

The Buddha possesses the Three Types of Idhi Patihara - the natural and incomparable power of miracles¹

Homage to Him The Blessed One: He is the Accomplished One, the Supremely Enlightened One, the Perfect Embodiment of Wisdom and Virtue, the Auspicious Pathfinder, the Knower of All Realms, the Incomparable Tamer of Individuals, the Supreme Master of Gods and Men, the Awakened One, the Analyst.

[152] ‘Kevatta (เกวัตตะ)! Tathagata practised and gained these three Patiharas through transcendental wisdom and has announced this skilful knowledge to others so they can test and experience it for themselves. These three Patiharas are – Idhipatihara (อิทธิปาฏิหาริย์), Aadesanapatihara (อาเทศนาปาฏิหาริย์) and Anusasanipatihara (อนุศาสน์ปาฏิหาริย์).

Kevatta! **Firstly**, Tathagata would like to explain to you how the Idhipatihara works. The monks who live in this Sangha and who managed to obtain this miraculous supernatural skill can transform themselves into many different people in many different places at the same time!

They can access even the most secret places which are completely concealed and reveal these places to others. They can walk through thick walls, mountains and even fly through the air with ease! They can travel through the earth as though they are diving through water! They can also walk on water as easily as they walk on the earth!

They can fly just like birds while they sit cross-legged; meditating while travelling. They can touch the moon and the sun with their hands without causing any harm or danger to themselves. They can access the Brahma planes with ease.

Kevatta! Whoever has faith in these miracle skills after they’ve seen them performed will surely describe them to other people.

1. Pali si.ti. 9/273/339. The Buddha remarked to Kevatta Ghahapadi at Pavarikakampawana (๑ .บาลี สี .ที่ .๘/๒๗๓/๓๓๙ .ตรัสแก่เกวัญอุทเทต ที่ปวาริกัมพวัน)

[154] Unfortunately, some people who don’t believe these kinds of things might say that the bikkhus only demonstrated knowledge of Ghanthari¹ which doesn’t seem to be anything special!

Kevatta! What do think if someone doesn’t believe it and doesn’t like it at all? If they don’t believe it and have no faith in this kind of knowledge they’d be likely to dismiss it. Do you think they’d behave in this way?’ Kevatta responded, ‘The Most Venerable Sir! They definitely would!’

The Tathagata continued, ‘For this reason I always feel uncomfortable every time I consider it. I even feel disgusted and sick just thinking about it!’

Kevatta! **Secondly**, Tathagata wants to let you know how the Aatesanapatihara works. Kevatta! Bikkhus who live in this Sangha and who accomplish this miraculous and skilful knowledge are very adept in reading other being's minds. They can understand all other being's wills, including the level of their spirit or soul.

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The Tathagata continued, 'For this reason I always feel uncomfortable every time I consider it. I even feel disgusted and sick just thinking about it!'

Kevatta! **Thirdly**, Tathagata would appreciate explaining to you how the Anusasanipatihara works. Kevatta! There are bikkhus who live in this Sangha and who have accomplished this knowledge and are skilful using it!

For instance, these bikkhus develop multiple radical methods of practising and present them logically, step by step. They'll advise others to, 'Please consider the Dhamma in this way, but do not practise it in that way! Please be fully aware of this Dhamma and bear it in mind through practising it in this way, but do not practise it in that way! Please eradicate that approach! Progressively follow this way to attain this Dhamma!' And so on. This is the way that Anusasanipatihara teaching works.

1. **Ghantari Mantra wrote by Reusi Ghantara at the Ghantara kingdom** (๑ .คันธริ ชื่อมนต์ แต่ง โดยฤณี นามคันธระ, อีกอย่างหนึ่งในแคว้นคันธระ)

[155] Kevatta! The results of these three Patiharas which Tathagata learned and practised using transcendental wisdom were accomplished through My own effort. I have announced the entire truth of this knowledge to others, leaving nothing unexplained!

Note: The Buddha only taught the first and second Idhirit Patiharas to Ariya monks if they were interested. Not all Ariya people or Ariya monks attained this knowledge but they all know how it works. Some others can experience this knowledge by their sixth sense. This knowledge has always existed but the Buddha clarified it.

Ghantari Mantra was very famous before and during the time of the Buddha. It was used by ill-disciplined people to challenge each other in order to gain Idhirit (Idhi Patihara) and notoriety. This is completely opposite to how the Buddha taught that it should be used. Anyone who attains the Idhirit has been taught properly by their masters.

Note: For more information about the **Anusasanipatihara** (อนุศาสนีปาฏิหาริย์) **Teaching** see these: (Maha) Satipatthana Sutta (มหาสติปัฏฐานสี่); the Four Noble Truth (อริยสัจสี่); the Four Summappathana (สัมมปปธานสี่); the Four Idhipatana (อิทธิบาทสี่); the Five Insira (อินทริยห้า); the Five Bala (พลังห้า); the Seven Sumbojana (โพชฌงค์เจ็ด) and the Noble Eightfold Path (อริยมรรคมีองค์แปด). There are also other relevant Suttas. This knowledge is completely free from supernatural power (Idhipatihara (อิทธิปาฏิหาริย์)) and was the teaching method most favoured by the Buddha.

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