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Tissametteyya

Māṇavapucchā Sutta

“Questions of the Brahmin

Tissametteyya”

1040. “In this world, whom do You consider as being truly contented; the one with no agitation left in the heart?” asked the brahmin Tissametteyya from The Blessed One, as he continued:

“Who is that one who, having understood both ends, does not get caught in the middle? Whom do you declare to be the ‘Great Man?’ Who is it that has escaped the ‘Seamstress’ in the world?

1041. And The Blessed One said:

“Metteyya, amidst a world that is lost in sensuality and lust, he genuinely leads the Holy Life; with his heart rid of craving, he remains ever mindful. It is that Bhikkhu, who having carefully scrutinized, now stands truly quenched, and therefore, has no more agitation left in him.

1042. “He who having understood both ends, does not get caught in the middle, through his wisdom.

“It is he, whom I declare to be the ‘Great Man,’ for he has succeeded in bypassing the ‘Seamstress’ in the world.”