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1. These three patients, O bhikkhus, are to be found existing in the world. Which three?

2. Here, O bhikkhus, whether gaining the appropriate food or not gaining the appropriate food, whether gaining the appropriate medicine or not gaining the appropriate medicine, whether gaining a suitable attendant or not gaining a suitable attendant, a certain patient does not emerge from that affliction.

3. Here, O bhikkhus, whether gaining the appropriate food or not gaining the appropriate food, whether gaining the appropriate medicine or not gaining the appropriate medicine, whether gaining a suitable attendant or not gaining a suitable attendant, a certain patient emerges from that affliction.

4. Still here, O bhikkhus, it is only through gaining the appropriate food, not without gaining, only through gaining the appropriate medicine, not without gaining, only through gaining a suitable attendant, not without gaining, that a certain patient emerges from that affliction.

5. Therein, O bhikkhus, it is on account of this patient who emerges from that affliction only through gaining the appropriate food, not without gaining, only through

gaining the appropriate medicine, not without gaining, only through gaining a suitable attendant, not without gaining, that food for the sick is prescribed, that medicine for the sick is prescribed, that attendants for the sick is prescribed. But, O bhikkhus, on account of this patient, other patients should also be attended upon.

6. These, O bhikkhus, are the three patients to be found existing in the world.

7. So too, O bhikkhus, these three individuals similar to patients are to be found existing in the world. Which three?

8. Here, O bhikkhus, whether gaining the seeing of the Tathagata or not gaining the seeing of the Tathagata, whether gaining the hearing of the Dhamma and Discipline proclaimed by the Tathagata or not gaining the hearing of the Dhamma and Discipline proclaimed by the Tathagata, a certain individual does not enter upon the fixed course of rightness in wholesome dhammas.

9. Here, O bhikkhus, whether gaining the seeing of the Tathagata or not gaining the seeing of the Tathagata, whether gaining the hearing of the Dhamma and Discipline proclaimed by the Tathagata or not gaining the hearing of the Dhamma and Discipline proclaimed by the Tathagata, a certain individual enters upon the fixed course of rightness in wholesome dhammas.

10. Still here, O bhikkhus, it is only through gaining the seeing of the Tathagata, not without gaining, only through gaining the hearing of the Dhamma and Discipline proclaimed by the Tathagata, not without gaining, that a certain individual enters upon the fixed course of rightness in wholesome dhammas.

11. Therein, O bhikkhus, it is on account of this individual who enters upon the fixed course of rightness in wholesome dhammas only through gaining the seeing of the Tathagata, not without gaining, only through gaining the hearing of the Dhamma and Discipline proclaimed by the Tathagata, not without gaining, that teachings of the Dhamma are prescribed. But, O bhikkhus, on account of this individual, other should also be taught the Dhamma.

12. These, O bhikkhus, are the three individuals similar to patients to be found existing in the world.