arising and ceasing of *dhammas* in the body. Or else mindfulness that ‘there is a body’ is established in him, just enough to know and remember. And he practises independent, clinging to nothing in the world. In this way a monk practises contemplating the body in the body.

And how does a monk practise contemplating feeling in feelings?

Here a monk practises contemplating feeling among feelings internally, externally and both internally and externally. He practises contemplating the arising of *dhammas* in feelings, or the ceasing of *dhammas* in feelings or he practises contemplating the arising and ceasing of *dhammas* in feelings. Or else mindfulness that ‘there is a feeling’ is established in him, just enough to know and remember. And he practises independent, clinging to nothing in the world. In this way a monk practises contemplating feeling among feelings.

And how does a monk practise contemplating the mind in the mind?

Here a monk practises contemplating mind in the mind internally, externally and both internally and externally. He practises contemplating the arising of *dhammas* in the mind, or the ceasing of *dhammas* in the mind or he practises contemplating the arising and ceasing of *dhammas* in the mind. Or else mindfulness that ‘there is mind’ is established in him, just enough to know and remember. And he practises independent, clinging to nothing in the world. In this way a monk practises contemplating the mind in the mind.

And how does a monk practise contemplating *dharma* in *dhammas*?

Here a monk practises contemplating *dharma* in *dhammas* internally, externally and both internally and externally. He practises contemplating the arising of *dharma* in *dhammas*, the ceasing of *dharma* in *dhammas* or he practises contemplating the arising and ceasing of *dharma* in *dhammas*. Or else mindfulness that ‘there are *dhammas*’ is established in him, just enough to know and remember. And he practises independent, clinging to nothing in the world. In this way a monk practises contemplating *dharma* in *dhammas*.

This is the path that leads in one direction rightly expounded by the Exalted One, attained to Truth, perfectly enlightened by himself, knowing and seeing; for the purification of beings, for the surmounting of grief and lamentation, for the disappearance of suffering and pain, for the attainment of the way, for the realization of *nibbāna*: that is, the four foundations of mindfulness.

Satipaṭṭhānasutta, M I 57 and Mahāsatipaṭṭhānasutta, D II 293. Translations are found in many places.

Mettānisamsasuttapāṭha Sutta on the Benefits of Metta

Thus have I heard. Once the Lord was staying at Savatthi in the Jeta Grove, Anathapindika’s Park. There the Lord addressed the monks, “Monks.” “Venerable sir”, the monks replied. The Lord said:

“Monks, when the mind-deliverance of loving-kindness is cultivated, developed, made much of, made

the vehicle, made the foundation, regularly and repeatedly practised, and properly undertaken, eleven blessings can be expected. What are the eleven? One sleeps at ease, wakes at ease, dreams no bad dreams, one is dear to human beings, one is dear to non-human beings, devas protect one, fire, poison and weapons do not affect one, the mind quickly enters concentration, the appearance of one’s face is serene and bright, one dies unconfused, if one penetrates no higher one will be reborn in the Brahma world. Monks, when the mind-deliverance of loving-kindness is cultivated, developed, much practised, made the vehicle, made the foundation, regularly and repeatedly practised, and properly undertaken, these eleven blessings can be expected.” Thus spoke the Lord. The monks were pleased and delighted in the Lord’s words.

A V 342. Also translated in *Buddhist Meditation* by Sarah Shaw, p.171.

Requesting a Dhamma talk

A request for Dhamma teaching, based on Brahma Sahampati’s request to the Buddha: “There are beings here with little dust in their eyes: teach the dhamma; show mercy to these people.”

Arousing Samvega

The chant begins with a declaration that a Buddha has appeared and Dhamma is known. Now a *Tathāgata* has appeared in the world, one far from defilements, perfectly enlightened by his own efforts and Dhamma has been taught, which leads out of *samsāra*, gives tranquillity, tends towards final *nibbāna*, leads to full awakening, and is proclaimed by the Well-Gone. Having heard this Teaching, we know:

Birth is *dukkha*, old age is *dukkha*, death is *dukkha*; sorrow, lamentation, pain, grief and despair are *dukkha*; association with what is disliked is *dukkha*, separation from what is liked is *dukkha*, not getting what one wants is *dukkha*; in short, the five aggregates of grasping are *dukkha*. While he lived, the Lord frequently trained his followers to thoroughly comprehend the five aggregates and this instruction occurred frequently among his followers: materiality is *anicca* and so for the other aggregates; then again materiality is *anatta*, all things constructing or constructed are *anicca*; all *dhammas* are *anatta*.

