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3. The Collection of the Connected Discourses

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6. Connected Discourses on the Mental Powers

1. The Chapter of the Ganges Consecutive Repetitions

1-12. The Twelve Discourses Beginning with Power

705-716. "There are, monks, these five powers. Which five? The power of faith, the power of energy, the power of mindfulness, the power of concentration, the power of wisdom - these, monks, are the five powers. Just as, monks, the river Ganges slants towards the east, slopes towards the east, inclines towards the east; just so, monks, a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slants towards Nibbāna, slopes towards Nibbāna, inclines towards Nibbāna. And how, monks, does a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slant towards Nibbāna, slope towards Nibbāna, incline towards Nibbāna? Here, monks, a monk develops the power of faith, based upon seclusion, based upon dispassion, based upon cessation, maturing in release; the power of energy, etc. the power of mindfulness... the power of concentration... he develops the power of wisdom, based upon seclusion, based upon dispassion, based upon cessation, maturing in release. Thus, monks, a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slants towards Nibbāna, slopes towards Nibbāna, inclines towards Nibbāna." The twelfth.

The Ganges Repetition Chapter is the first.

Its summary:

Six slanting from the east, and six slanting towards the ocean;
These two sixes are twelve, by that the chapter is called.

2. The Chapter on Diligence

The Diligence Chapter should be expanded.

Its summary:

Truth-finder, footprint, pinnacle, root, with core, jasmine;
King, moon and sun, and cloth is the tenth stanza.

The Strenuous Deeds Chapter should be expanded.

Its summary:

Power and seed and elephant, tree with pot and sow;
With space and two clouds, boat, visitor, and river.

The Search Chapter should be expanded.

Its summary:

Search, discrimination, mental corruption, existence and suffering, three;
Barrenness, stain, and trouble, feeling, craving, and with thirst.

5. The Chapter on the Mental Floods

1-10. The Decad of Discourses Beginning with the Mental Floods

749-758. "There are, monks, these five higher mental fetters. Which five? Lust for fine-material existence, lust for immaterial existence, conceit, restlessness, ignorance - these, monks, are the five higher mental fetters. For the direct knowledge, full understanding, utter elimination, and abandoning of these five higher mental fetters, the five powers are to be developed. Which five? Here, monks, a monk develops the power of faith, based upon seclusion, based upon dispassion, based upon cessation, maturing in release; the power of energy, etc. the power of mindfulness, etc. the power of concentration, etc. he develops the power of wisdom, based upon seclusion, based upon dispassion, based upon cessation, maturing in release. For the direct knowledge, full understanding, utter elimination, and abandoning of these five higher mental fetters, these five powers are to be developed." The tenth.

The Flood Chapter is the fifth.

Its summary:

Mental Flood, Mental Bond, Clinging, Mental Knot, and with Underlying
Tendency;
Types of Sensual Pleasure, Mental Hindrance, Aggregates, Lower and Higher.

6. The Chapter of the Ganges Consecutive Repetitions

1-12. The Twelve Discourses Beginning with the Eastern

759-770. "Just as, monks, the river Ganges slants towards the east, slopes towards the east, inclines towards the east; just so, monks, a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slants towards Nibbāna, slopes towards Nibbāna, inclines towards Nibbāna. And how, monks, does a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slant towards Nibbāna, slope towards Nibbāna, incline towards Nibbāna? Here, monks, a monk develops the power of faith, with the removal of lust as its final goal, with the removal of hate as its final goal, with the removal of delusion as its final goal, etc. Thus, monks, a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slants towards Nibbāna, slopes towards Nibbāna, inclines towards Nibbāna." The twelfth.

The Ganges Repetition Series Chapter is the sixth.

Its summary:

Six slanting from the east, and six slanting towards the ocean;
These two sixes are twelve, by that the chapter is called.

The Diligence and Power-Requiring Chapters are to be expanded.

9. The Chapter on Searches

1-12. The Twelve Discourses Beginning with Searches

792-802. Thus the Search Chapter is to be expanded -with the removal of lust as its final goal, with the removal of hate as its final goal, with the removal of delusion as its final goal.

The Search Chapter is the ninth.

Its summary:

Search, discrimination, mental corruption, existence and suffering, three;
Barrenness, stain, and trouble, feeling, craving, and with thirst.

10. The Chapter on the Mental Floods

1-10. The Decad of Discourses Beginning with the Mental Floods

803-812. "There are, monks, these five higher mental fetters. Which five? Lust for fine-material existence, lust for immaterial existence, conceit, restlessness, ignorance - these, monks, are the five higher mental fetters. For the direct knowledge, full understanding, utter elimination, and abandoning of these five higher mental fetters, the five powers are to be developed. Which five? Here, monks, a monk develops the power of faith, etc. he develops the power of wisdom, with the removal of lust as its final goal, with the removal of hate as its final goal, with the removal of delusion as its final goal. For the direct knowledge, full understanding, utter elimination, and abandoning of these five higher mental fetters, these five powers are to be developed." The tenth.

The Flood Chapter is the tenth.

Its summary:

Mental Flood, Mental Bond, Clinging, Mental Knot, and with Underlying
Tendency;
Types of Sensual Pleasure, Mental Hindrance, Aggregates, Lower and Higher.

The Connected Discourses on the Powers is the sixth.



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