0.0.1 Sarakani (1)

1. At one time the Auspicious One resided at the Sakkian [town of] kapilavatthu in Nigrodha's park. At that time Sarakani the Sakkian had passed away. The Auspicious One declared him [to be] "a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." There, so many Sakkians, having assembled, having met together, protesting, being dejected, speaking in dispraise [said]: "It is marvellous indeed, Sir, it is unprecedented indeed, Sir. Now who here will not be a sotapanna, in as much as the Auspicious One has declared Sarakani, the Sakkian [who] passed away, [to be] a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." "Sarakani, the Sakkian endured weakness in the discipline, a drinker, one [fond] of drinking strong drinks."

2. So then, Mahanama the Sakkian 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, Mahanama the Sakkian, ever said this to the Auspicious One: "Here Bhante, Sarakani the Sakkian has passed away. The Auspicious One has declared him "a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." There, so many Sakkians, having assembled, having met together, protesting, being dejected, speaking in dispraise [said]: "It is marvellous indeed, Sir, it is unprecedented indeed, Sir. Now who here will not be a sotapanna, in

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3. Mahanama, he [was] the male lay disciple who for a long time had gone to the Buddha as refuge, gone to the Dhamma as refuge, gone to the Sangha as refuge, [so] how could he go to the woeful plane? Indeed Mahanama, that which [one] correctly saying would say, "for a long time a male lay disciple has gone to the Buddha as refuge, gone to the Dhamma as refuge, gone to the Sangha as refuge," [it would be of] Sarakani the Sakkian [that one] correctly saying would say this. Mahanama, Sarakani the Sakkian [was] the male lay disciple who for a long time had gone to the Buddha as refuge, gone to the Dhamma as refuge, gone to the Sangha as refuge, so how could he go to the woeful plane?

4. Here Mahanama, a certain individual is endowed with confirmed faith in the Buddha [thus]: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable trainer of persons to be tamed, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Dhamma [thus]: "The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Auspicious One,

visible in this life, not involving time, inviting inspection, leading onwards, to be comprehended by the wise, each one for one's self." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Sangha [thus]: "The Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the good path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the straight path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the true path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the proper path; that is, the four pairs of persons, the eight types of individuals. This Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples is worthy of gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of reverential salutation, the unsurpassed field of merit for the world." He is one of jubilant wisdom, one of swift wisdom, and one who excels in liberation. With the extinction of the asavas, having realized for himself with direct knowledge, in this very life, the asava-free mind liberation, wisdom liberation, and having entered upon it, dwells in it. This individual, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

5. Here Mahanama, a certain individual is endowed with confirmed faith in the Buddha [thus]: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable trainer of persons to be tamed, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious." He

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6. Here Mahanama, a certain individual is endowed with confirmed faith in the Buddha [thus]: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened,

excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable trainer of persons to be tamed, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Dhamma [thus]: "The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Auspicious One, visible in this life, not involving time, inviting inspection, leading onwards, to be comprehended by the wise, each one for one's self." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Sangha [thus]: "The Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the good path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the straight path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the true path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the proper path; that is, the four pairs of persons, the eight types of individuals. This Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples is worthy of gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of reverential salutation, the unsurpassed field of merit for the world." He is not one of jubilant wisdom, not one of swift wisdom, and not one who excels in liberation. From the complete extinction of the three fetters and reduction of greed, hatred and delusion, he is a sakadagami, who having come back only once to this world, makes the end of suffering. This individual too, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

7. Here Mahanama, a certain individual is endowed with confirmed faith in the Buddha [thus]: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable trainer of persons to be tamed, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Dhamma [thus]: "The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Auspicious One, visible in this life, not involving time, inviting inspection, leading onwards, to be comprehended by the wise, each one for one's self." He is endowed with confirmed faith in the Sangha [thus]: "The Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the good path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the straight path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the true path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the proper path; that is, the four pairs of persons, the eight types of individuals. This Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples is worthy of gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of reverential salutation, the unsurpassed field of merit for the world." He is not one of jubilant wisdom, not one of swift wisdom, and not one who excels in liberation. From the complete extinction of the three fetters, he is a sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening. This individual too, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

8. Here Mahanama, a certain individual is not quite endowed with confirmed faith in the Buddha [thus]: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable trainer of persons to be tamed, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious." He is not quite endowed with confirmed faith in the Dhamma [thus]: "The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Auspicious One, visible in this life, not involving time, inviting inspection, leading onwards, to be comprehended by the wise, each one for one's self." He is not quite endowed with confirmed faith in the Sangha [thus]: "The Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the good path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the straight path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the true path, the Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples has entered upon the proper path; that is, the four pairs of persons, the eight types of individuals. This Sangha of the Auspicious One's disciples is worthy of gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of reverential salutation, the unsurpassed field of merit for the world." He is not one of jubilant wisdom, not one of swift wisdom, and not one who is endowed with liberation. But he has a measure of understanding with wisdom and submits to the teachings proclaimed by the Tathagata. And for him, these dhammas too come to be. That is: the faith faculty, the energy faculty, the mindfulness faculty, the samadhi faculty, the wisdom faculty. This individual too, Mahanama, is ever free from

hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

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faith in the Tathagata and a measure of affection. And for him too, these dhammas come to be. That is: the faith faculty, the energy faculty, the mindfulness faculty, the samadhi faculty, the wisdom faculty. This individual too, Mahanama, is ever free from hell, free from the animal womb, free from the sphere of ghost, free from lower worlds, unhappy destination, the woeful plane.

10. "Mahanama, even if these great sal trees could understand [what is] well-spoken and [what is] badly-spoken, [then] I would declare in these great sal trees [to be] "sotapanna, not subject to the woeful plane, on a fixed course, destined for supreme awakening." But how much more Sarakani the Sakkian. Nevertheless, Mahanama, Sarakani the Sakkian upheld the discipline at the time of death"