0.1 The Longer Discourse on the Extinction of Thirsting (excerpt)

1. Knowing thus, O bhikkhus, seeing thus, would you say: “We respect the Teacher. It is just out of respect for the Teacher that we speak thus.”

2. Certainly not, Bhante.

3. Knowing thus, O bhikkhus, seeing thus, would you say: “The samana has said thus to us. We speak thus, on account of just what the samana has said.”

4. Certainly not, Bhante.

5. “Knowing thus, O bhikkhus, seeing thus, would you acknowledge another Teacher?”

6. Certainly not, Bhante.

7. “Knowing thus, O bhikkhus, seeing thus, would you return to the practices, debates and auspicious ceremonies of common samanas and brahmanas, taking them as the essence?”

8. Certainly not, Bhante.

9. “Are you not, O bhikkhus, only saying that which you have known by yourselves, seen by yourselves, understood by yourselves?”

10. Yes, Bhante.

11. Good, O bhikkhus. So you have been guided by me, O bhikkhus, with this Dhamma which is visible here and now, not involving time, inviting eye witness, leading onwards, to be personally experienced by the wise. For that which was said thus, O bhikkhus: This Dhamma is visible here and now, not involving time, inviting eye witness, leading onward, to be personally experienced by the wise, it was with reference to this that it was said.