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11. Connected Discourses on Cloud Deities

1. The Discourse on Suddhika

550. At Sāvattthī. "I will teach you, monks, about the gods belonging to the rain cloud host. Listen to that. And what, monks, are the gods belonging to the rain cloud host? There are, monks, cold rain cloud gods; there are hot rain cloud gods; there are cloud rain cloud gods; there are wind rain cloud gods; there are rain rain cloud gods - these are called, monks, 'the gods belonging to the rain cloud host'." The first.

2. The Discourse on Good Conduct

551. 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 rain cloud 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 rain cloud 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 rain cloud host!' He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the gods belonging to the rain cloud 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 rain cloud host." The second.

3-12. The Decad of Discourses on Giving and Support Regarding Cold Cloud Devas

552-561. 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 cold rain cloud gods?" "Here, monk, someone practises good conduct by body, practises good conduct by speech, practises good conduct by mind. He has heard: 'The cold rain cloud gods 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 cold rain cloud gods!' He gives food, etc. he gives material for lighting. He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the cold rain cloud gods. 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 cold rain cloud gods." The twelfth.

13-52. The Forty Discourses on Giving and Support Regarding Hot Cloud Devas

562-601. 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 hot rain cloud gods... etc. in the company of the cloud rain cloud gods... etc. in the company of the

wind rain cloud gods... etc. is reborn in the company of the rain rain cloud gods?"
"Here, monk, someone practises good conduct by body, practises good conduct by speech, practises good conduct by mind. He has heard: 'The rain rain cloud gods 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 rain rain cloud gods!' He gives food, etc. he gives material for lighting. He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of the rain rain cloud gods. 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 rain rain cloud gods." The fifty-second.

53. The Discourse on Cold Cloud Devas

602. 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 it is sometimes cold?"
"There are, monk, gods named cold rain cloud gods. When for them it occurs thus - 'What if we were to dwell in our own delight,' following that mental aspiration of theirs, it becomes cold. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby it is sometimes cold." The fifty-third.

54. The Discourse on Hot Cloud Devas

603. 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 it is sometimes hot?"
"There are, monk, gods named hot rain cloud gods. When for them it occurs thus - 'What if we were to dwell in our own delight,' following that mental aspiration of theirs, it becomes hot. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby it is sometimes hot." The fifty-fourth.

55. The Discourse on Storm Cloud Devas

604. 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 there is sometimes cloud?"
"There are, monk, gods named cloud rain cloud gods. When for them it occurs thus - 'What if we were to dwell in our own delight,' following that mental aspiration of theirs, there is cloud. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby there is sometimes cloud." The fifty-fifth.

56. The Discourse on Wind Cloud Devas

605. 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 there is sometimes wind?"
"There are, monk, gods named wind rain cloud gods. When for them it occurs thus - 'What if we were to dwell in our own delight,' following that mental aspiration of theirs, there is wind. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby there is sometimes wind." The fifty-sixth.

57. The Discourse on Rain Cloud Devas

606. 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 it sometimes rains?"
"There are, monk, gods named rain cloud gods. When for them it occurs thus - 'What

if we were to dwell in our own delight,' following that mental aspiration of theirs, it rains. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby it sometimes rains."The fifty-seventh.

The Fifty-seven Discourses are concluded.

The Connected Discourses on Rain Clouds is complete.

Its summary:

Plain and Good Conduct and the Fifty on Giving and Support;
Cold and Heat and Cloud and Wind and Rain Cloud Gods.



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