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Text

143. Dutiya Moranivāpa Sutta (The Peacock Sanctuary – Part 2) At one time, The Blessed One was living at the wandering ascetics' monastery of Moranivāpa, where peacocks used to roam, near the city of Rājagaha.

There, The Blessed One addressed the Bhikkhus, by saying:

"Bhikkhus!"

"Yes, Bhante!" The Bhikkhus replied.

And The Blessed One continued speaking:

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

"And what are those three qualities?

"One is the extraordinary ability to wield psychic powers. The other is the extraordinary ability to read the thoughts and intentions of others. And the third is the extraordinary ability to give instructions.

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