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Text

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“And what is the reason for this?

“It is because the view itself is good.

“Imagine, Bhikkhus, a sugar cane seed, a paddy seed or a grape seed, that were to be placed into a field of moist soil. Now, all the nutrients and sustenance that the seed would absorb and draw to itself from the earth, water, air, and sunlight, would essentially and only produce whatever it had within it to begin with, namely, its sweet flavor and pleasant taste.

“And what is the reason for this?

“It is because the seed is good and enjoyable to the taste.

“In the same manner, Bhikkhus, when a person guided by his Right View commits an action, whether a mental action, a verbal action, or a bodily action, his entire conduct will be guided by that same view. Thus, the intentions behind his behavior, his goals, projections, leanings, and the underlying habitual patterns or drives (saṅkhārā) compelling him to do this or that activity, will

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