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1. Thus was heard by me. At one time the Auspicious One was living among the Sakkians, at a Sakyan market town named Nagaraka. Then, the venerable Ananda visited with the Auspicious One. Upon arrival, he bowed down to the Auspicious One and sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, the venerable Ananda said this to the Auspicious One: “This, O Bhante, is half of the life of purity, that is, noble friendship, noble companionship, noble comradship.” When thus was said, the Auspicious One said this to the venerable Ananda: “Indeed not so, O Ananda, indeed not so, O Ananda. Indeed, O Ananda, this is solely the whole of the life of purity, that is, noble friendship, noble companionship, noble comradship.” This, O Ananda, is to be expected of a bhikkhu of noble friend, of noble companion, of noble comrad, that he will enculturate the noble eight-fold path, that he will make abundant the noble eight-fold path.”

2. And how, O Ananda, does a bhikkhu of noble friend, of noble companion, of noble comrad, enculturates the noble eight-fold path, makes abundant the noble eight-fold path ? Here, O Ananda, a bhikkku enculturates right view, in dependence on seclusion, in dependence on fading away, in dependence on cessation, maturing in relinquishment. He enculturates right thought, in dependence on seclusion, in dependence on fading away, in dependence on cessation, maturing in relinquishment.

He enculturates right speech, in dependence on seclusion, in dependence on fading away, in dependence on cessation, maturing in relinquishment. He enculturates right action, in dependence on seclusion, in dependence on fading away, in dependence on cessation, maturing in relinquishment. He enculturates right livelihood, in dependence on seclusion, in dependence on fading away, in dependence on cessation, maturing in relinquishment. He enculturates right effort, in dependence on seclusion, in dependence on fading away, in dependence on cessation, maturing in relinquishment. He enculturates right mindfulness, in dependence on seclusion, in dependence on fading away, in dependence on cessation, maturing in relinquishment. He enculturates right samadhi, in dependence on seclusion, in dependence on fading away, in dependence on cessation, maturing in relinquishment. It is thus, O Ananda, that a bhikkhu of noble friend, of noble companion, of noble comrad, enculturates the noble eight-fold path, makes abundant the noble eight-fold path.

3. "By this method, O Ananda, it could be understood: how this is solely the whole of the life of purity, that is, noble friendship, noble companionship, noble comradship."“Because of me, O Ananda, owing to [me as] a noble friend, beings liable to birth are freed from birth. Beings liable to old age are freed from old age. Beings liable to sickness are freed from sickness. Beings liable to death are freed from death. Beings liable to sorrow, lamentation, physical suffering, mental suffering and

despair are freed from sorrow, lamentation, physical suffering, mental suffering and despair. By this method, O Ananda, it could be understood: how this is solely the whole of the life of purity, that is, noble friendship, noble companionship, noble comradship."