Aspirations follow:

May we, beset by old age, sickness and death, overcome by *dukkha*, experience the end of this whole mass of *dukkha*. We have gone for refuge to the Lord who long ago entered *parinibbāna* and to the Dhamma and to the Sangha of Bhikkhus and we attend to the teaching of the Lord to the best of our ability. We practise as did the followers of old. Just exactly that is our practice. May it lead to the end of this whole mass of *dukkha*.

APPENDIX: TIPS ON CHANTING

Over the years we have been fortunate to learn chants from a range of sources and it has been our custom to learn the chant in the style as taught rather than to reduce everything to a uniform style. So, for example, some of our chants derive from Cambodia (Iti pi so, Mettasutta, 28 Buddhas), from Thailand (Buddhamangalagāthā, Maṅgalasutta, and many others), from Sri Lanka (the Offering Verses) and from Burma (24 Paccayas). Needless to say, despite our efforts to follow the sources as closely as possible, the results have a discernibly English quality to them! Nevertheless, this approach has helped to preserve a sense of the subtlety and diversity both between and within the different traditions of Pali chanting.

These tips are intended as a guide for those who would like to sharpen up their chanting technique as a form of mindfulness practice, although what really matters in chanting is the heart and not the technique. The tips are presented here roughly in the order in which it might be most helpful to work with them.

Pali Pronunciation

Pali written in Roman letters is pronounced largely as one would expect from English, with the following clarifications:

Vowels are of two lengths:

Short

Long



t, ṭh, d, ḍh,
These retro
tongue bac

kh, gh, ch,
Each of the
For exampl
and Pali th

th as *t* in ‘tongue’. It is never pronounced as in English ‘the’.
ph as *p* in ‘palate’. It is never pronounced as in English ‘photo’.

All other combinations with **h**, as for instance **lh, mh, vh** and **yh** are two separate consonants, with the **h** pronounced separately. Double consonants are pronounced double, for example **tt** is pronounced like the two *ts* in English ‘hot tea’, **ss** like the *c* and *s* in ‘lettuce soup’.

Chanting as Group Practice

The following principles are helpful in developing chanting as a group practice — as well as improving the quality of the chanting.

Breathing

Some chants, like English songs, have natural breaks at the end of and sometimes in the middle of lines, where it is appropriate to take a breath. In many chants, however, the sound of the chanting is continuous and unbroken, except in some cases at specific stop points near the beginning or end. In these chants each chanter needs to breathe at a different time from others so that no silent gaps occur between words or at the ends of lines. To breathe, stop chanting for one or more syllables, and take as long an in-breath as you wish — don’t snatch a breath between words or lines; but be mindful of the people on each side of you and try to take your in-breaths while they are continuing to chant. This is mindfulness of breathing internally, externally and internally and externally together.

Most of the chants that we do in Samatha are in this continuous style, apart from a few like the refuges and precepts and the Offering Verses. Chants like the *Iti pi so*, the *Mettasutta*, the *Maṅgalasutta* and the *Mahājayamaṅgalagāthā* and indeed most *paritta* chants are chanted continuously.

Volume

Always chant more quietly than the loudest chanter in the group and more loudly than the quietest.

Follow the leader

Always listen carefully to the group, and in particular to the leader. Follow the leader in speed, volume, pitch and style. The leader is always right. (This is particularly important as variations develop in Samatha modes of chanting particular chants, so different leaders lead differently) Conversely, the leader needs to give a clear lead throughout the chant, not only in the ‘lead-ins’ (indicated in bold in the text of the chants). This is particularly important in the trickier parts of chants.

Internalisation

The better you know the chant, the more effectively you can use it as a practice. Learning by heart makes a big difference, and gets easier the more you do.

Rhythm and Syllables

Pali poetry takes its rhythm from the pattern of long and short syllables. In chanting poetry, and in many prose chants too, a long syllable is chanted twice the length of a short one, i.e. two beats as opposed to one, which brings this rhythm out clearly.

