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## Text

70. “Bhikkhus, I do not know of a single thing that is more damaging than having or associating with bad friends, as a result of which evil and damaging states that were once absent, will surely arise, while at the same time, any arisen good or beneficial qualities of the heart that were present at one point, will be pushed away into oblivion.

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, living or associating with bad friends, will lead to damaging, harmful, and evil qualities to increase in you, whereas any present or already arisen good and beneficial qualities will simply die and disappear.”