Ud 5.7 — Revata Sutta: About Revata

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Text

I have heard that on one occasion the Blessed One was staying near Sāvatthī at Jeta's Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's monastery. And on that occasion Ven. Revata the Doubter was sitting not far from the Blessed One, his legs crossed, his body held erect, reflecting on [his] purification through the overcoming of doubt. The Blessed One saw Ven. Revata the Doubter sitting not far away, his legs crossed, his body held erect, reflecting on [his] purification through the overcoming of doubt.

Then, on realizing the significance of that, the Blessed One on that occasion exclaimed:

Any doubts, about here or the world beyond, about what is experienced by/because of others, by/because of oneself,[1]are abandoned — all — by the person in jhāna, ardent, living the holy life.

Note

1.

This relates to the question of whether pleasure and pain are self-caused or other-caused. As Ud 6.5 and Ud 6.6 show, this question was a hot topic in the time of the Buddha. However, in SN 12.20, SN 12.35, and SN 12.67 the Buddha refuses to get involved in the issue. See the discussion in Skill in Questions, chapter 8.