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The Universe of Buddha's Wisdom

The Triple Canon (Tipiṭaka)

The Canon of Discourses (Sutta Piṭaka)

4. The Collection of the Numerical Discourses (4. Aṅguttara Nikāya)

01. The Book of the Ones (01. Ekakanipātapāḷi)

18. Another Chapter on the Finger-snap
(18. Aparāccharāsaṅghātavaggo)

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382. "If, monks, a monk develops the first meditative absorption for even just a finger-snap, this is called, monks - 'a monk who dwells with meditation not empty, who follows the Teacher's instruction, who accepts exhortation, who eats the country's almsfood not in vain.' What then to say of those who cultivate it abundantly!"

383-389. "If, monks, a monk develops the second meditative absorption for even just a finger-snap, etc. develops the third meditative absorption, etc. develops the fourth meditative absorption, etc. develops the liberation of mind through friendliness, etc. develops the liberation of mind through compassion, etc. develops the liberation of mind through altruistic joy, etc. develops the liberation of mind through equanimity, etc.

390-393. He dwells observing the body in the body, ardent, fully aware, mindful, having removed covetousness and displeasure regarding the world; he dwells observing feelings in feelings... etc. he dwells observing mind in mind... etc. He dwells observing mental phenomena in mental phenomena, ardent, fully aware, mindful, having removed covetousness and displeasure regarding the world.

394-397. He generates desire for the non-arising of unarisen evil unwholesome mental states, he strives, arouses energy, exerts the mind, and strives; he generates desire for the abandoning of arisen evil unwholesome mental states, he strives, arouses energy, exerts the mind, and strives. He generates desire for the arising of unarisen wholesome mental states, he strives, arouses energy, exerts the mind, and strives; he generates desire for the presence, non-decay, increase, expansion, development, and fulfilment of arisen wholesome mental states, he strives, arouses energy, exerts the mind, and strives.

398-401. He develops the basis for spiritual power that possesses concentration due to desire and volitional activities of striving... He develops the basis for spiritual power that possesses concentration due to energy and volitional activities of striving... He develops the basis for spiritual power that possesses concentration due to mind and volitional activities of striving... He develops the basis for spiritual power that possesses concentration due to investigation and volitional activities of striving...

402-406. He develops the faith faculty... he develops the energy faculty... he develops the mindfulness faculty... he develops the concentration faculty... he develops the wisdom faculty...

407-411. He develops the power of faith... he develops the power of energy... he develops the power of mindfulness... he develops the power of concentration... he develops the power of wisdom...

412-418. He develops the enlightenment factor of mindfulness... He develops the enlightenment factor of investigation of phenomena... He develops the enlightenment factor of energy... He develops the enlightenment factor of rapture... He develops the enlightenment factor of tranquillity... He develops the enlightenment factor of concentration... He develops the enlightenment factor of equanimity...

419-426. He develops right view... he develops right thought... he develops right speech... he develops right action... he develops right livelihood... he develops right effort... he develops right mindfulness... he develops right concentration...

427-434. Perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, limited, beautiful or ugly. "Having overcome them, I know, I see" - one has this perception... Perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, immeasurable, beautiful or ugly. "Having overcome them, I know, I see" - one has this perception... Not perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, limited, beautiful or ugly. "Having overcome them, I know, I see" - one has this perception... Not perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, immeasurable, beautiful or ugly. "Having overcome them, I know, I see" - one has this perception... Not perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, blue, of blue colour, of blue appearance, of blue lustre. "Having overcome them, I know, I see" - one has this perception... Not perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, yellow, of yellow colour, of yellow appearance, of yellow lustre. "Having overcome them, I know, I see" - one has this perception... Not perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, red, of red colour, of red appearance, of red lustre. "Having overcome them, I know, I see" - one has this perception... Not perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, white, of white colour, of white appearance, of white lustre. "Having overcome them, I know, I see" - one has this perception...

435-442. One who is material sees forms... Not perceiving material forms internally, one sees forms externally, one is intent only upon the beautiful... With the complete transcendence of perceptions of material form, with the passing away of perceptions of sensory impingement, with inattention to perceptions of diversity, aware that "space is infinite," one enters and dwells in the plane of infinite space... With the complete transcendence of the plane of infinite space, aware that "consciousness is infinite," one enters and dwells in the plane of infinite consciousness... With the complete transcendence of the plane of infinite consciousness, aware that "there is nothing," one enters and dwells in the plane of nothingness... With the complete transcendence of the plane of nothingness, one enters and dwells in the plane of neither-perception-nor-non-perception... With the complete transcendence of the plane of neither-perception-nor-non-perception, one enters and dwells in the cessation of perception and feeling...

443-452. One develops the earth kasiṇa... One develops the water kasiṇa... One develops the fire kasiṇa... One develops the air kasiṇa... One develops the blue kasiṇa... One develops the yellow kasiṇa... One develops the red kasiṇa... One develops the white kasiṇa... One develops the space kasiṇa... One develops the consciousness kasiṇa...

453-462. He develops the perception of foulness...He develops the perception of death... He develops the perception of repulsiveness in food...He develops the perception of non-delight in the entire world... He develops the perception of impermanence... He develops the perception of suffering in the impermanent...He develops the perception of non-self in suffering... He develops the perception of abandoning... He develops the perception of dispassion...He develops the perception of cessation...

463-472. He develops the perception of impermanence...He develops the perception of non-self... He develops the perception of death...He develops the perception of repulsiveness in food... He develops the perception of non-delight in the entire world... He develops the perception of a skeleton...He develops the perception of a worm-infested corpse... He develops the perception of a discoloured corpse...He develops the perception of a fissured corpse... He develops the perception of a bloated corpse...

473-482. One develops recollection of Buddha's qualities... One develops recollection of the teaching... One develops recollection of Community's qualities... One develops recollection of morality... One develops recollection of generosity... One develops recollection of the deities... One develops mindfulness of breathing...One develops recollection of death... One develops mindfulness of the body... One develops recollection of peace...

483-492. He develops the faith faculty accompanied by the first meditative absorption... he develops the energy faculty...he develops the mindfulness faculty... he develops the concentration faculty... he develops the wisdom faculty... he develops the power of faith... he develops the power of energy... he develops the power of mindfulness... he develops the power of concentration... he develops the power of wisdom...

493-562. Accompanied by the second meditative absorption, etc. accompanied by the third meditative absorption, etc. accompanied by the fourth meditative absorption, etc. accompanied by friendliness, etc. accompanied by compassion, etc. accompanied by altruistic joy, etc. he develops the faith faculty accompanied by equanimity... he develops the energy faculty...he develops the mindfulness faculty... he develops the concentration faculty... he develops the wisdom faculty... he develops the power of faith... he develops the power of energy... he develops the power of mindfulness... he develops the power of concentration... he develops the power of wisdom. This is called, monks - 'a monk who dwells with meditation not empty, who follows the Teacher's instruction, who accepts exhortation, who eats the country's almsfood not in vain.' What then to say of those who cultivate it abundantly!"

The Other Finger-Snap Chapter is the eighteenth.



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