

Aggasāvikā Bhikkhunī

The Foremost Bhikkhuni Disciples (MN 73, AN 1.235-247)

(Na kho ekam̐yeva satam̐ na dve satāni na tīṇi satāni na cattāri satāni na pañca satāni,
There is not just one hundred, two hundred, three hundred, four hundred, or five hundred,

atha kho bhiyyova yā bhikkhuniyo mama sāvīkā āsavānaṃ khayā anāsavaṃ cetovimuttiṃ
There are even more than that - the bhikkhuni disciples who have eliminated their defilements

paññāvimuttiṃ diṭṭheva dhamme sayam̐ abhiññā sacchikatvā upasampajja viharantīti.
and attained wisdom-based mental liberation in this very life with their own direct knowledge.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ rattaññūnaṃ yadidaṃ Mahāpajāpatī Gotamī.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in seniority: Mahāpajāpatī Gotamī.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ mahāpaññānaṃ yadidaṃ Khemā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in great wisdom: Khemā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ iddhimantīnaṃ yadidaṃ Uppalavaṇṇā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in psychic powers: Uppalavaṇṇā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ vinayadharānaṃ yadidaṃ Paṭācārā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in upholding Vinaya: Paṭācārā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ dhammakathikānaṃ yadidaṃ Dhammadinnā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in teaching Dhamma: Dhammadinnā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ jhāyīnaṃ yadidaṃ Nandā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in meditation: Nandā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ āradhaviṛiyānaṃ yadidaṃ Soṇā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in energy: Soṇā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ dibbacakkhukānaṃ yadidaṃ Sakulā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in clairvoyance: Sakulā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ khippābhiññānaṃ yadidaṃ Bhaddā Kuṇḍalakesā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in swiftness of higher knowledge: Bhaddā Kuṇḍalakesā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ pubbenivāsaṃ anussarantīnaṃ yadidaṃ Bhaddā Kāpilānī.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in remembering past lives: Bhaddā Kāpilānī.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvīkānaṃ bhikkhunīnaṃ mahābhiññappattānaṃ yadidaṃ Bhaddakaccānā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in attaining great knowledge: Bhaddakaccānā.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvikaṇaṃ bhikkhuniṇaṃ lūkhacīvaradharānaṃ yadidaṃ Kisāgotamī.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in wearing coarse robes: Kisāgotamī.

Etadaggaṃ, bhikkhave, mama sāvikaṇaṃ bhikkhuniṇaṃ saddhādhimuttānaṃ yadidaṃ Sigālamātā.
Monks, this is the foremost of my bhikkhuni disciples in devotion through faith: Sigālamātā.