

Samyukta Āgama

3. Without Knowing

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Thus have I heard. At one time the Buddha was in Śrāvastī, in the Jeta Grove, in Anāthapiṇḍada's Park.

At that time, the Bhagavān said to the bhikṣus, "Regarding [1] form: if there is no knowing, no illumination, no severance, and no separation, then suffering cannot be cut off. It is also such as this for [2] sensation, [3] conception, [4] formation, and [5] consciousness: if there is no knowing, no illumination, no severance, and no separation, then suffering cannot be cut off.

"Bhikṣus, regarding [1] form: if there is knowing, illumination, severance, and separation, then suffering can be cut off. It is also such as this for [2] sensation, [3] conception, [4] formation, and [5] consciousness: if there is knowing, illumination, severance, and separation, then it is possible for suffering to be cut off."

Then the bhikṣus heard what the Buddha had said, and joyfully practiced in accordance.