

Mūlapariyāya Sutta

The Root of All Things

Story:

Buddha was residing at Ukkaṭṭhā in the Subhaga Grove.
Teaches a discourse on the root of all things

Summary:

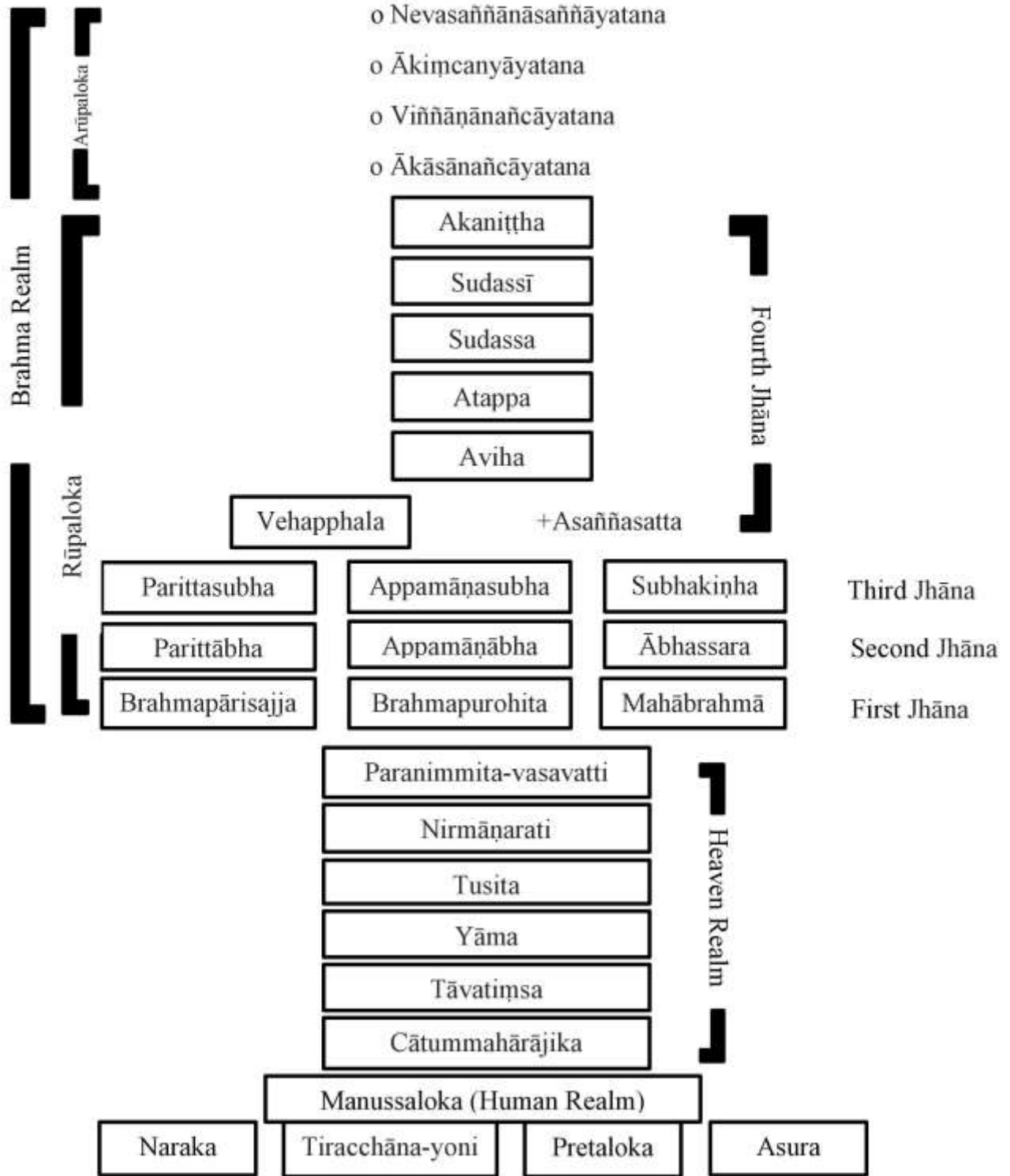
24 concepts

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06	Gods - <i>deve</i>	18	Heard - <i>sutaṃ</i>
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10	Gods of Refulgent Glory - <i>subhakiṇhe</i>	22	Diversity - <i>nānattaṃ</i>
11	Gods of Great Fruit - <i>vehapphale</i>	23	All - <i>sabbaṃ</i>
12	Overlord - <i>abhibhuṃ</i>	24	Nibbāna - <i>nibbānaṃ</i>

4 Persons:

1. Untaught ordinary person - *assutavā puthujjano*
2. A person who is in higher training - *sekho appattamānaso*
3. Arahant - *arahaṃ khīṇāsavo*
4. The Thathāgata - *tathāgato arahaṃ sammāsambuddho*

A Universe



Exposition:

The view of untaught ordinary person

- He perceives earth as earth - *paṭhavim paṭhavito sañjānāti*
perceives it through a “perversion of perception” (*saññāvipallāsa*)
- Having perceived earth as earth, he conceives [himself as] earth –
Paṭhavim paṭhavito saññatvā paṭhavim maññati

Having perceived earth with a perverted perception, the ordinary person afterwards conceives it—construes or discriminates it— through the gross proliferating tendencies (*papañca*) of craving, conceit, and views



Subject



Object

- He conceives [himself] in earth – *paṭhaviyā maññati*
- He conceives [himself apart] from earth – *paṭhavito maññati*
- He conceives earth to be ‘mine’ – *paṭhavim meti maññati*
- He delights in earth – *paṭhavim abhinandati*.

Why is that?

- Because he has not fully understood it, I say. - ‘*apariññātaṃ tassā ’ti vadāmi*

Water, Fire, Air, Beings Nibbāna

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