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AN III

Suttas 11-20

Rathakāra Vagga “The Section on the Chariot Builder”

11. Ñāta Sutta (Known Through Behavior) Bhikkhus, it is through the possession of these three traits in his behavior, that a Bhikkhu is known for who and what he is, given his behavior that is harmful to others, ultimately working for the detriment and misery of the multitude, for the suffering of the many, for the failure and ruin of both Devas and humans.

Which three?

Such a Bhikkhu is one who instigates others to commit physical actions that result in conflict, verbal actions that result in conflict, and mental actions that result in conflict.

It is through the possession of these three traits in his behavior, that a Bhikkhu is known for who and what he is, given his behavior that is harmful to others, ultimately working for the detriment and misery of the multitude, for the suffering of the many, for the failure and ruin of both Devas and humans.

Meanwhile, Bhikkhus, it is through possessing these other three traits in his behavior, that a Bhikkhu is known for who and what he is, given his behavior that is beneficial, one that promotes happiness in people, working for the ultimate comfort of the multitude, for the safety of the many, for the wellbeing and success of both Devas and humans.

Which three?

Such a Bhikkhu is one who inspires others to commit physical actions that result in harmony, verbal actions that result in harmony, and mental actions that result in harmony.

It is through the possession of these three traits in his behavior, that a Bhikkhu is known for who and what he is, given his behavior that is beneficial, one that promotes happiness in people, working for the ultimate comfort of the multitude, for the safety of the many, for the wellbeing and success of both Devas and humans.