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Then the Buddha, as easily as a strong person would extend or contract their arm, vanished from Jeta's Grove and reappeared among the gods of the thirty-three. Then several deities of the company of the thirty-three went up to the Buddha, bowed, and stood to one side. The Buddha said to them:

"Reverends, it's good to have experiential confidence in the Buddha. … It's the reason why some sentient beings are stream-enterers, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, assured, destined for awakening. It's good to have experiential confidence in the teaching. … the Saṅgha … and to have the ethical conduct that's loved by the noble ones … leading to immersion. It's the reason why some sentient beings are stream-enterers, not liable to be reborn in the underworld, assured, destined for awakening."

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