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Text

43. “Bhikkhus, as I penetrate the heart of another person with my heart, and see it to be corrupted, I then declare:

‘If this person were to die at this moment, he will certainly be reborn in hell, as though he is dragged and dropped there, instantaneously, as a result of him having such a defiled heart.’

“And what is the reason for this?

“It is because his heart is corrupted.

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, it is on account of living with corrupted hearts that beings, right at that moment of death, when their bodies have broken down, are instantaneously reborn into states of misery, experiencing terrible pain and anguish, within the hell realms.”