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Text

44. “Bhikkhus, as I penetrate the heart of another person with my heart, and see it to be purified, I then declare:

‘If this person were to die at this moment, he will certainly be reborn in the heavenly realms, as though rushed there, instantaneously, as a result of him having such a purified heart.’

“And what is the reason for this?

“It is because his heart is pure and clean.

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, it is on account of living with purified hearts that beings, right at that moment of death, when their bodies have broken down, are instantaneously reborn into states of pleasure and delight, experiencing unimaginable happiness and ease, within the divine realms.”