0.0.1 Apana

1. At one time the Auspicious One lived among the Angans, in a market town named Apana. At that place the Auspicious One addressed the venerable Sariputta: "Sariputta, would the noble disciple who is completely well-settled in the Tathagata, the one of higher confidence, have perplexity or doubt in the Tathagata or the Tathagata's instructions?"

2. Bhante, the noble disciple who is completely well-settled in the Tathagata, the one of higher confidence, would not have perplexity or doubt in the Tathagata or the Tathagata's instructions. Certainly Bhante, this is to be expected of a noble disciple of faith: that he will abide firm in energy for the abandoning of unwholesome dhammas, for the attainment of wholesome dhammas. He will be strong, energetic, not laying aside the responsibilities in [striving for] wholesome dhammas. Indeed, that energy of his, O Bhante, is his faculty of energy. Certainly Bhante, this is to be expected of a noble disciple of faith, of firm energy: that he will be a mindful one, endowed with supreme mindfulness and prudence. A rememberer, one who remembers what was done long [ago] and what was said long [ago]. Indeed, that mindfulness of his, O Bhante, is his faculty of mindfulness. Certainly Bhante, this is to be expected of a noble disciple of faith, of firm energy, of established mindfulness: that having gained a foothold in relinquishment, he will attain samadhi, will attain the unique peak of mind. Indeed, that samadhi of

his, O Bhante, is his faculty of samadhi.

3. Certainly Bhante, this is to be expected of a noble disciple of faith, of firm energy, of established mindfulness, of a mind attained to samadhi: that he will know thus: "This samsara is without a discoverable beginning. A first point is not discerned of beings roaming and wandering on, hindered by ignorance and fettered by thirsting. The remainderless fading away and cessation of just this ignorance, the mass of darkness, this is the peaceful path, this is the most excellent path, that is, the stilling of all sankharas, the relinquishment of all ownership, the extinction of thirsting, fading away, cessation, nibbana." Indeed, that wisdom of his, O Bhante, is his faculty of wisdom. Bhante, of him having striven again and again thus, having established mindfulness again and again thus, having attained samadhi again and again thus, having wisely understood again and again thus, that noble disciple gains the higher faith thus: "These are those dhammas which formerly was only heard of by me. Now, at present, I dwell having touched them with the body and having penetrated them with wisdom, I see." Indeed, that faith of his, O Bhante, is his faculty of faith.

4. Good, good, Sariputta. Sariputta, the noble disciple who is completely well-settled in the Tathagata, the one of higher confidence, would not have perplexity or doubt in the Tathagata or the Tathagata's instructions. Certainly Sariputta, this is to be expected of a noble disciple

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