

Paṭisaṅkhānabalasutta

AN IV 155 Discourse on Discernment Power

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*B*hikkhus, there are these four powers.

What Four?

The power of Discernment¹,
The power of Development²,
The power of Blamelessness³,
And the power of Kindness⁴.

These, Bhikkhus, are the four powers.

Fifth.

¹ Paṭisaṅkhānabalaṃ

² Wholesome mental development or meditation. Power gradually obtained by developing a wholesome mind.

³ Anavajjabalaṃ: Power of being faultless, blameless.

⁴ Saṅgahabalaṃ: Other possible translation, the power of collectedness. The power of collecting (Mind/Wholesome states).