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- 273.** Of paths, the Eightfold is foremost; of truths, the four terms;
Dispassion is foremost of phenomena, and of two-footed beings, the one with vision.
- 274.** This is the very path, there is no other, for the purification of vision;
You should proceed along this, this is the deception of Māra.
- 275.** Having practised this, you will make an end of suffering;
The path has been declared to you by me, having understood the extraction of the dart.
- 276.** The effort should be made by you, the Truth-finders are proclaimers;
Those practising will be freed, meditators, from Māra's bondage.
- 277.** "All activities are impermanent", when one sees with wisdom;
Then one becomes disenchanted with suffering, this is the path to purification.
- 278.** "All activities are suffering", when one sees with wisdom;
Then one becomes disenchanted with suffering, this is the path to purification.
- 279.** "All phenomena are non-self", when one sees with wisdom;
Then one becomes disenchanted with suffering, this is the path to purification.
- 280.** Not rising at the time for rising, though young and strong, endowed with laziness;
With mind of sunken thought, lazy, the idle one does not find the path by wisdom.
- 281.** Guarding one's speech, well-restrained in mind, one would not do what is unwholesome with the body;
One should purify these three courses of action, one should attain the path proclaimed by the seers.
- 282.** From meditation indeed arises wisdom, from lack of meditation the destruction of wisdom;
Having known this twofold path, for existence and non-existence;
One should so establish oneself, that wisdom may increase.
- 283.** Cut down the forest, not the tree, from the forest arises fear;
Having cut down both the forest and the undergrowth, be free from craving, monks.

- 284.** For as long as craving is not cut off, even the slightest, of a man towards women;
So long is his mind bound, like a milk-sucking calf to its mother.
- 285.** Cut off affection for oneself, like an autumnal white water lily;
Develop only the path of peace, Nibbāna taught by the Fortunate One.
- 286.** "Here I shall reside for the rains retreat, here during winter and summer;"
Thus the fool thinks, not understanding the obstacle.
- 287.** The man who is infatuated with sons and cattle, with mind attached,
Death takes him away, as a great flood a sleeping village.
- 288.** Sons are not for shelter, nor father nor even relatives;
For one overcome by the Ender, there is no protection among kin.
- 289.** Having known this reason, the wise person, restrained in morality;
Should quickly purify the path leading to Nibbāna.

The Chapter on the Path is concluded as twentieth.



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