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Text

163. Nikkhitto Niraye Sutta (Deposited into Hell – Part 7) Bhikkhus, by possessing three things, one is reborn in hell, as if brought and deposited there. What three?

One uses idle chatter by talking frivolously. One incites others to use idle chatter by talking frivolously. And one justifies and approves the use of idle chatter and frivolous talking.

Thus, 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 using idle chatter by not talking frivolously. One abstains from inciting others to use idle chatter while also discouraging frivolous talk. And one disapproves of the use of idle chatter by talking frivolously.

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