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AN III

Suttas 112-121

Āpāyika Vagga “The Section on the Miserable Realms”

112. Āpāyika Sutta (Miserable Realms) Bhikkhus, without abandoning three things, one will find oneself reborn into the miserable realms, in the hells.

Now, what are these three?

While expected to live a celibate Holy Life, one engages in sexual acts and lies about it.

Someone slanders another who is truly celibate and indeed lives the Holy Life, thus falsely accusing them of non-celibacy.

Another firmly believes in and upholds the view that “nothing is wrong with indulging in sensual pleasures,” and thus goes on running after and indulging in them.

Bhikkhus, without abandoning these three things, one will find oneself reborn into the miserable realms, in the hells.