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Text

124. Gotamaka Cetiya Sutta (At the Gotamaka Shrine) At one time, while The Blessed One was living in Vesālī by the Gotamaka shrine, He addressed the Bhikkhus thus:

“Bhikkhus!”

“Yes, Bhante!” They replied.

And The Blessed One continued instructing –

“Bhikkhus, I teach The Dhamma through direct understanding, and not without first having experienced and understood it directly!

“I teach The Dhamma with its foundations, and not without its foundations.

“I teach The Dhamma that remedies and heals; I do not teach it without its healing and remedial effects.

“Now, because I teach The Dhamma through My direct understanding, and not without first having experienced and understood it directly; because I teach The Dhamma with its foundations, and not without its foundations; and because I teach The Dhamma that remedies and heals, and I do not teach it without its healing and remedial effects, you must seriously apply yourselves by following My dissemination and instruction to you, and thus intently practice it.

“This in itself, should be sufficient for you to rejoice and happily declare:

‘The Blessed One is indeed Perfectly Awakened! The Dhamma is well proclaimed and beautifully explained by The Blessed One! The Saṅgha of The Blessed One has truly come to the Right Path, and as such, is Practicing The Path correctly!’”

This is what The Blessed One said, and those Bhikkhus were joyously delighted in The Blessed One’s words.

Now, as this discourse was taking place, the entire thousand-fold galaxy vibrated and shook in unison.