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Text

439. “In the same manner, Bhikkhus, even if for just a snap of a finger, the Bhikkhu were to mindfully perceive forms internally, on seeing forms externally that are limited, beautiful or ugly, penetrating through by going beyond them, while being aware thus: ‘yes, I do know and see,’ 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 training himself to penetrate through wisdom, throughout his life?”