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Impurities

Mala Sutta (AN 3:10)

“Monks, when one is endowed with three qualities, without abandoning three impurities, then as if one had been carried off, one would thus be placed in hell. Which three? One is unvirtuous and hasn’t abandoned the impurity of being unvirtuous. One is envious and hasn’t abandoned the impurity of envy. One is stingy and hasn’t abandoned the impurity of stinginess. When one is endowed with these three qualities, without abandoning these three impurities, then as if one had been carried off, one would thus be placed in hell.

“Monks, when one is endowed with three qualities, having abandoned three impurities, then as if one had been carried off, one would thus be placed in heaven. Which three? One

is virtuous and has abandoned the impurity of being unvirtuous. One is not envious and has abandoned the impurity of envy. One is not stingy and has abandoned the impurity of stinginess. When one is endowed with these three qualities, having abandoned these three impurities, then as if one had been carried off, one would thus be placed in heaven."

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See also: AN 5:254–259; Dhp XVIII