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Text

142. Paṭhama Moranivāpa Sutta (The Peacock Sanctuary – Part 1) Once, while The Blessed One was living at the wandering ascetics' monastery of Moranivāpa, where peacocks used to roam, near the city of Rājagaha, He addressed the Bhikkhus by saying:

"Bhikkhus!"

"Yes, Bhante!" The Bhikkhus replied.

And The Blessed One continued speaking:

"Bhikkhus, endowed with three qualities, the Bhikkhu reaches the highest point, the complete ending of suffering, the ultimate goal of the Holy Life, becoming thus the Chief among both Devas and humans.

"And what are those three qualities?

"The first is the fulfillment of virtue throughout his behavior, which means he has completed The Training, and now stands beyond it.

"The second is the fulfillment of the collected stability of heart (samādhi), indicating that he has completed The Training, and now stands beyond it.

"The third, Bhikkhus, is the fulfillment of wisdom, which means he has completed The Training, and now stands beyond it.

"Therefore, Bhikkhus, by possessing these three qualities, the Bhikkhu reaches the highest point, the complete ending of suffering, the ultimate goal of the Holy Life, becoming thus the Chief among both Devas and humans."