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Exterior and Cause Are Impermanent

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

Sounds …

Smells …

Tastes …

Touches …

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

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