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The Book of the Threes

Chapter One

Roots

This was said by the Buddha, the Perfected One: that is what I heard.

“Mendicants, there are these three unskillful roots. What three? Greed, hate, and delusion. These are the three unskillful roots.”

The Buddha spoke this matter. On this it is said:

“When greed, hate, and delusion,

have arisen inside oneself,

they harm a person of wicked heart,

as a bamboo is destroyed by its own fruit.”

This too is a matter that was spoken by the Blessed One: that is what I heard.