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Text

66. “Bhikkhus, I do not know of a single thing that is more dangerous than being led by unwise and wrong attention (ayoniso manasikāra), which causes the arising of evil and damaging states that were once absent, while at the same time, getting rid of the good and beneficial qualities of the heart that were already present, by pushing them away, into oblivion.

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, as you live while being guided by unwise attention, you will only see your harmful and evil qualities increase, meanwhile your beneficial ones will continuously dwindle and disappear.”