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- 179.** Whose victory is not undone, whose victory no one in the world can follow;
That Buddha of infinite range, trackless - by what track will you lead him?
- 180.** For one in whom the entangling craving, that craving to lead anywhere, does not exist;
That Buddha of infinite range, trackless - by what track will you lead him?
- 181.** Those wise ones engaged in meditative absorption, delighted in the peace of renunciation;
Even the gods envy them, the mindful Perfectly Enlightened Ones.
- 182.** Difficult is the obtaining of human existence, difficult is the life of mortals;
Difficult is the hearing of the Good Teaching, difficult is the arising of Buddhas.
- 183.** The non-performance of all evil, the acquisition of the wholesome;
The purification of one's own mind - this is the instruction of the Buddhas.
- 184.** Patience is the supreme austere asceticism, forbearance; the Buddhas declare Nibbāna to be supreme;
For one who injures others is not one who has gone forth, one who vexes others is not an ascetic.
- 185.** Not reviling, not injuring, and restraint in the Pātimokkha;
Moderation in food, and secluded lodgings;
And devotion to higher consciousness - this is the instruction of the Buddhas.
- 186.** Not by a rain of coins is satisfaction in sensual pleasures found;
Sensual pleasures are of little enjoyment and painful, thus having known, the wise one.
- 187.** Even in divine sensual pleasures, he does not find delight;
He is devoted to the elimination of craving, the disciple of the Perfectly Enlightened One.
- 188.** Many indeed go for refuge to mountains and forests,
To parks, trees, and shrines, human beings threatened by fear.
- 189.** This is not a secure refuge, this is not the highest refuge;
Having come to this refuge, one is not freed from all suffering.
- 190.** But whoever has gone for refuge to the Buddha, the Teaching, and the Community;

Sees the four noble truths with right wisdom.

- 191.** Suffering, the origin of suffering, and the overcoming of suffering;
The noble eightfold path, leading to the peace of suffering.
- 192.** This is a secure refuge, this is the highest refuge;
Having come to this refuge, one is freed from all suffering.
- 193.** A remarkable man is rare, he is not born everywhere;
Wherever that wise one is born, that family thrives in happiness.
- 194.** Pleasant is the arising of Buddhas, pleasant is the teaching of the Good Teaching;
Pleasant is the concord of the Community, pleasant is the austere asceticism of those in unity.
- 195.** For one who venerates those worthy of veneration, whether Buddhas or disciples;
Who have transcended obsession, who have crossed over sorrow and lamentation.
- 196.** For one who venerates such ones as these, quenched, safe from every quarter;
The merit cannot be reckoned, even this much by anyone.

The Chapter on the Buddha is concluded as fourteenth.



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