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AN II

Suttas 21-31

Bāla Vagga “The Section on Fools”

21. “Fools are to be distinguished by their two types, Bhikkhus. What two?

“There is the fool who does not recognize that he has made a mistake, failing to see a misdeed as an actual misdeed. And there is the fool who does not accept the confession from the one who acknowledges his mistake, who comes asking for forgiveness according to The Dhamma.

“These, therefore, Bhikkhus, are the two types of fools.

“Conversely, the wise are to be distinguished by their two types as well, Bhikkhus. What two?

“There is the one who does recognize when he has made a mistake, by seeing a misdeed as an actual misdeed. And there is the wise person who accepts the confession from the one who acknowledges his mistake, who comes asking for forgiveness according to The Dhamma.

“These, therefore, Bhikkhus, are the two types of wise people.”