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9. Connected Discourses on Supaṇṇas

1. The Discourse on Suddhika

392. At Sāvattthī. "There are, monks, these four realms of supaṇṇas. What are the four? Supaṇṇas born in eggs, supaṇṇas born in wombs, supaṇṇas born in moisture, spontaneously born supaṇṇas - these, monks, are the four realms of supaṇṇas." The first.

2. The Discourse on Carrying Off

393. At Sāvattthī. "There are, monks, these four realms of supaṇṇas. What are the four? Beings born in eggs, etc. these, monks, are the four realms of supaṇṇas. Therein, monks, supaṇṇas born in eggs carry off only serpents born in eggs, not those born in wombs, not those born in moisture, not those spontaneously born. Therein, monks, supaṇṇas born in wombs carry off serpents born in eggs and serpents born in wombs, not those born in moisture, not those spontaneously born. Therein, monks, supaṇṇas born in moisture carry off serpents born in eggs and serpents born in wombs and serpents born in moisture, not those spontaneously born. Therein, monks, spontaneously born supaṇṇas carry off serpents born in eggs and serpents born in wombs and serpents born in moisture and spontaneously born serpents. These, monks, are the four realms of supaṇṇas." The second.

3. The Discourse on the Doer of Both

394. At Sāvattthī. A certain monk approached the Blessed One; having approached, he paid respect to the Blessed One and sat down to one side. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of egg-born supaṇṇas?" "Here, monk, someone acts in two ways by body, acts in two ways by speech, acts in two ways by mind. He has heard: 'Egg-born supaṇṇas are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of egg-born supaṇṇas!' He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of egg-born supaṇṇas. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of egg-born supaṇṇas." The third.

4-6. The Triad of Discourses on the Doer of Both Beginning with the Second

395-397. At Sāvattthī. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of womb-born supaṇṇas?" Etc. "in the company of moisture-born supaṇṇas?" Etc. "is reborn in the company of spontaneously born supaṇṇas?" "Here, monk, someone acts in two ways by body, acts in two ways by speech, acts in two ways by mind. He has heard:

'Spontaneously born supaṇṇas are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of spontaneously born supaṇṇas!' He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of spontaneously born supaṇṇas. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of spontaneously born supaṇṇas." The sixth.

7-16. Ten Discourses on Giving and Support for the Egg-born

398-407. At Sāvattthī. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of egg-born supaṇṇas?" "Here, monk, someone acts in two ways by body, acts in two ways by speech, acts in two ways by mind. He has heard: 'Egg-born supaṇṇas are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of egg-born supaṇṇas!' He gives food, etc. he gives drink, etc. he gives cloth, etc. he gives a vehicle, etc. he gives a garland, etc. he gives scent, etc. he gives cosmetics, etc. he gives a sleeping place, etc. he gives a public rest-house, etc. he gives material for lighting. He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of egg-born supaṇṇas. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of egg-born supaṇṇas." The sixteenth.

17-46. The Thirty Discourses on Giving and Support Beginning with Womb-Born

408-437. At Sāvattthī. Seated to one side, that monk said this to the Blessed One - "What, venerable sir, is the cause, what is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of womb-born supaṇṇas?" Etc. "in the company of moisture-born supaṇṇas?" Etc. "is reborn in the company of spontaneously born supaṇṇas?" "Here, monk, someone acts in two ways by body, acts in two ways by speech, acts in two ways by mind. He has heard: 'Spontaneously born supaṇṇas are long-lived, beautiful, and abounding in happiness.' He thinks thus: 'Oh, may I, upon the body's collapse at death, be reborn in the company of spontaneously born supaṇṇas!' He gives food, etc. he gives drink, etc. he gives material for lighting. He, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of spontaneously born supaṇṇas. This, monk, is the cause, this is the condition, whereby someone here, upon the body's collapse at death, is reborn in the company of spontaneously born supaṇṇas." The forty-sixth.

The Connected Discourses on Supaṇṇas is complete.

Its summary:

Plain and They Carry Off, and Acting in Two Ways and four;
Benefit of Giving and forty, well proclaimed in the Supaṇṇa.



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