

## V.2. Ajita's Questions

1032. 'In what is the world shrouded?,' asked the venerable Ajita, 'Why does it not shine? What do you say is its (sticky) lime? What is its great fear?'

1033. 'The world is shrouded in ignorance, Ajita,' said the Blessed One. 'Because of avarice and negligence it does not shine. I call longing its (sticky) lime. Misery is its great fear.'

1034. (198) 'Streams flow everywhere,' said the venerable Ajita. 'What is the [restraint] for streams? Tell me the [constraint] for streams. By what are streams dammed?'

1035. 'Whatever streams there are in the world, Ajita,' said the Blessed One, 'their [restraint] is mindfulness. I will tell you the [constraint] for streams. They are dammed by wisdom.'

1036. 'Wisdom and mindfulness,' said the venerable Ajita, 'and name-and-form, sir; tell me this when asked, wherein is this stopped?'

1037. 'I shall answer this question which you have asked, Ajita, wherein name-and-form is complete(ly) stopped. By the stopping of consciousness, therein this is stopped.'

1038. '[Those who have considered the doctrine, and the many under training here; (being) zealous, tell me when asked, sir, their way of life.]'

1039. 'A bhikkhu would not be greedy for sensual pleasures. He would be undisturbed in mind. Skilled in all mental states, he would wander about, mindful(ly).'

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1038a-d. Those who have realized the truth, and those who are learners, (and those who are) ordinary individuals here — when asked, tell me sir, being wise, their way of life.