

Samajivina Sutta

Living in Tune Through The Samsara



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A Gift of Dhamma

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Introduction: *This discourse(sutta) was given at the time when arranged marriage was the tradition of the day. Reading the Samajivina sutta, it is obvious that Buddha never expect householder to practice like the Bhikkhu's or Bhikkhuni who live under the Monk's Vinaya Rule – code of ethics to attain Nibbana in this very life.*

Buddha is very considerate of the householder because householders are not living by the celibacy rule; we all householders are still living in the sensual world and they have not renounce the world, yet. As such, Buddha said in this sutta that if a couple lives in tune now, they can again be in union in the deva world as a result of the present kusala kamma.

However, "If both husband and wife want to see one another not only in the present life but also in the life to come, they should be :

- *in tune [with each other] in conviction,*
- *in tune in virtue,*
- *in tune in generosity, and*
- *in tune in discernment.*

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Once the Blessed One was staying among the Bhaggas in the Deer Park at Bhesakala Grove, near Crocodile Haunt. Then early in the morning the Blessed One put on his robes and, carrying his bowl and outer robe, went to the home of the householder, Nakula's father. On arrival, he sat down on a seat made ready. Then *Nakula's* father & *Nakula's* mother went to the Blessed One and, on arrival, having bowed down to him, sat to one side. As they were sitting there, *Nakula's*

father said to the Blessed One:

"Lord, ever since Nakula's mother as a young girl was brought to me [to be my wife] when I was just a young boy, I am not conscious of being unfaithful to her even in mind, much less in body. We want to see one another not only in the present life but also in the life to come."

And Nakula's mother said to the Blessed One:

"Lord, ever since I as a young girl was brought to Nakula's father [to be his wife] when he was just a young boy, I am not conscious of being unfaithful to him even in mind, much less in body. We want to see one another not only in the present life but also in the life to come."

[The Blessed One said:]

"If both husband & wife want to see one another not only in the present life but also in the life to come, they should be :

- *in tune [with each other] in conviction,*
- *in tune in virtue,*
- *in tune in generosity, and*
- *in tune in discernment.*

Then they will see one another not only in the present life but also in the life to come."

Husband & wife, both of them
having conviction,
being responsive,
being restrained,
living by the Dhamma,
addressing each other
with loving words:
they benefit in manifold ways.
To them comes bliss.
Their enemies are dejected
when both are in tune in virtue.
Having followed the Dhamma here in this world,
both in tune in precepts & practices,
they delight in the world of the devas,
enjoying the pleasures they desire.

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