To work out for yourself which syllables are short and which long:

First divide the chant into syllables. Ignore spaces between words. All syllables start with a single consonant where possible, taking it from the end of the previous word if necessary. Double consonants

are pronounced double, and where two consonants occur together, the first finishes the previous syllable and the second starts the next one. So **icc evam** is broken into syllables: **ic - ce - vam**, and chanted that way. Remember that **kh**, **gh** etc. are single consonants (see p.84). (**br**, and sometimes **tr** and **dr**, are generally treated as a single consonants too.)

Short syllables are ones ending in a short vowel (**a, i, u**).

Long syllables are all others, i.e. they contain: a long vowel (**ā, ī, ū, e, o**),
or a vowel plus **m** (**m** cannot begin a syllable)
or they end in a consonant.

Here is the beginning of the Mettasutta, with hyphens between the syllables. Spaces between words and even between lines must be ignored. Long syllables are in bold.

Yas-sā-nu-bhā-va-to -yak-khā	-n' e-va das-sen-ti -bhim-sa-nam
-Yam-hi -c' e-vā-nu-yuñ-jan-to	-rat-tin-di-va-m a-tan-di-to
-Su-kham -su-pa-ti -sut-to -ca	-pā-pam -kiñ-ci -na -pas-sa-ti,
-E-va-mā-di-gu-ño-pe-tam	-pa-rit-tan -tam -bha-nā-ma -he.
Ka-ra-nī-ya-m at-tha-ku-sa-le-na	-yan -tam -san-tam -pa-dam a-bhi-sa-mec-ca
-Sak-ko -u-jū -ca -su-hu-jū -ca	-su-va-co -c' as-sa -mu-du a-na-ti-mā-nī
-San-tus-sa-ko -ca -su-bha-ro -ca	-ap-pa-kic-co -ca -sal-la-hu-ka-vut-ti
-San-t'in-dri-yo -ca -ni-pa-ko -ca	-ap-pa-gab-bho -ku-le-su a-na-nu-gid-dho;

Double consonants and nasals in Thai chanting style

Especially in slow chanting of verse, for example in the style in which we usually chant the *Buddhamāngalagāthā* and the *Bojjhangaparitta*, double consonants often have a nasal sound (**n**, **ɳ**, **ñ**, **m** or **ṅ** (*ng*)) between them which is ‘hummed’, for example: **sab^mbe** with the **m** hummed between the two **bs**. So while English is always sung on vowels, punctuated by consonants, Thai chanting allows for some humming too. (This kind of humming also occurs in Sri Lankan and other kinds of Pali chanting but not necessarily in the same places as it would in Thai)

A good place to start learning to make these nasals (which we often produce in English without necessarily noticing) is to say *bmbmbmbmb* keeping the lips closed throughout. Notice what you are doing with the back of the tongue to make the *b* sounds. Now try **sab^mbe** also without opening the lips between the two *bs*.

The same can be done with *tt*: try *tntntntntnt*, this time keeping the front of the tongue in the same position throughout: the back of the tongue moves up and down in the same way as with *bmb*. Then try it in *sat̪tā*.

In each case the nasal used will be formed in the same way as the consonants on each side of it, just with the air expelled through the nose instead of being blocked off completely. So the following combinations occur:

kk(h) can be chanted *knik(h)*
cc(h) *tñc(h)*

gg(h) can be chanted *gng(h)*
jj(h) *dñi(h)*

$\ddot{t}t(h)$	$t\dot{n}t(h)$	$\ddot{d}d(h)$	$d\dot{n}d(h)$
$tt(h)$	$tnt(h)$	$dd(h)$	$dnd(h)$
$pp(h)$	$pmp(h)$	$bb(h)$	$bmb(h)$
ss	tns		
tr	tnt		

This is never applied to **yy** or **ll**. On the other hand, a nasal before a consonant is sometimes ‘hummed’ in the same way. As an example, here are the nasals in the *Buddhamangalagāthā* as Ven. Silananda chanted it, hummed either on one or two notes as indicated by the hyphens. A superscript nasal instead of a nasal already there indicates that the nasal is hummed on a different note from the vowel before it.

