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Text

151. Tatiya Khata Sutta (Dug Up & Undone – Part 3) 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 gets reproached by the wise, while also generating much demerit for himself.

And what are these three qualities?

Engaging in physical actions that bring about disharmony and chaos; engaging in speech or communication that brings about disharmony and chaos; and engaging in thoughts that bring about disharmony and chaos.

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 gets reproached by the wise, while also generating much demerit for himself.

But Bhikkhus, by possessing three other qualities, the wise and learned Superior Person does not uproot nor destroy himself. As a result, he remains blameless and is praised by the wise, while also generating much merit for himself. Now, what are these three qualities?

Engaging in harmonious physical actions; engaging in harmonious communication and speech; and engaging in harmonious 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 and is praised by the wise, while also generating much merit for himself.