

D. The Four Bases Of Power

I. "Power" (iddhi) (page 124)

- A. means power as in supranormal powers
 - i. such as remembering past lives
 - ii. which are not as good as Liberation[D.11]

II. "The Four Bases Of Power"

- A. Are (pages 125 - 126)
 - i. Desire
 - ii. Persistence (effort)
 - iii. Intent(will)
 - iv. discrimination (analytical thinking)
- B. teach one how to integrate supranormal powers into practice
 - i. so the do not disrupt a person's path
- C. can be good or bad for practice depending on whether or not they are applied with skill

"There is the case where the monk develops the base of power endowed with concentration founded on desire and the fabrication of exertion. He develops the base of power endowed with concentration founded on persistence...concentration founded on intent... concentration founded o discrimination and fabrications of exertion".

D. are also how the powers are developed [563 564]

III. Each of the 4 Bases of Power has 3 Parts(page 125):

- A. the "fabrication of exertion (The 4 Right Exertions)
- B. concentration
- C. "desire and persistence intent on discrimination"
 - i. which generates concentration
 - a) [172] these are factors are always present in concentration
 - "desire" being desire for practice
 - ii. discrimination is necessary for advanced levels of the path [150]