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41. “Bhikkhus, those Bhikkhus who alter or remove all those discourses that are the true Dhamma, along with their real meanings, and replace them with fake and counterfeit discourses that they make up, as they change the meaning of The Dhamma itself, are playing with the lives of so many people, negatively affecting their wellbeing in such harmful and damaging ways that are far reaching and long lasting.

“Such evil Bhikkhus are working to the detriment of so many beings, taking away the happiness and wellbeing of both Devas and humans combined. As a result, these Bhikkhus are generating and will continue to generate much harmful, damaging, and painful consequences by the devastation they are causing, which is leading to the demise and disappearance of This Good and Beautiful Dhamma.

“But, Bhikkhus, those Bhikkhus who uncover and highlight all those discourses that are the true Dhamma, along with their real meanings, as they bring attention to them, while also keeping all fake and counterfeit discourses out by exposing their flawed and evil impact, as they preserve the meaning of The Dhamma itself, are truly protecting the lives of so many people, positively enhancing their wellbeing in such helpful and supportive ways, that are far reaching and long lasting.

“Such good Bhikkhus are working for the betterment and welfare of so many beings, ensuring the path to happiness and wellbeing for both Devas and humans combined. As a result, these Bhikkhus are generating and will continue to generate much good merit-making and lovely outcomes by the enormous benefit they are causing, which is preserving and maintaining the long and healthy life of This Good and Beautiful Dhamma.”