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Text

348.

“Bhikkhus, in the land of Jambudīpa of India, the uneven terrains and paths, hills, rivers and valleys that are hard to cross, along with the rugged mountain ranges and their peaks, are far greater in number and more prevalent than the quiet meadows, forests, delightful parks and lotus ponds, which are so few in comparison.

“In the same way, Bhikkhus, at the moment of their death, when the body breaks down, so few human beings are again reborn as human beings. This, because, countless more among them are reborn into the hell realm, where they face much fear, torture, terrible anguish, unimaginable pain and suffering.”

349. “Similarly, Bhikkhus, at the moment of their death, when the body breaks down, so few human beings are again reborn as human beings, for countless more are reborn into the animal realm, where they face much fear, anguish, pain and suffering.”

350. “Similarly, Bhikkhus, at the moment of their death, when the body breaks down, so few human beings are again reborn as human beings, for countless more are reborn into the realm of the miserable ghosts, where they face much heart-wrenching anguish, pain, and suffering.”