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450. “Furthermore, Bhikkhus, if the Bhikkhu, having completely transcended and gone beyond the confines of the physical world and of tangibility, along with the disappearance of perceptions dealing with sensory reflexive contact, and by no longer paying any attention to the multiplicity of unending perceptions, is instead able to remain fully aware of how ‘space is infinitely boundless’ and thus enter and dwell in the dimension of ‘Boundless Infinity of Space’ even for just a snap of a finger, 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?”