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- 209.** Engaging oneself in what is not exertion, and not engaging in exertion;
Having abandoned the good, grasping at the dear, one envies those devoted to self-development.
- 210.** Do not meet with the dear, nor ever with the not dear;
Not seeing the dear is suffering, and so is seeing the not dear.
- 211.** Therefore one should not make anything dear, for separation from the dear is evil;
Mental knots are not found in those for whom there is nothing dear or not dear.
- 212.** From the dear arises sorrow, from the dear arises fear;
For one who is free from the dear, there is no sorrow, whence fear?
- 213.** From love arises sorrow, from love arises fear;
For one who is free from love, there is no sorrow, whence fear?
- 214.** From delight arises sorrow, from delight arises fear;
For one who is free from delight, there is no sorrow, whence fear?
- 215.** From sensuality arises sorrow, from sensuality arises fear;
For one who is free from sensuality, there is no sorrow, whence fear?
- 216.** From craving arises sorrow, from craving arises fear;
For one who is free from craving, there is no sorrow, whence fear?
- 217.** One accomplished in morality and vision, righteous, a knower of truth;
Doing one's own work, that one people hold dear.
- 218.** One in whom desire has arisen for the undeclared, and who would be pervaded by mind;
And with consciousness unbound to sensual pleasures, is called an upstream-goer.
- 219.** A man long absent from home, who has returned safely from afar;
Relatives, friends and companions delight in his arrival.
- 220.** Likewise one who has done merit, gone from this world to the beyond;
Merits receive him, like relatives a dear one who has arrived.

The Chapter on the Dear is concluded as sixteenth.



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