

'I am' is conceiving (*maññita*). A conceiving is a disease, a tumour, a dart. (MN 140)

khandhas and sense-experience  
grasped as a person

Person-view: experience of life as becoming. Birth, decay and death applies to the person.

Thoughts of death cause anxiety, despair, fear of loss, doubt of meaning.

The mind reacts, tranquillizing oneself with positive or negative becoming.

positive  
becoming  
(*bhava*)

If I could get ...  
When I will be ...  
It means this.  
I am this.

negative  
becoming  
(*vibhava*)

If I could get rid of ...  
When I won't be ...  
What's the point?  
Who is doubting?

both affirms that 'I am'  
becoming continues

khandhas and sense-experience  
seen as they are

Without grasping, not conceiving a person: removed that to which death applies, experience is birthless, decayless and deathless.

'By overcoming all conceivings, one is called a sage at peace. / Having realized the deathless, he lives experiencing it in the body.'

awareness stops  
reactive compulsion

Training in higher virtue,  
higher mind, higher wisdom

self-transcendental  
values

Not compelled to see life from a personal viewpoint. The conventional conception of a person can be picked up or put down as needed in daily situations without grasping.

no further becoming