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24. “Bhikkhus, these two characters go on falsifying and disfiguring the words spoken by The Tathāgata. Which two?

“The one who speaks on a deep discourse but while presenting it as self-explanatory and thus not needing further elaboration or a detailed presentation, claiming that it is already explicit, while it actually does need a detailed explanation. Meanwhile, the other speaks on a straightforward discourse, but while presenting it as one that requires a detailed presentation as he goes on twisting and mangling its meaning, when it was already explicit to begin with and thus truly self-explanatory.

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, these two characters go on falsifying and disfiguring the words spoken by The Tathāgata.”