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- 116.** One should make haste in doing good, one should restrain the mind from evil;
For when one does merit slowly, the mind delights in evil.
- 117.** If a person should do evil, he should not do it again and again;
He should not set his desire upon it, painful is the accumulation of evil.
- 118.** If a person should do merit, he should do it again and again;
He should set his desire upon it, pleasant is the accumulation of merit.
- 119.** Even the evil one sees good, as long as evil does not ripen;
But when evil ripens, then the evil one sees evil things.
- 120.** Even the good one sees evil, as long as good does not ripen;
But when good ripens, then the good one sees good things.
- 121.** Do not despise evil, thinking "It will not come to me";
By the falling of water drops, even a water pot is filled;
The fool is filled with evil, accumulating it little by little.
- 122.** Do not despise merit, thinking "It will not come to me";
By the falling of water drops, even a water pot is filled;
The wise one is filled with merit, accumulating it little by little.
- 123.** Like a merchant with great riches but few companions avoids a dangerous
path,
Like one desiring to live avoids poison, one should avoid evil deeds.
- 124.** If there were no wound in the hand, one could carry poison with the hand;
Poison does not follow one without a wound, there is no evil for one who does
not do it.
- 125.** Whoever wrongs a man who is innocent, a pure person without blemish;
The evil returns to that very fool, like subtle dust thrown against the wind.
- 126.** Some arise in a womb, evil-doers in hell;
Those of good destination go to heaven, the taintless ones attain final
Nibbāna.
- 127.** Not in the sky, not in the middle of the ocean, not by entering a mountain
cleft;

There is no spot on earth found, where standing one could be freed from evil deeds.

- 128.** Not in the sky, not in the middle of the ocean, not by entering a mountain cleft;
There is no spot on earth found, where standing one would not be overcome by death.

The Chapter on Evil is concluded as ninth.



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