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Text

480. “Similarly, Bhikkhus, if the Bhikkhu cultivates within him the perception of directly seeing the skeleton even for just a snap of a finger, despite what may appear on the surface, 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 in it, throughout his life?”