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Todeyyamāṇavapucchā Sutta

“Questions of the Brahmin Todeyya”

1088. “When no sensual desires arise in the heart,” asked the brahmin Todeyya, “someone in whom there is no craving to be found; that person who has crossed beyond all doubts and speculations – what is the nature of their release? What is their liberation like?”

1089. And The Blessed One replied:

“That’s it! That itself is the nature of their release, their liberation, and no other, namely when no sensual desires arise in their heart; in whom there is no craving to be found; that person who has crossed beyond all doubts and speculations.”

1090. Then, the brahmin Todeyya said:

“And would such a person still have any hopes or aspirations left in him? Would they have at this stage, reached the pinnacle of true understanding and wisdom, or would they still need to do more work in cultivating wisdom? Please explain these things to me, O! All Seeing One of the Sākyans!”

1091. The Blessed One then replied:

“He has no more hopes or aspirations left in him, because at that stage, he would have indeed reached the pinnacle of true understanding and wisdom, and truly no longer in need to do more work in cultivating wisdom.

“That is how you recognize a True Sage, Todeyya; witnessing how they possess nothing, and with no sensual desires to pursue, for they are attached to nothing in existence.”