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The Book of the Threes

Chapter Four

Thoughts

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

“Mendicants, there are these three unskillful thoughts. What three? The thought of status; of getting material things, honor, and popularity; and of fondness for others. These are the three unskillful thoughts.”

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

“One concerned with being looked up to,

with possessions, honor, and respect,

with sharing joys with friends,

is far from the ending of fetters.

But one who gives up children and herds,

marriage and acquisitions—

such a mendicant is capable

of experiencing the highest awakening.”

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