AN 3.171–172 — Nikkhitto Niraye Sutta (Deposited into Hell – Part 5)

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Text

161. Nikkhitto Niraye Sutta (Deposited into Hell – Part 5) Bhikkhus, by possessing three things, one is reborn in hell, as if brought and deposited there. What three?

One slanders; one incites others to slander; and one justifies and approves of slandering.

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

One abstains from slandering; one encourages others to abstain from slandering; and one disapproves of slandering.