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Exterior and Cause Are Suffering

“Mendicants, sights are suffering. The cause and reason that gives rise to sights is also suffering. Since sights are produced by what is suffering, how could they be happiness?

Sounds …

Smells …

Tastes …

Touches …

Ideas are suffering. The cause and reason that gives rise to ideas is also suffering. Since ideas are produced by what is suffering, how could they be happiness?

Seeing this … They understand: ‘… there is nothing further for this place.’”