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Text

151. “Bhikkhus, those Bhikkhus who look at what is really an offense, but explain it away as not being an offense, are not just harming themselves, but bringing such pain and harm onto so many others, causing the suffering of many people. In doing so, they are ruining not just their own lives, but the lives of so many others, creating misfortune and miserable merit-making and damaging results not just to their own detriment, but to the detriment of all others, both Devas and humans.

“Therefore, these Bhikkhus are bringing harm and misery not just to themselves, but to countless others, leading to the rapid degeneration and inevitable disappearance of This Beautiful and Good Dhamma.”