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1. The Discourse on Suddhika

438. On one occasion the Blessed One was dwelling at Sāvattthī in Jeta's Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's park... etc. The Blessed One said this - "I will teach you, monks, about the gods belonging to the gandhabba host. Listen to that. And what, monks, are the gods belonging to the gandhabba host? There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of roots. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of heartwood. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of softwood. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of bark. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of outer bark. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of leaves. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of flowers. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of fruits. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of sap. There are, monks, gods dwelling in the odour of scents. These are called, monks, the gods belonging to the gandhabba host." The first.

2. The Discourse on Good Conduct

439. At Sāvattthī. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods belonging to the gandhabba host?" "Here, monk, someone practises good conduct by body, practises good conduct by speech, practises good conduct by mind. He has heard: 'The gods belonging to the gandhabba host are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of the gods belonging to the gandhabba host!' He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods belonging to the gandhabba host. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods belonging to the gandhabba host." The second.

3. The Discourse on the Giver of Root-Fragrance

440. At Sāvattthī. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of roots?" "Here, monk, someone practises good conduct by body, practises good conduct by speech, practises good conduct by mind. He has heard: 'The gods dwelling in the odour of roots are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of roots!' He is a giver of root-odours. He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of roots. This, monk, is the cause, etc. whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of roots." The third.

4-12. The Nonad of Discourses on Givers Beginning with Heartwood-Fragrance

441-449. At Sāvattthī. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of heartwood... etc. the gods dwelling in the odour of softwood...the gods dwelling in the odour of bark... the gods dwelling in the odour of outer bark...the gods dwelling in the odour of leaves... the gods dwelling in the odour of flowers...the gods dwelling in the odour of fruits... the gods dwelling in the odour of sap...is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of scents?" "Here, monk, someone practises good conduct by body, practises good conduct by speech, practises good conduct by mind. He has heard: 'The gods dwelling in the odour of heartwood are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of heartwood... etc. the gods dwelling in the odour of softwood...the gods dwelling in the odour of bark... the gods dwelling in the odour of outer bark...the gods dwelling in the odour of leaves... the gods dwelling in the odour of flowers...the gods dwelling in the odour of fruits... the gods dwelling in the odour of sap...be reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of scents!' He is a giver of heartwood-odours... etc. he is a giver of softwood-odours...he is a giver of bark-odours... he is a giver of outer bark-odours...he is a giver of leaf-odours... he is a giver of flower-odours... he is a giver of fruit-odours... he is a giver of sap-odours...he is a giver of scent-odours. He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of scents. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of scents." The twelfth.

13-22. The Decad of Discourses on Root-Fragrance Giving and Support

450-459. At Sāvattthī. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of roots?" "Here, monk, someone practises good conduct by body, practises good conduct by speech, practises good conduct by mind. He has heard: 'The gods dwelling in the odour of roots are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of roots!' He gives food, etc. he gives drink, etc. he gives cloth, etc. he gives a vehicle, etc. he gives a garland, etc. he gives scent, etc. he gives cosmetics, etc. he gives a sleeping place, etc. he gives a public rest-house, etc. he gives material for lighting. He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of roots. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of roots." Twenty-second.

23-112. The Ninety Discourses on Giving and Support Beginning with Heartwood-Fragrance

460-549. At Sāvattthī. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of heartwood... etc. the gods dwelling in the odour of softwood...the gods dwelling in the odour of bark... the gods dwelling in the odour of outer bark...the gods dwelling in the odour of leaves... the gods dwelling in the odour of flowers...the gods dwelling in the odour of fruits... the gods dwelling in the odour of sap...is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of scents?" "Here, monk, someone practises good conduct by body, practises good conduct by speech, practises good conduct by mind. He has heard: 'The gods dwelling in the odour of scents are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of scents!' He gives food, etc. he gives drink, etc. he gives cloth, etc. he gives a vehicle, etc. he gives a garland, etc. he gives scent, etc. he gives cosmetics, etc. he gives a sleeping place, etc. he gives a public rest-house, etc. he gives material for lighting. He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of scents. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods dwelling in the odour of scents." The twelfth of the hundred.

The Connected Discourses on the Gandhabba Class is complete.

Its summary:

Purity and good conduct, giver and the other ten;
Benefit of giving in a hundred ways, well proclaimed regarding the
gandhabbas.



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