Stages of Enlightenment

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| Stream-enterer*sotāpanna* | *Fetters eliminated:*·personality-belief (*sakkāya-diṭṭhi*)·doubt (*vicikicchā*)·clinging to wrong practices (*sīlabbata-parāmāsa*) | ·Will not take rebirth in animal world, ghost world, or hells·Will take rebirth at most seven times·Cannot commit six major wrongdoings\*·Has confirmed faith in the Buddha, Dhamma, & Sangha, and possesses the virtues dear to the noble ones. |
| Once-returner*sakadāgāmi* | *Greatly reduced:*·greed (*lobha*)·hatred (*dosa*)·delusion (*moha*) | ·Will return at most once to the human world |
| Non-returner*anāgāmi* | *Fetters eliminated:*·sensuous craving (*kāma-rāga*)·ill-will (*patigha*) | ·Can only be reborn in the heaven known as the Pure Abode |
| Fully-enlightened One *arahant* | *Fetters eliminated:*·craving for fine-material existence (*rūpa-rāga*)·craving for immaterial existence (*arūpa-rāga*)·conceit (*māna*)·restlessness (*uddhacca*)·ignorance (*avijjā*) | ·Will never take rebirth in any destination |

 \* Murdering one’s own mother, murdering one’s own father, murdering an arahant, maliciously injuring the Buddha to the point of drawing blood, deliberately creating a schism in the monastic community, taking another teacher (besides Buddha).