SN 23.3 — The Leash to Existence

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1. About Māra

The Leash to Existence

At Sāvatthī.

Seated to one side, Venerable Rādha said to the Buddha:

“Sir, they speak of this thing called ‘the cessation of the leash to existence’. What is the leash to existence? And what is the cessation of the leash to existence?”

“Rādha, any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for form; and any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies— this is called the leash to existence. Their cessation is the cessation of the leash to existence.

Any desire, greed, relishing, and craving for feeling … perception … choices … consciousness; and any attraction, grasping, mental fixation, insistence, and underlying tendencies— this is called the leash to existence. Their cessation is the cessation of the leash to existence.”