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Text

Discernment

Paññā Sutta (AN 9:25)

"Monks, when a monk's mind is well shored-up by discernment, it is suitable for him to say, 'Birth is ended, the holy life fulfilled, the task done. There is nothing further for this world.' And how is a monk's mind well shored-up by discernment?

"'My mind is devoid of passion': His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

"'My mind is devoid of aversion': His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

"'My mind is devoid of delusion': His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

“‘My mind isn’t subject to being impassioned’: His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

“‘My mind isn’t subject to being aversive’: His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

“‘My mind isn’t subject to being deluded’: His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

“‘My mind isn’t subject to returning for the sake of passion for sensuality’:1 His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

“‘My mind isn’t subject to returning for the sake of passion for form’: His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

“‘My mind isn’t subject to returning for the sake of passion for the formless’: His mind is well shored-up by discernment.

“Monks, when a monk’s mind is well shored-up by discernment, it is suitable for him to say, ‘Birth is ended, the holy life fulfilled, the task done. There is nothing further for this world.’”

Note

1. Reading kāmarāgāyāti with the Thai edition. The other editions read kāmabhavāyāti, “for the sake of sensuality-becoming.” There are similar differences below, with the Thai reading rūparāgāyāti and arūparāgāyāti where the other editions read rūpabhavāyāti and arūpabhavāyāti.

Publisher references (not part of the sutta)

See also: MN 48; MN 60; AN 4:10; AN 6:13; AN 9:7–8; AN 10:13