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285. “Bhikkhus, it is simply impossible to imagine a verbal misconduct or an evil verbal behavior that could somehow produce truly desirable, lovely, pleasurable, and gratifying results. There is absolutely no possibility for this to occur.

“However, it is quite possible for a verbal misconduct or an evil verbal behavior to produce truly abhorring, painful, and displeasing results. There is indeed the possibility for this to occur.”

286. “Bhikkhus, it is simply impossible to imagine a mental misconduct or an evil mental behavior that could somehow produce truly desirable, lovely, pleasurable, and gratifying results. There is absolutely no possibility for this to occur.

“However, it is quite possible for a mental misconduct or an evil mental behavior to produce truly abhorring, painful, and displeasing results. There is indeed the possibility for this to occur.”