0.0.1 Well-settled in View

This indeed was said by the Auspicious One, said by the Arahant, as heard by me.

1. Obsessed by two entrenchment in views, O bhikkhus, are devas and humans, some of whom lag behind, while others go too far. Only those endowed with eyes, see.

2. And how, O bhikkhus, do some lag behind?

3. Devas and humans, O bhikkhus, delight in being, enjoy being, rejoice in being. When Dhamma is being taught to them for the cessation of being, their minds do not reach out towards it, do not get pleased in it, do not get steadied in it, do not gain affinity with it. It is really just so, O bhikkhus, that some lag behind.

4. And how, O bhikkhus, do some go too far?

5. Being troubled, depressed, and disgusted of being as such, some delight in non-being [thinking:] “truly, Sir, since this self, at the break up of this body after death, will be annihilated and destroyed, this is peaceful, this is most excellent, this is reality.” It is really just so, O bhikkhus, that some go too far.

6. And how, O bhikkhus, do those who are endowed with eyes, see?

7. Herein a bhikkhu sees what has come to be from what has come to be. Having seen what has come to be from what has come to be, he has entered upon the path for the attenuation, for the fading away, for the cessation of what has come to be. It is really just so, O bhikkhus, that those endowed with eyes, see.

8. This is the meaning of what the Auspicious One said. Thus, this was said there:

> "Those who, having seen what has come to be
> from what has come to be,
> and the going beyond of what has come to be;
> they are liberated in being as such,
> from the complete extinction of thirsting for
> being.
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> Truly he who fully comprehends what has
> come to be,
> free from thirsting for being and non-being;
> from non-being of what has come to be, a
> bhikkhu
> does not come to renewal of being."

9. "This too is the meaning of what was said by the Auspicious One. Thus was heard by me."