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Text

128. Paṭhama Anuruddha Sutta (The Venerable Anuruddha – Part 1) At one time, the Venerable Anuruddha approached The Blessed One, and after paying homage to The Teacher, he sat down to one side and said:

“Bhante, with the Divine Eye, which is purified and far surpasses that of a human, I see that at the breakup of the physical body, after their death here, most women are immediately reborn into the lower states of being, into the miserable and bad states, landing as they do in the hells.

“Blessed Lord, as a consequence of what mental tendencies is it, that at the breakup of their physical bodies, after death, most women are being reborn into the lower states of being, into the miserable and bad states, landing as they do in the hells?”

And The Blessed One said:

“Anuruddha, when a woman has these three mental tendencies, at the breakup of the physical body, after death, she finds herself reborn into the lower states of being, into the miserable and bad states, landing as she does in the hells.

“And what are these three?

“Here, Anuruddha, during the early part of their day, women live while being overcome by a heart that is self-obsessed, with a strong sense of stinginess. Then, during the middle part of their day, they live overcome by jealous thoughts and envy of others. And during the final part of their day, they live with a mind that is flooded by sexual desire, drenched in sensual and lustful fantasies.

“Anuruddha, as a consequence of these three mental tendencies, at the breakup of the physical body, after death, most women find themselves reborn into the lower states of being, into the miserable and bad states, landing as they do in the hells.”