AN 9.21 — In Three Particulars

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3. Abodes of Sentient Beings

In Three Particulars

“The humans of the land north of Kuru surpass the gods of the thirty-three and the humans of the Black Plum Tree Land in three particulars. What three? They’re selfless and not possessive. They have a fixed lifespan. They have a distinctive nature. The humans of the land north of Kuru surpass the gods of the thirty-three and the humans of the Black Plum Tree Land in these three particulars.

The gods of the thirty-three surpass the humans of the land north of Kuru and the Black Plum Tree Land in three particulars. What three? Heavenly lifespan, beauty, and happiness. The gods of the thirty-three surpass the humans of the land north of Kuru and the Black Plum Tree Land in these three particulars.

The humans of the Black Plum Tree Land surpass the humans of the land north of Kuru and the gods of the thirty-three in three particulars. What three? Bravery, mindfulness, and the spiritual life is lived here. The humans of the Black Plum Tree Land surpass the humans of the land north of Kuru and the gods of the thirty-three in these three particulars.”