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Text

109. Dutiya Kūṭāgāre (Byāpanna) Sutta (Peaked Roof – Part 2) At another time, the householder Anāthapiṇḍika approached The Blessed One, and after paying homage to The Teacher, he went and sat to one side.

Then, The Blessed One said this to him:

Householder, when the mind is distressed, one’s bodily actions are distressed, under pressure, and insecure, so also are one’s verbal and mental actions. Householder, for one with distressed and insecure bodily, verbal, and mental actions, there will not be a good death awaiting him.

Householder, suppose there is a gabled house that is not well thatched, making the peaked roof distressed, under pressure and insecure; then the beam supporting the framework of the roof is also distressed and insecure; and the walls too are similarly distressed and insecure.

In the same manner, householder, when the mind is distressed, under pressure, and insecure, so also are one’s verbal and mental actions. Householder, for one with distressed and insecure bodily, verbal, and mental actions, there will not be a good death awaiting him.

But, householder, when the mind is neither distressed nor under pressure or insecure, one’s bodily actions too are not distressed nor insecure; so also, one’s verbal and mental actions are not distressed nor insecure. Householder, for one whose bodily, verbal, and mental actions are neither distressed nor insecure, there will be a good death awaiting him.

Householder, suppose there is a gabled house that is well thatched, making the peaked roof neither distressed nor under pressure or insecure; then the beam supporting the framework of the

roof will also be neither distressed nor under pressure, or insecure; and the walls too are not going to be distressed, under pressure, or insecure, either.

In the same manner, householder, when the mind is neither distressed nor under pressure or insecure, one's bodily actions too are not distressed nor insecure; so also, one's verbal and mental actions are not distressed nor insecure. Householder, for one whose bodily, verbal, and mental actions are neither distressed nor insecure, there will be a good death awaiting him.