

## The House Builder (DHAMMAPADA 153 - 154)

Dhammapada 153 - 154	Detailed Explanation.	Essential Dhammas & Notes
Seeking but not finding the house builder, I travelled through many rounds of <b>countless births</b> .	The Bodhisatta <b>then had</b> cultivated through countless lifetimes in search for the house builder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Noble Truths</li> <li>• 5 Aggregates of Clinging</li> <li>• Dependent Origination</li> <li>• 3 Evil Roots</li> <li>• Law of Kamma</li> <li>• 5 Spiritual Faculties</li> <li>• 5 Hindrances of Mind.</li> </ul>
Oh, <b>painful</b> is birth ever again and again!	Repeated Birth leads to endless suffering or <b>Dukkha</b>	
House	The 5 aggregates of Form & Mind	
builder,	<b>Craving</b> – that conditions <b>Becoming &amp; Birth</b> which propel beings to tumble through samsara <b>mindlessly/ heedlessly</b> .	
you have now been seen.	Via Direct Seeing of its condition arising nature	
<b>You</b> shall not build the house again.	<b>Craving</b> will <b>not</b> condition future rebirths since it has been completely <b>abandoned</b> .	
Your rafters*	<b>All mental defilements</b> (kilesa)	<p style="text-align: center;">Aspirations to root out <b>Ignorance &amp; Defilements</b> are included in our Personal Pūjā &amp; Aspirations.</p>
have been broken down,	via <b>Perfection of Virtues</b> and <b>Purification of the Mind</b> to arise the appropriate right thoughts, actions and speeches.	
your ridge-pole*	<b>Ignorance</b> (avijjā) - the first in the 12 links	
is demolished too.	via <b>Perfection of Wisdom</b> –completely <b>rooting</b> out Ignorance	
My mind has now attained the unformed or unconditioned nirvana and reached the <b>end of every kind of craving</b> .	Nibbāna realised - <b>ending of all Craving &amp; Ignorance</b> .	<p>Also in our Pūjā &amp; Aspirations: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Strive on with Heedfulness to attain the <b>Paths &amp; Fruitions</b> soonest possible;</li> <li>• To Diligently cultivate Sīla, Samādhi &amp; Pañña leading to the Ultimate Liberation, the bond-free <b>Nibbāna</b>.</li> </ul>

\* The **ridge pole** is the **top main support** for the roof truss and the **rafters** are the bearer beams (sub main supports) spanning from the ridge pole to the base plate of the roof truss needed to support the battens which are needed to hold the roof tiles etc.