AN 4.9 — The Arising of Craving

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1. At Wares Village

The Arising of Craving

“Mendicants, there are four things that give rise to craving in a mendicant. What four? For the sake of robes, almsfood, lodgings, or rebirth in this or that state.

These are the four things that give rise to craving in a mendicant.

Craving is a person’s partner

as they transmigrate on this long journey.

They go from this state to another,

but don’t escape transmigration.

Knowing this drawback—

that craving is the cause of suffering—

rid of craving, free of grasping,

a mendicant would wander mindful.”