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Text

2. Padhāna Sutta (Striving) “Bhikkhus, there are these two kinds of striving, which are difficult to achieve in this world.

“What are they?

“One is the striving of a lay person who lives the household life, while providing robes, alms food, a dwelling place, and medicinal requisites for monastics whenever they are in need of them.

“The other kind of striving is that of the one who has gone forth by leaving the household life, in order to diligently dedicate oneself to the total relinquishment of all assets.

“These, Bhikkhus, are the two kinds of striving, which are difficult to achieve in this world.

“Now, the best among these two kinds of striving, Bhikkhus, is the striving that takes you to the total and complete relinquishment of all assets.

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, you must train yourselves in this manner:

‘We shall endeavor by striving diligently, to attain the total relinquishment of all assets.’”

“It is in this manner that you must practice and train, Bhikkhus.”