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Text

159. Nikkhitto Niraye Sutta (Deposited into Hell – Part 3) Bhikkhus, by possessing three things, one is reborn in hell as if brought and deposited there. What three?

One engages in sexual misconduct. One incites others to engage in sexual misconduct. And one approves of and justifies the engaging in sexual misconduct.

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

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

One abstains from engaging in sexual misconduct. One encourages others to abstain from engaging in sexual misconduct. And one totally rejects and disapproves of engaging in sexual misconduct.

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