AN 3.5 — AN 3:5 Inappropriately | Ayoniso Sutta

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Text

Inappropriately

Ayoniso Sutta (AN 3:5)

“Monks, a person endowed with three qualities is to be recognized as a fool. Which three? He formulates a question inappropriately. He answers a question inappropriately. When another answers a question appropriately—having chosen circumscribed, coherent words & phrases—he doesn’t approve of it. A person endowed with these three qualities is to be recognized as a fool.

“Monks, a person endowed with three qualities is to be recognized as a wise person. Which three? He formulates a question appropriately. He answers a question appropriately. When another answers a question appropriately—having chosen circumscribed, coherent

words & phrases—he approves of it. A person endowed with these three qualities is to be recognized as a wise person."

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See also: MN 2; AN 3:68; AN 4:42; AN 4:192