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- 4.** Therein, the Guide has been proclaimed in brief.

The Abridgement of the Modes

1. Gratification, danger, escape, and also fruit and means;
And the command of the Blessed One - the Teaching guide for practitioners.
2. What is questioned and what is answered, and what is the recapitulation of the discourse;
What is the investigation of the discourse - the guide is declared as Investigation.
3. Of all the guides, what is the plane and what is the resort of them;
The examination of what is fitting and unfitting - the guide is declared as Fitness.
4. The Conqueror expounds the Teaching, and what is the proximate cause of that Teaching;
Thus up to all phenomena - this guide is Proximate Cause.
5. When one phenomenon is stated, whatever phenomena have the same characteristic;
All become stated - that guide is named Characteristic.
6. Etymology and intention, phrasing and also the occasion of the Teaching;
The connection of what precedes and follows - this guide is the Fourfold Array.
7. In one proximate cause, one seeks the remaining proximate cause;
It turns to the opposite - that guide is named Conversion.
8. The phenomenon and the proximate cause, and the plane - this guide classifies;
In what is common and uncommon, it should be understood as Classification.
9. Wholesome and unwholesome mental states, declared, developed, and abandoned;
It turns to the opposite - the guide is named Reversal.
10. But the many synonyms stated in the discourse for one phenomenon;
Whoever knows, skilled in the discourses, that is the mode called synonym.
11. The Blessed One teaches one phenomenon with various descriptions;
That manner should be understood, the mode called description.

12. And whatever is dependent arising, the faculties, aggregates, elements and sense bases;
Whoever descends by these, that is the mode called descent.
13. When a question is answered, beginning with a verse that was asked;
The investigation of pure and impure, that mode is called correction.
14. Whatever phenomena are pointed out by unity and also by difference;
They should be assigned by that, this is the mode called determination.
15. Whatever phenomena produce whatever phenomenon as conditions successively;
Having drawn out the cause, this is the mode called requisite.
16. Whatever phenomena are the root of what, and whatever are of one meaning proclaimed by the sage;
They should be attributed, this is the mode called attribution.

The Abridgement of Method

17. Whoever leads craving and also ignorance, by serenity and insight;
Having connected with the truths, this method is the Nandiyāvaṭṭa.
18. Whoever leads the unwholesome with their roots, and the wholesome with the wholesome roots;
Factual, true, unerring, they call that method the Tipukkhalā.
19. Whoever leads the defilements by the illusions, the good teachings by the faculties;
Those skilled in method call this method the Lion's Play.
20. For those wholesome and unwholesome states spoken of here and there in the explanations;
One examines with the mind - that indeed they call the Direction-Viewing.
21. Having viewed with the Direction-Viewing, having lifted up, whatever one brings together;
All the wholesome and unwholesome - this method is named the Goad.
22. The sixteen guides first, having viewed the directions from the Direction-Viewing;
Having summarised with the Goad, one should explain the discourse by the three methods.

The Twelve Terms

23. Letter, term, phrase, language, likewise description;
Mode as the sixth expression - this much is all the phrasing.
24. Explanation, elucidation, revelation, analysis, making manifest, and concept;
By these six terms, the meaning and function are described.

25. And the three methods complete, and the six terms of meaning are counted;
By nine terms, the meaning of the Blessed One's word is connected.
26. Nine terms of meaning, twenty-four for the search of phrasing;
Having combined both, thirty-three - this much is the Netti.

The Exposition Section.



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