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363. “In the same way, Bhikkhus, at the moment of their departure from the hell realm, when their heavy Kammic burdens become less severe, so very few of those beings are reborn as Devas in the heavenly realms, for countless more among them are reborn back into the hell realm, where they face, yet again, much fear, torture, terrible anguish, unimaginable pain and suffering.”

364. “Similarly, Bhikkhus, at the moment of their departure from the hell realm, when their heavy Kammic burdens become less severe, so very few of those beings are reborn as Devas in the heavenly realms, for countless more among them are reborn into the animal realm, where they again must face fear, anguish, pain and suffering.”

365. “Similarly, Bhikkhus, at the moment of their departure from the hell realm, when their heavy Kammic burdens become less severe, so very few of those beings are reborn as Devas in the

heavenly realms, for countless more among them are reborn into the realm of the miserable ghosts, where they face much heart-wrenching anguish, pain, and suffering.”