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## Text

60. “Bhikkhus, by seeing the value of these two good reasons, you should completely avoid engaging in speech with random people. What are these two reasons?

“While reflecting:

‘By not speaking, our words would never run the risk of being misunderstood or misconstrued, and secondly, our unspoken words would never get to be turned against us, in a way that we would become accused of something we never said or meant to say.’

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, by seeing the value of these two good reasons, you should completely avoid engaging in speech with random people.”