## Noble Eightfold Path

knowledge of suffering first-truth motivations renunciation views origin of suffering freedom-from-ill-will second-truth cessation of suffering third-truth harmlessness the way of practice leading to fourth-truth the cessation of suffering speech abstain-from-lying abstain-from-divisive-speech abstain-from-taking-life abstain-from-abusive-speech actions abstain-from-stealing abstain-from-idle-chatter abstain-from-sexual-misconduct livelihood abandon-a-dishonest-livelihood non-arising-evil the **non-arising** of evil, unskillful qualities that have not yet arisen endeavor the abandonment of evil, unskillful qualities that have arisen abandoning-arisen-evil cultivating-skillful-qualities the **arising** of skillful qualities that have not yet arisen maintenance-&-plenitude the maintenance, non-confusion, increase, plenitude, development, & culmination of skillful qualities that have arisen kindfulness kindfulness-of-body the **body** while experiencing the **body** kindfulness-of-feelings feelings while experiencing feelings kindfulness-of-mind-states mind-states while experiencing mind-states kindfulness-of-dhamas dhamas (five-hindrances, five-aggregates, six-sense-bases, seven-factors of awakening, four-noble-truths) stillness 1st Jhana secluded from sensual pleasures, secluded from unwholesome states, the renunciate enters and dwells in the first jhana, which is accompanied by thought and examination, with rapture and happiness born of seclusion. 2nd Jhana subsiding of thought and examination, a renunciate enters and dwells in the second jhana, which has internal confidence and unification of mind, is without thought and examination, and has rapture and happiness born of stillness. 3rd Jhana

fading away as well of rapture, the renunciate dwells equanimous and, mindful and clearly comprehending,

**experiences happiness with the body**; they enter and dwell in the third jhana of which the noble ones declare:

'They are equanimous, mindful, one who dwells happily.'

4th Jhana abandoning of pleasure and pain, and with the previous passing away of joy and displeasure, the renunciate

enters and dwells in the fourth jhana, which is neither painful nor pleasant and includes the purification of

mindfulness by equanimity.

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