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Namo Tassa Bhagavato Arahato Sammasambuddhasa

Summary

Below is Buddha's discourse on the subject of 'mangala' (blessings), called 'Mangala Sutta'. The Buddha describes in this sutta 'blessings' that are wholesome personal pursuits or attainments, identified in a progressive manner from the mundane to the ultimate spiritual goal.

MANGALA SUTTA

(In Pali)

EVAM ME SUTAM:

EKAM SAMAYAM BHAGAVA

SAVATTHIYAM VIHARATI JETAVANE

ANANTHA-PINDIKASSAA ARAME

ATHA KHO ANNATARA DEVATA

ABHIKKANTAYA RATTIYA ABHIKKANTA VANNA

KEVALA KAPPAM JETAVANAM OBHASETVA

YENA BHAGAVA TENUPASSAM-KAMI

UPASAM KAMITVA BHAGAVANTAM

ABHIVADETVA EKAMANTAM ATTHASI

EKAMANTAM THITA KHO SA DEVATA

BHAGAVANTAM GATHAYA AJJHABHASI

(In English)

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“Thus have I heard:

On one occasion the Blessed One was dwelling at the monastery of Anathapindika in Jeta's Grove near Savatthi. When the night was far spent, a certain deity whose surpassing splendour illuminated the entire Jeta Grove, came to presence of the Blessed One, and, drawing near, respectfully saluted and stood at one side.

Standing thus, He addressed the Blessed One in verse: -

1.

BAHU DEVA MANUSSA CA

MANGALANI ACINTAYUM

AKANKHA-MANA SOTTHANAM

BRUHI MANGALA MUTTAMAM

Many deities and men, yearning after good, have pondered on Blessings.
Pray, tell me the Highest Blessing

2.

ASEVANA CA BALANAM

PANDITIANAN CA SEVANA

PUJA CA PUJA-NIYANAM

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

Not to follow or associate with fools, to associate with the wise, and honour those who are worthy of honour. This is the Highest Blessing.

3.

PATIRUPA-DESA VILSO CA

PUBBE CA KATA-PUNNATA

ATTA SAMMA PANIDHI CA

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

To reside in a suitable locality, to have done meritorious actions in the past, and to have set oneself on the right course (towards emancipation). This is the Highest Blessing.

4.

BAHU SACCANCA SIPPANCA

VINAGO CA SUSIKKHITO

SUBHASITA CA YA VACA

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

Vast learning, perfect handicraft, a highly trained discipline and pleasant speech. This is the Highest Blessing

5.

MATA PITU UPATTHANAM

PUTTA DARASSA SANGAHO

ANAKULA CA KAMMANTA

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

The support of father and mother, the cherishing of wife and children and peaceful occupations. This is the Highest Blessing

6.

DANAM CA DHAMMA-CARIYA CA

NATAKANANCA SANGAHO

ANAVAJJANI KAMMANI

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

Liberality, righteous conduct, the helping of relatives and blameless actions. This is the Highest Blessing.

7.

ARATI VIRATI PAPA

MAJJA-PANA CA SANNAMO

APPA-MADO CA DHAMMESU

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

To cease and abstain from evil, forbearance with respect to intoxicants and steadfastness in virtue. This is the Highest Blessing.

8.

GARAVO CA NIVATO CA

SANTUTTHI CA KATANNUTA

KALENA DHAMMA SAVANAM

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

Reverence, humility, contentment, gratitude and opportune hearing of the Dhamma. This is the Highest Blessing.

9.

KHANTI CA SOVACASSATA,

SAMANA NANCA DASSANAM

KALENA DHAMMA SAKACCHA

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

Patience, obedience, sight of the Samanas (holy men) and religious discussions at due season. This is the Highest Blessing.

10.

TAPO CA BRAHMA CARIYACA

ARIYA SACCANA DASSANAM

NIBBANA SACCHI KIRIYACA

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

Self-control, pure life, perception of the Noble Truths and the realization of Nibbana. This is the Highest Blessing.

11.

PUTTHASSA IOKA DHAMMEHI

CITTAM YASSA NA KAMPATI

ASOKAM VIRAJAM KHEMAM

ETAM MANGALA MUTTAMAM

He whose mind does not flutter, by contact with worldly contingencies, sorrow less, stainless and secure. This is the Highest Blessing.

12.

ETA-DISANI KATVANA

SABBATTHA MAPARAJITA

SABBATTHA SOTTHIM GACCHANTI

TAM TESAM MANGALA-MUTTAMAMTI

To them, fulfilling matters such as these, everywhere invincible, in every way moving happily. These are the Highest Blessings.

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