

Ogha-Tarana Sutra- Crossing over the Flood

This is a very amazing Sutra. The eight fold path is explained very clearly in this Suthra using just one sentence. I have found this Sutra from my one of friends that translated from the Pali by Thanissaro Bhikkhu. The translator mentioned this Sutra as the 'paradox'. Yes this is a paradox for every ordinary people. They cannot solve this paradox until see the Buddha. I am clearly say that there is no any path to see the truth other than eight fold path which explain in this 'Ogha Tarana Sutra'. This is the path. Please read 'Ogha Tarana Sutra' and see the path to the truth.

I have heard that on one occasion the Blessed One was staying near Savatthi in Jeta's Grove, Anathapindika's monastery. Then a certain devata,(goddess) in the far extreme of the night, her extreme radiance lighting up the entirety of Jeta's Grove, went to the Blessed One. On arrival, having bowed down to him, she stood to one side. As she was standing there, she said to him, "Tell me, dear sir, how you crossed over the flood."

"I crossed over the flood without pushing forward, without staying in place.

"But how, dear sir, did you cross over the flood without pushing forward, without staying in place?"

"When I pushed forward, I was whirled about. When I stayed in place, I sank. And so I crossed over the flood without pushing forward, without staying in place."

[The devata:] At long last I see a Brahman, totally unbound, who without pushing forward, without staying in place, has crossed over the entanglements of the world.

That is what the devata said. The Teacher approved. Realizing that "The Teacher has approved of me," she bowed down to him, circumambulated him -- keeping him to her right -- and then vanished right there.

Note: can you find the path to cross the Sansara without pushing forward and without staying in place?

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