Iti 49 — Misconceptions

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So It Was Said 49

The Book of the Twos

Chapter Two

Misconceptions

This was said by the Buddha, the Perfected One: that is what I heard.

“Overcome by two misconceptions, mendicants, some gods and humans get stuck, some overreach, while those with vision see.

And how do some get stuck? Gods and humans like clinging, they love it and enjoy it. When the Dhamma is being taught to them for the cessation of existence, their minds do not leap forth, gain confidence, settle down, and become decided. That is how some get stuck.

And how do some overreach? Some, becoming horrified, repelled, and disgusted with existence, delight in nonexistence: ‘When this self is annihilated and destroyed when the body breaks up, and doesn’t exist after death: that is peaceful, that is sublime, that is how it is.’ That is how some overreach.

And how do those with vision see? It’s when a mendicant sees what has come to be as having come to be. Seeing this, they are practicing for disillusionment, dispassion, and cessation regarding what has come to be. That is how those with vision see.”

The Buddha spoke this matter. On this it is said:

“Those who see what has come to be as having come to be,

and see the transcendence of what has come to be,

are freed in accord with the truth,

with the ending of craving for continued existence.

They completely understand what has come to be,

rid of craving for rebirth in this or that state.

When what has come to be ceases to be,

a mendicant does not come back to future lives.”

This too is a matter that was spoken by the Blessed One: that is what I heard.