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451. “Furthermore, Bhikkhus, if the Bhikkhu, having completely transcended the state of space being infinitely boundless, and by experiencing and being fully aware of how ‘consciousness is boundlessly infinite,’ is able to enter the dimension and remain fully aware of how ‘consciousness is boundlessly infinite’ 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?”