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Text

150. Dutiya Khata Sutta (Dug Up & Undone – Part 2) Bhikkhus, by possessing three qualities, the ignorant fool digs himself up from his very roots and destroys himself. As a result, he becomes blameworthy and is reproached by the wise, while also generating for himself much demerit.

And what are these three qualities?

Engaging in blamable bodily actions; engaging in blamable speech and verbal actions; and engaging in blamable thoughts.

Bhikkhus, by possessing these three qualities, the ignorant fool digs himself up from his roots and destroys himself. As a result, he becomes blameworthy, and is reproached by the wise, while also generating for himself much demerit.

However, Bhikkhus, by possessing three other qualities, the wise and learned Superior Person does not uproot nor destroy himself. As a result, he remains blameless throughout and, in fact, is praised by the wise, while generating for himself much merit.

And what are these three qualities?

Engaging in blameless bodily actions; engaging in blameless speech and verbal actions; and engaging in blameless thoughts.

Bhikkhus, by possessing three other qualities, the wise and learned Superior Person does not uproot nor destroy himself. As a result, he remains blameless throughout and, in fact, is praised by the wise, generating for himself much merit.