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).