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The Book of the Threes

Chapter One

Defilements (2nd)

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

“Mendicants, there are these three defilements. What three? The defilements of sensuality, desire to be reborn, and ignorance. These are the three defilements.”

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

“One who has ended the defilement of sensuality,

whose ignorance has faded away,

and whose desire to be reborn is finished—

liberated, free of attachments,

they bear their final body,

having vanquished Māra with his legions.”

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