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Text

162. Nikkhitto Niraye Sutta (Deposited into Hell – Part 6) Bhikkhus, by possessing three things, one is reborn in hell, as if brought and deposited there. What three?

One uses mean and harsh words. One incites others to use mean and harsh words. And one justifies and approves the use of mean and harsh words.

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 using mean and harsh words. One encourages others to abstain from using mean and harsh words. And one disapproves of the use of mean and harsh words.

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