SN 56.53 — Where the Waters Join Together (1st)

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6. Comprehension

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“Mendicants, there are places where the great rivers—the Ganges, Yamunā, Aciravatī, Sarabhū, and Mahī—join together and converge. Suppose a person was to draw two or three drops of water from such a place.

What do you think, mendicants? Which is more: the two or three drops drawn out or the water in the confluence?”

“Sir, the water in the confluence is certainly more. The two or three drops drawn out are tiny. Compared to the water in the confluence, it doesn’t count, there’s no comparison, it’s not worth a fraction.”

“In the same way, for a noble disciple …

That’s why you should practice meditation …”