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1. Commentary on the Treatise on Some Things Beginning with the Past

299. Now there is the discussion on "some exists." Therein, those who imagine "some of the past exists," just as the Kassapikas; for the purpose of breaking their view, "is there the past?" is the question of the proponent of one's own doctrine, "some exists" is the answer of the opponent. For this is the intention - that with unripened result exists, that with ripened result does not exist. "Some has ceased" is the pursuit of the proponent of one's own doctrine. Its meaning is - if for you some of the past exists and some does not exist, this being so, it commits to some of the past having ceased, and some of the past not having ceased, remaining just so. In "disappeared" and so on beginning with "disappeared" too, the same method applies.

"Phenomena with unripened result, some" - this is because those for which he wishes the existence of those with unripened result, they too are just past. Therefore, just as for you some of the past exists, is it likewise that phenomena with unripened result too, some exist and some do not exist? - this was said to accuse. "With ripened result" - this was said to accuse by virtue of those for which he wishes nonexistence. "Resultless" - this was said to accuse by virtue of the indeterminate. Thus, by virtue of these three categories, the acknowledgment and the rejecting in all the forward and reverse orders should be understood. Past phenomena in part with ripened result, in part with unripened result are called those with unfinished result. For by whatever action conception was produced, the life-continuum too and death too are the result of that very action. Therefore, from conception up to death, that is called unfinished result. This was said with reference to such phenomena.

"Having made them as 'they will ripen', do they exist?" is the question of the proponent of one's own doctrine. Just as for a person who bears the Teaching, even while sleeping, the many occurring phenomena are said to exist, so the acknowledgment of the opponent is with reference to existence by way of popular expression. In the second question, "having made them as 'they will ripen', are they present?" is the acknowledgment of the opponent, standing on the view that "there is one thing called the accumulation of action, reckoned as the non-destruction of actions."

2. Commentary on the Treatise on Some Things Beginning with the Future

300. In the passage beginning with "is there the future?" also, "some exists" is said with reference to phenomena subject to arise. The remainder is of manifest meaning everywhere since the method has been stated above.

Commentary on the Treatise on "Some Things Exist."



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