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Text

92b. Sarada Sutta (In Autumn) Bhikkhus, much like in the autumn season when there is not a single cloud in sight, and the sun rises high up in the clear sky, dispelling all the darkness as it shines and radiates its light upon everything, similarly, when the Eye of Dhamma arises in the Noble Disciple, along with the arising of Vision, the three fetters are dispelled: the view of a substantially independent personal self; skeptical doubt; and the old belief that rites, ceremonies, and rituals could somehow help one to reach the culmination of the Holy Life.

Progressing further, as the Noble Disciple perseveres in his training, he then moves beyond the fetters of covetousness and hatred.

Thus, while being secluded from sensual pleasures and protected from any negative or unwholesome states, he enters upon and abides in the first jhāna, which includes joy and pleasure born of seclusion, while still being accompanied by thinking and planning.

And, if it so happens that that Noble Disciple dies on that occasion, then he will have no fetters to bind him to another rebirth into this world.