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Text

161. “Bhikkhus, those Bhikkhus who truly explain what is an offense as being in fact an offense, are benefitting both themselves and others, for they are bringing such happiness and comfort onto so many others, protecting the wellbeing of many people. In doing so, they are enriching not just their own lives, but the lives of so many others, bringing good fortune and bright merit-making and beneficial results of such wonderful actions not just to themselves, but to all others, both Devas and humans combined.

“Therefore, these Bhikkhus are bringing safety and happiness not just to themselves, but to countless others, promoting the flourishing and continuity of This Beautiful and Good Dhamma, by ensuring its non-degeneration and non-disappearance.”