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Posālamāṇavapucchā Sutta

“Questions of the Brahmin Posāla”

1112. Then the brahmin Posāla said:

“O, Imperturbable Revealer! You, who are the Unfailing Knower of past births, with all doubts destroyed! I have come to find out the answer to my question from The One, who has gone beyond all things.

1113. “My question is about those, for whom all forms of perception have disappeared into nothingness; the ones who have given up the whole body. Having reached the state where nothing is left, whether internally or externally, I ask the Sākyan Sage what His instruction might be, so I may no longer remain stuck, and instead advance further in my practice.”

1114. And The Blessed One said:

“O! Posāla, The Tathāgata, having directly known and experienced all the stations of consciousness, recognizes the person who is stuck; the one who is fully liberated, and the one who is on the Path to be released.

1115. “Knowing and understanding full-well that delighting in the experience of the realm of nothingness, is but a shackle and a fetter that leads to further rebirth - this itself is the necessary insight, which allows the Brahmin to push through, and truly live the Perfect Life.”