Sambuddho dipadām sethō
Konḍañño pubbabhāge ca
Sāriputⁿto ca dak^ñkhiṇe
pa^ñchime pi ca Ānaⁿ⁻ⁿdo
Moggallāno ca uttare
ime kho maṅgalā budⁿdhā
vanditā te ca amhehi
etesam ānubhāvena

i^{tn}c evam a^{tn}caⁿtanama^{tn-n}saneyyan
nama^{tn}samāno ratanatⁿ⁻ⁿtaya^m yam
puññābhisaⁿda^m vipulam alatⁿthan
ta^{tn}sānubhāvena hatantarāyo

nisinno ceva ma^{dn-n}jhime
āgaṇeyye ca Ka^{tn-n}sapo
haratiye Upāli ca
bāyabbe ca Gava^{m-m}pati
īsāne pi ca Rāhulo
sab^mbe idha patitⁿ⁻ⁿthitā
sakkārehi ca pūjītā
sab^mbasothtī bhavaⁿ⁻ⁿtu no

The Thai tone system and its effect on chanting

The Thai style of chanting often shows some influence of the tone system of the Thai language in the rise and fall of the pitch. The patterns described here are what you would expect if you applied the Thai tone rules systematically to Pali chanting as written in the Thai alphabet. In practice they represent tendencies or potentials, and whether they are applied or not varies sometimes even for the same chanter chanting the same chant on different occasions. So to get the feel of these principles would enable you to vary your tune in some Thai style chants (for example the Mātikā, Spreading the Brahmaviharas, the Dhammacakkappavattanasutta) in the way that Thai monks do, and to pick up the ups and downs of some Thai chants very quickly.

For each syllable there is one tone. (Syllables are as described above) The ‘base pitch’ is the pitch from which the tones deviate as described below, and could be considered a ‘mid tone’. In the examples below, the syllable in bold is the one with the tone that is described in the rule, so for example in rule 1. the bold syllables have a rising tone.

The rules work with groups of consonants. The grouping is systematic, and understanding the system may help to remember the groups. One division is between voiced and voiceless consonants. Voiced ones involve vibration of the vocal chords and voiceless ones do not. Try saying ‘sssss’ and ‘zzzzz’ with a hand on your throat and feel the difference. ‘z’ is voiced, ‘s’ is not. A second division is between aspirates - the ones with a slight puff of air after them - and others. Aspirates are the ones represented with an ‘h’: ‘kh’, ‘gh’, ‘ch’, etc. There is also a separate group of nasals, where the mouth is blocked off and the air goes out through the nose: m/ñ, ñ, ñ, n, m. (The groups are listed in Pali alphabetical order, which goes from the back of the mouth to the front)

1. Rising tone: (this is a good one to start to get the feel of first)

starts on the base pitch and rises to the pitch above it half-way through the syllable. In some chants it seems to go the other way round: starts above the base pitch and drops down to it half-way through the syllable.

e.g. **hoti, hetu, sam, sam, so, sukham**
Syllable
 type: syllables beginning with kh, ch, th, th, ph, s, h (i.e. voiceless aspirates + s + h) and ending in a long vowel or a nasal (m, ñ, ñ, n, m) have a rising tone.

2. Low tone:

the whole syllable is below the base pitch.

e.g. **bahiddhā, ajjhattā, sabbe, sattā, paccuppannā, pahātabbā, upekkhā**
Syllable
 type: syllables beginning with any of the consonants in 1. or k, c, t, t, p or a vowel (i.e. any voiceless consonant, or a vowel) and ending in a consonant other than a nasal, or in a short vowel

3. High tone:

the whole syllable is above the base pitch.

e.g. vippasanna, vipākā, upādāniyā, na

Syllable

type: syllables beginning with any consonant other than those mentioned so far (i.e. any voiced consonant), ending in either just a short vowel or a short vowel plus a non-nasal consonant

4. Falling tone: (this is not very common)

starts on the base pitch and falls to the pitch below half-way through the syllable.

e.g. mettā, nekkhamma

Syllable

type: syllables beginning with voiced consonants as in 3. with a long vowel and a final consonant - not common in Pali

5. Mid tone:

the base pitch.

Syllable

type: all other syllable types: syllables starting with voiced consonants or voiceless non-aspirated consonants or with vowels, and ending in a long vowel or a nasal.

Summary:

	<u>Initial consonant</u>	<u>Rest of syllable</u>
1. Rising tone:	kh, ch, th, ph, s, h (voiceless aspirates + s + h)	VV or VN
2. Low tone:	kh, ch, th, th, ph, s, h k, c, t, p or no C (voiceless Cs or no C)	VC
3. High tone:	any other consonant (voiced Cs)	V or VC
4. Falling tone:	any other consonant (voiced Cs)	VVC

V = short vowel; VV = long vowel; N = nasal; C = non-nasal consonant



