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40. “Bhikkhus, wrong practice is wrong practice, regardless of whether the person engaging in it is a layperson or a recluse who has gone forth. Therefore, there are no benefits whatsoever, in engaging in wrong practice, which is why I never praise or appreciate it.

“This, because, Bhikkhus, wrong practice does not lead either the layperson nor the recluse who has gone forth, to the successful completion of The Training. It simply does not take you to whatever that is wholesome and good, because it is the wrong training, for it is based on unwholesome teachings.”

“However, Bhikkhus, right practice is the right practice, regardless of whether the person engaging in it is a layperson or a recluse who has gone forth. Therefore, the benefits are countless for whoever it is that engages in the right practice, which is why I praise and appreciate it.

“This, because, Bhikkhus, the right practice does lead both the layperson and the recluse who has gone forth, to the successful completion of The Training. It simply does take you to all that is wholesome and good, because it is indeed the Right Training, for it is none other than The Wholesome Dhamma.”