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Text

6. Saṁyojana Sutta (Fetter) “Bhikkhus, there are these two things. What two?

“One is looking upon phenomena that are of the nature to fetter and bind as gratifying and pleasurable, while the other is to penetratingly see their binding nature and become disgusted and disenchanted by them.

“Bhikkhus, all those who enjoy and delight in things that fetter, while seeing them as satisfying, cannot free themselves from lust and passions; they cannot free themselves from hatred and anger; and they cannot free themselves from delusion. And when these three are not abandoned, then one is not released from future births, from sickness, old age and death, from sadness, nor does one become liberated from sorrow, lamentation, pain, depression, and anguish.

“Therefore, I declare that such a person is still deeply and inescapably entrenched within suffering.

“However, Bhikkhus, all those who look upon phenomena and see their nature to bind and fetter, as they penetrate through their fake appearance with wisdom, become disgusted and disenchanted by them, as a result, they free themselves from lust and passions; they free themselves from hatred and anger; and they free themselves from delusion. And when these three are abandoned, then one is released from future births, from sickness, old age and death, liberated from sadness; liberated from sorrow, lamentation, pain, depression, and anguish.

“Therefore, I declare that this person is released and free from suffering.

“Bhikkhus, these are the two things.”