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“Homage to the Path that Takes One

to the Beyond”

The Blessed One taught this while staying at the Pāsāṇaka Shrine, in Magadha, where the following sixteen brahmins had come to posit their questions, and where the Great Teacher explained them all, one after another.

The explanations that the Lord Buddha provided even to a single question is enough, whereby once you understand the meaning and significance of the Dhamma presented in it and put it into practice, you can certainly come to end aging and death, by going to the farther shore.

For this reason, the Teachings found here are for crossing over and reaching to the other shore, which is why this exposition of the Dhamma is called the ‘Path that Takes One to the Beyond.’

1124. Ajita, Tissametteyya, Puṇṇaka and Mettagū, Dhotaka, Upasīva, Nanda, and afterwards, Hemaka,

1125. With both Todeyya and Kappa, Jatukaṇṇī the wise one, the brahmins Badrāvudha, Udaya, Posāla, the wise Mogharājā, and the great sage Piṅgiya.

1126. All these sages approached The Buddha, coming one by one, to the Great Seer, who possesses flawlessly good conduct, as they obtained clarifying answers to their deeply subtle questions, from the Most Brilliant Buddha Himself.

1127. The Blessed One then proceeded to answer all their questions, one by one, delighting the satisfied brahmin sages with His clarifying explanations, that were entirely

based on Truth.

1128. Being utterly pleased by the answers received from the Kinsman of the Sun, the Wise One with Pure Vision, they all then and there, one by one, went forth in The Blessed One's presence, and practiced by living the true Holy Life, in His Dispensation.

1129. If anyone were to dedicate oneself by applying the explanations given by The Blessed One, even a single one of these questions would suffice in taking that person beyond to the farther shore, to the Ultimate Security.

1130. Thus, practicing this Holy Life, completely guarantees that you will most certainly go from this shore, to the one beyond. And this would be the result of your genuine dedication to this Supreme Path, which is why this exposition of the Dhamma is called, 'The Path that Takes One to the Beyond.'