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Text

The Guide

B. Specification Section

1. Indicative Subsection

PTS vp En 5 2. Herein, what are the sixteen Modes of Conveying?

[They are sixteen modes of the Ninefold Thread as conveying:]

1. a Teaching,

2. an Investigation,

3. a Construing,

4. Footings,

5. Characteristics,

6. a Fourfold Array,

7. a Conversion,

8. an Analysis,

9. a Reversal,

10. Synonyms,

11. Descriptions,

12. Ways of Entry,

13. a Clearing Up,

14. Terms of Expression,

15. Requisites,

16. a Co-ordination.

PTS vp Pli 2 Here follows a paraphrasing-verse:

As Teaching, Investigation, Construing,
As Footings, and Characteristics,
Fourfold Array, and then Conversion,
Analysis, Reversal too,
As Synonyms, and as Descriptions,
As Ways of Entry, Clearing Up,
Terms of Expression, Requisites,
And for sixteenth Co-ordination.
These Modes are the Sixteen Conveyings
[And] as to the significance [of each]
A separate statement [follows]
With detailed method-analysis for each one.

PTS vp En 6 3. Herein, what are the five Guide-Lines? [They are:]

1. the Conversion of Relishing,

2. the Trefoil,

3. the Lions' Play;

4. the Plotting of Directions,

5. the Hook.

Here follows a paraphrasing-verse:

Conversion of Relishing comes first,

In second place the Trefoil follows,

The Lions' Play is the name they give

To the Third Guide-Line formula;

The fourth Guide-Line most rare they call

The Plotting of Directions, then

The Hook is what the fifth is termed:

That is how all five Guide-Lines go.

4. Herein, what are the eighteen Root-Terms? They are the nine profitable Root-Terms and nine unprofitable Root-Terms.

Herein, what are the nine unprofitable Root-Terms? [They are:]

1. Craving,

2. Ignorance;

3. Greed,

4. PTS vp En 7 Hate,

5. Delusion;

6. Perception of Beauty,

7. Perception of Pleasure,

8. Perception of Permanence,

9. Perception of Self.

These are the nine unprofitable Root-Terms, wherein all that belongs to the unprofitable side is comprised and collated.

Herein, what are the nine profitable Root-Terms? [They are:]

1. Quiet,

2. Insight;

3. Non-greed,

4. Non-hate,

5. Non-delusion;

6. Perception of Ugliness,

7. Perception of Pain,

8. Perception of Impermanence,

9. Perception of Not-self.

These are the nine profitable Root-Terms, wherein all that belongs to the profitable side is comprised and collated.

Here is a mnemonic for it:

The nine terms Craving and Ignorance

And Greed, Hate and Delusion too

And with Perversions four besides

Do constitute defilement's plane.

PTS vp Pli 3 The nine terms Quiet and then Insight

With the three Profitable Roots

And Mindfulness-Foundations four

Do constitute the faculties' plane.

With nine terms on the side of profit

And nine terms on unprofit's side

Construed, these Root-Terms [thus] do come

[In all] to number eighteen terms.

The Indicative Subsection.

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