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Kāma Sutta

“On Sensual Desire”

766. “When sensual desires reach their culmination, certainly, the person having pursued and now reached his sensual goal, suddenly finds himself fully satisfied.

767. “But inevitably, when that gratification slips through his fingers, despite his best efforts; as the climax of what was born out of fervency fades away, he feels defeated and betrayed, as if shot by an arrow.

768. “Whoever avoids the trappings of sensuality, much like avoiding to step on the head of a venomous snake with one’s foot; similarly, while being mindful, he transcends the craving for this world.

769. “The one who lusts after possessing numerous things, whether fertile lands to own and cultivate, gold and silver, cattle and horses, servants and maids, women and many offspring,

770. “Soon finds himself overwhelmed and depleted by them; weakened and pressed down by them, and is met with pain and distress, as if being in a sinking boat.

771. “Therefore, mindfully avoid sensual desires, giving up your reliance on them, by fixing the holes on the bottom of your boat, as you fearlessly cross over the flood, and reach the farther shore.”