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“Questions of the Brahmin

Hemaka”

1084. Then the brahmin Hemaka said:

“Before I came to the Dispensation of Gautama, what I was taught by other teachers pertained to: ‘If it’s been like this, then it will be like that!’ But I saw how their teachings were all based on hearsay, which only increased my confusion.

1085. “Never finding any delight in such things, I was hopelessly miserable, until I came to You, O Sage! You gave me the teaching on how to destroy craving. I am now certain that this will help me to overcome all the attachments for the world, as I abide mindfully aware, throughout my life.”

1086. The Blessed One then said:

“Hemaka, whether through seeing, hearing, sensing, or perceiving, when you drop the fervent desire and passion to experience all that is pleasant and enjoyable, at that very moment, you will attain the Deathless state, that is Nibbāna.

1087. “Those who know and understand this, abiding ever mindfully, are here and now Fully Released.

“Always at peace, they have overcome all the attachments for the world, and are forever appeased.”