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AN II

Suttas 32-41

Samacitta Vagga “The Peaceful Heart”

32. “Bhikkhus, I will speak to you about the internal atmosphere and overall functioning of the one declared to be ‘the inferior and evil person,’ and the internal atmosphere and overall functioning of the one declared to be ‘the superior and good person.’

“Now, pay close attention to what I shall say, by listening carefully.

“Yes, Bhante!” The Bhikkhus replied.

And The Blessed One continued:

“And what is the internal atmosphere and overall functioning of the one considered to be ‘the inferior and evil person?’

“The inferior and evil person is an ingrate, lacking any sense of appreciation or thankfulness. This, because to be ungrateful and unthankful is itself the badge and signature of the inferior and evil man. Thus, whoever functions within the internal atmosphere of these two rotten qualities, is himself an inferior and evil person.

“And what is the internal atmosphere and overall functioning of the one considered to be ‘the superior and good person?’

“The superior and good person is full of gratitude, abounding with the sense of appreciation and thankfulness. This, because to be grateful and thankful is itself the badge and signature of the superior and good person. Thus, whoever functions within the internal atmosphere of these two uplifting qualities is himself a superior and good person.”