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- 76.** Like one who reveals treasures, should one see a fault-finder;
One who speaks reprovably, intelligent - such a wise person one should
associate with;
For one associating with such a person, it is better, not worse.
- 77.** One should exhort and instruct, and restrain from what is vile;
For he is dear to the good, but disagreeable to the bad.
- 78.** One should not associate with evil friends, one should not associate with
wicked men;
One should associate with good friends, one should associate with the highest
of men.
- 79.** One who drinks the Teaching sleeps happily, with a clear mind;
In the Teaching proclaimed by the Noble One, the wise person always delights.
- 80.** Irrigators lead water, fletchers straighten the arrow;
Carpenters straighten wood, the wise tame themselves.
- 81.** Just as a rock, one solid mass, is not moved by the wind;
So the wise do not waver amidst blame and praise.
- 82.** Just as a lake deep, clear, undisturbed;
So having heard the teachings, the wise become serene.
- 83.** Good persons indeed give up everywhere, the peaceful do not prattle desiring
sensual pleasures;
Whether touched by happiness or by suffering, the wise do not show high and
low states.
- 84.** Not for one's own sake, not for another's sake, one should not wish for a son,
nor wealth, nor a country;
One should not wish for one's own success not by rule; such a one would be
moral, wise, and righteous.
- 85.** "Few are those among human beings, those people going to the far shore;
And this other generation just runs along the shore.
- 86.** But those who practise in accordance with the Teaching, in the Teaching well
proclaimed;
Those people will go beyond, the realm of Death so hard to cross.

- 87.** "Having abandoned the dark phenomenon, the wise one should develop the bright;
Having come from home to homelessness, in seclusion where delight is hard.
- 88.** There one should wish for delight, having abandoned sensual pleasures, one who owns nothing;
The wise one should purify oneself of the mental defilements of the mind.
- 89.** "Those whose minds are rightly well developed in the factors of enlightenment;
Who delight in the relinquishment of grasping, by non-clinging;
Those who have eliminated the mental corruptions, brilliant, they are quenched in the world."

The Chapter on the Wise is concluded as sixth.



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