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Text

411. “Also, Bhikkhus, if the Bhikkhu were to exert himself even for just a snap of a finger, genuinely working to build the foundation for spiritual success by directing the saṅkhāra for persevering energy in order to support the deepening of his samādhi, then he is to be declared a Bhikkhu who is able to attain to jhāna, living and training according to The Dispensation of The Teacher. Thus, he would be rightfully and blamelessly partaking of the food offered to him by the public, and therefore not be blameworthy in consuming all that is offered to him.

“And if this can be said about such a Bhikkhu, then how much more could be said about the Bhikkhu, who is fully dedicated and immersed in the practice and cultivation of the Four Bases of Spiritual Success and Psychic Potency, throughout his life?”