

IBPO Course on Buddhism

Basic Pronunciation

a as a in what â as a in father
i as i in mint î as ee in see
u as u in put û as oo in pool
e as a in cage o as o in no
n as ng in sing ñ as gn in signore

Pausing

Prolong for vowels with ^ or (-) such as â, î , û, e and o.

Pause for double letter such as dd in Buddha : Bu-ddha,

mm in Dhammam : Dha-mmam, ss in Ehi-passiko : E-hi-pa-ssiko

Maha-Mangala Sutta Discourse on Blessings

Êvam mê suddham êkam samayam
bhagavâ Sâvatthiyam viharati Jêtavane
Anâthapindikassa ârâme,
atha kho aññatarâ dêvatâ abhikkantaya
rattiyâ abhikanta vannâ kêvalakappam
Jêtavanam bhâsetvâ, yêna bhagavâ
tênupasamkami. Upasam kamitvâ
bhagavantam abhivâdetvâ êkamantam
atthâsi. Êkamantam thitâ kho sâ dêvatâ
bhagavantam gâthâya ajjhabhâsi.

Translation:

Thus have I heard: On one occasion the Exalted One was dwelling at the monastery of Anathapindika, in Jeta's Grove, near Savatthi. Now when the night was far spent, a certain deity, whose surpassing splendour illuminated the entire Jeta Grove, came to the presence of the Exalted One, and, drawing near, respectfully saluted Him and stood at one side. Standing thus, he addressed the Exalted One in verse:

Bahû dêvâ manussâ ca mangalâni acintayum
Âkankhamânâ sothânam brûhi mangala muttamam.

Many deities and men, yearning after good, have
pondered on Blessings. Pray, tell me the Highest Blessing!

Asêvanâ ca bâlânam panditânam ca sêvanâ
Pûjâ ca pûjaniyânam êtam mangala muttamam

Not to associate with fools, to associate with the wise, and to honour those who are worthy of honour - this is the Highest Blessing.

Any one opinion about the verse?

Patirûpa dêsa vâso ca pubbê ca kata puññatâ
Atta sammâ panidhi ca êtam mangala muttamam

To reside in a suitable locality, to have done meritorious actions in the past, and to set oneself in the right course - this is the Highest Blessing.

Any one opinion about the verse?

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**Thanks to all who shows
enthusiasm and spent time to join
the web class**