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Text

Fond of Conceit

Manakāma Sutta (SN 1:9)

Standing to one side, a devatā addressed the Blessed One with a verse:

“Here there’s no taming

for one fond of conceit,

no sagacity

for one unconcentrated.

One dwelling alone in the wilderness

heedlessly

won’t cross over beyond

Deaths’ realm.

The Buddha:

“Abandoning conceit,

his mind well-concentrated,

well-aware, everywhere

released,1

one dwelling alone in the wilderness

heedfully:

He will cross over beyond

Death’s realm.

Note

1. For a discussion of the implications of this phrase, see The Paradox of Becoming, chapter 7.