0.0.1 Obstructions

0. Source: Savatthi.

1. Endowed with six dhammas, O bhikkhus, one is incapable of entering upon the fixed course of rightness in wholesome dhammas even while listening to the true dhamma. Which six?

2. One is endowed with obstructive kamma[1]. One is endowed with obstructive defilements[2]. One is endowed with obstructive results of kamma[3]. One is lacking in faith, one is lacking in desire, and one is unwise.

3. Endowed with these six dhammas, O bhikkhus, one is incapable of entering upon the fixed course of rightness in wholesome dhammas even while listening to the true dhamma.

4. Endowed with six dhammas, O bhikkhus, one is capable of entering upon the fixed course of rightness in wholesome dhammas even while listening to the true dhamma.

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[1] King Ajattasatu is an example of this obstruction in the samannaphala sutta (DN 1)

[2] especially mundane wrong view

[3] See mahavagga chapter one (ordination chapter) of the vinaya pitaka where the Buddha makes a rule against ordaining nāgas because nāgas are not liable to growth in this dhamma and discipline even though they are born in the deva world as a result of their kamma

0.0.1 āvaraṇa suttaṃ

0. sāvatthinidānaṃ

1. chahi bhikkhave dhammehi samannāgato suṇantopi saddhammaṃ abhabbo niyāmaṃ okkamituṃ kusalesu dhammesu sammattaṃ. katamehi chahi

2. kammāvaraṇatāya samannāgatā hoti, kilesāvaraṇatāya samannāgato hoti, vipākāvaraṇatāya samannāgato hoti, assaddho ca hoti acchandiko ca duppañño ca.

3. imehi kho bhikkhave chahi dhammehi samannāgato suṇantopi saddhammaṃ abhabbo niyāmaṃ okkamituṃ kusalesu dhammesu sammattaṃ.

4. chahi bhikkhave dhammehi samannāgato suṇantopi saddhammaṃ bhabbo niyāmaṃ okkamituṃ kusalesu dhammesu sammattaṃ. katamehi chahi:

5. na kammāvaraṇatāya samannāgato hoti, na kilesāvaraṇatāya samannāgato hoti, na vipākāvaraṇatāya samannāgato hoti, saddho ca hoti, chandiko ca paññavā ca.

6. imehi kho bhikkhave chahi dhammehi samannāgato suṇantopi saddhammaṃ bhabbo niyāmaṃ okkamituṃ kusalesu dhammesu sammattaṃ.

5. One is not endowed with obstructive kamma. One is not endowed with obstructive defilements. One is not endowed with obstructive results of kamma. One has faith, one has desire, and one is wise.

6. Endowed with these six dhammas, O bhikkhus, one is capable of entering upon the fixed course of rightness in wholesome dhammas even while listening to the true dhamma.