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## Text

137. “Bhikkhus, by mistreating and wrongly behaving towards two individuals, the unlearned foolish man who is inferior by any and all measures, keeps himself in ruin by constantly working to decapitate and destroy himself, whereby he is unanimously found guilty and blamable in his actions by all those who are truly wise, and as a result, he amasses much demerit and very bad Kammic fruits.

“Now, who are those two individuals?

“The Tathāgata and a Noble Disciple of The Tathāgata.

“Thus, by mistreating and wrongly behaving towards these two individuals, the unlearned foolish man who is inferior by any and all measures, keeps himself in ruin by constantly working to decapitate and destroy himself, whereby he is unanimously found guilty and blamable in his actions by all those who are truly wise, and as a result, he amasses much demerit and very bad Kammic fruits.

“On the other hand, Bhikkhus, by treating well and correctly behaving towards two individuals, the learned wise man who is competent and superior, shields and safeguards himself from ever being injured or harmed, whereby he is unquestionably found praiseworthy and blameless in his actions by all those who are truly wise, and as a result, he amasses much merits and very good Kammic fruits.

“Now, who are those two individuals?

“The Tathāgata and a Noble Disciple of The Tathāgata.

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, by treating well and correctly behaving towards these two individuals, the learned wise man who is competent and superior, shields and safeguards himself from ever being injured or harmed, whereby he is unquestionably found praiseworthy and blameless in his actions by all those who are truly wise, and as a result, he amasses much merits and very good Kammic fruits.”