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- 129.** All tremble at the stick, all fear Death;
Having made oneself the comparison, one should neither strike nor cause to strike.
- 130.** All tremble at the stick, life is dear to all;
Having made oneself the comparison, one should neither strike nor cause to strike.
- 131.** Whoever hurts with a stick beings longing for happiness;
Seeking happiness for oneself, after death he does not obtain happiness.
- 132.** Whoever does not hurt with a stick beings longing for happiness;
Seeking happiness for oneself, after death he obtains happiness.
- 133.** Do not speak harshly to anyone, those spoken to would retort to you;
For vehement talk is painful, retribution would touch you.
- 134.** If you do not shake yourself, like a broken gong;
You have attained Nibbāna, no impetuosity is found in you.
- 135.** Just as a cowherd with a stick drives cattle to pasture;
Thus ageing and death drive away the life of living beings.
- 136.** Then the fool, doing evil actions, does not understand;
The imprudent one, by his own actions, is tormented as if burnt by fire.
- 137.** Whoever with a stick wrongs those who are inoffensive, those who are innocent;
He quickly undergoes one of ten states.
- 138.** Harsh feeling, loss, and breaking of the body;
Or even a grave illness, and derangement of the mind one may reach.
- 139.** Or danger from the king, and cruel false accusation;
And utter elimination of relatives, and the perishable nature of possessions.
- 140.** Or else fire, the blaze, burns his houses;
Upon the collapse of the body, the unwise one is reborn in hell.
- 141.** Not nakedness, nor matted hair, nor mud, nor fasting, nor lying on bare ground;
Nor dust and dirt, nor striving in the squatting posture, can purify a mortal who

has not overcome uncertainty.

- 142.** Even if adorned, should one practise righteously, peaceful, tamed, fixed in destiny, a practitioner of the holy life;
Having laid aside the rod towards all beings, he is a brahmin, he is an ascetic, he is a monk.
- 143.** Is there any person in the world restrained by shame,
Who awakens from sleep, like a good horse to the whip?
- 144.** Just as a good horse struck by the whip, be ardent and stirred with urgency;
With faith and morality and energy, with concentration and judgment of the teaching;
Accomplished in true knowledge and conduct, mindful, you will abandon this suffering which is not small.
- 145.** Irrigators lead water, fletchers straighten the arrow;
Carpenters straighten wood, the virtuous tame themselves.

The Chapter on the Rod is concluded as tenth.



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