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Text

158. Nikkhitto Niraye Sutta (Deposited into Hell – Part 2) Bhikkhus, by possessing three things, one is reborn in hell as if brought and deposited there. What three?

One steals and takes what is not given. One incites others to steal and take what is not given.

And one approves of stealing and justifies the taking of what is not given.

Therefore, Bhikkhus, by possessing these three things, one is reborn in hell as if brought and deposited there.

However, Bhikkhus, by possessing these other three things, one is reborn in heaven as if brought and deposited there.

What three?

One abstains from stealing or taking what is not given. One encourages others to abstain from stealing or taking what is not given. And one disapproves of stealing or taking what is not given.

Bhikkhus, by possessing these other three things, one is reborn in heaven as if brought and deposited there.