

0.0.1 A Building with a Peaked Roof

1. Indeed, O bhikkhus, he who might say thus: “I, not having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of suffering as it has come to be, not having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the origin of suffering as it has come to be, not having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the cessation of suffering as it has come to be, not having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the path leading to the cessation of suffering as it has come to be, I will rightly make an end of suffering,” this possibility is not to be found. Just as, O bhikkhus, he who might say thus: “I not having made the lower house of a building with a peaked roof, I will put on the upper-most house,” this possibility is not to be found. So too, O bhikkhus, he who might say thus: “I, not having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of suffering as it has come to be, not having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the origin of suffering as it has come to be, not having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the cessation of suffering as it has come to be, not having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the path leading to the cessation of suffering as it has come to be, I will rightly make an end of suffering,” this possibility is not to be found.

2. But, O bhikkhus, he who might say thus: “I, having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of suffering as it has come to be, having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the origin of suffering as it has come to be,

having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the cessation of suffering as it has come to be, having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the path leading to the cessation of suffering as it has come to be, I will rightly make an end of suffering,” this possibility is to be found. Just as, O bhikkhus, he who might say thus: “I having made the lower house of a building with a peaked roof, I will put on the upper-most house,” this possibility is to be found. So too, O bhikkhus, he who might say thus: “I, having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of suffering as it has come to be, having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the origin of suffering as it has come to be, having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the cessation of suffering as it has come to be, having made the breakthrough to the noble truth of the path leading to the cessation of suffering as it has come to be, I will rightly make an end of suffering,” this possibility is to be found.

3. Therefore, O bhikkhus, an endeavor should be made [to realize]: “This is suffering.” An endeavor should be made [to realize]: “This is the origination of suffering.” An endeavor should be made [to realize]: “This is the cessation of suffering.” An endeavor should be made [to realize]: “This is the path leading to the cessation of suffering.”