

THE PATH.

I. Introduction.

A. Symbol of the world-forest.

1. Confusion of consciousness moving through multitudes of impressions.
2. Darkness caused by the branches which hide the light of the sun.
3. False lights of passion represented by swamp glows.
4. Man lost in forest moves in circle.
 - a. Symbolizes cycles of incarnation without progress.
5. Compass as a means to escape from forest.
 - a. Compass represents organ of intuition.
 - (1) Magnetic pole represents false or astral-light.
 - (2) Spiritual insight symbolized by true North.
 - b. True North found from the compass by correction of deviation.
 - (1) This correction found in the teachings of the Sages.

B. Symbol of Narcissus.

1. Experienced universe a reflection of the Self upon the waters of matter.
2. Falling in love with this reflection leads to bondage.
 - a. This represented by Narcissus becoming a flower.

C. Symbol of the mirror-room and the dog.

1. Ultimate Reality One and indivisible.
2. Reflected as manifold upon the facets of Matter.
3. Attaching reality to multitude of images man imagines himself surrounded by numerous enemies.
 - a. From the fear thus produced by ignorance he dies metaphysically.

II. Samsara a projection from Consciousness.

A. This is a Maya when man forgets the origin.

1. This ignorance the cause of bondage and all suffering.

B. Creative power of Ignorance.

1. Man has thus produced a malific protuberance upon the body of Divine Manifestation.
 - a. This a sort of cul-de-sac not necessary for the grand evolutionary scheme.
 - (1) Hence Buddha's nihilistic attitude with respect to Samsara.

III. The Four Noble Truths.

A. Life on earth is suffering.

1. This the primary fact to be realized before man will endeavor to seek Liberation.

B. The cause of suffering.

1. Generated by ~~Desire~~ Desire especially in aspect of Tanha.
 - a. Before an adverse condition can be destroyed its cause must be known.

C. The means by which suffering can be destroyed.

1. Extinguishing desire destroys suffering.
 - a. A condition eliminated by obliterating its cause

D. The process by which Desire can be destroyed.

1. These are the sign-posts on the Path to Liberation.

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