

“Ettāvatā kho Ānanda jāyetha vā jīyetha vā mīyetha vā
cavetha vā uppajjetha vā, ettāvatā adhivacanapatho ettāvatā
niruttipatho ettāvatā paññattipatho ettāvatā paññāvacaram
ettāvatā vaṭṭam vaṭṭati itthattam paññāpanāya yadidam
nāmarūpaṃ saha viññāṇena”

“In so far only, Ānanda, can **one be born or grow old or
die or pass away or reappear**, in so far only is there any **pathway
for a verbal expression**, in so far only is there any **pathway for
terminology**, in so far only is there any **pathway for designation**,
in so far only is there any sphere of wisdom, in so far only is
there a whirling round for a state of ‘thisness’, that is to say, as
far as name-and-form together with consciousness.”

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