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Text

164. Nikkhitto Niraye Sutta (Deposited into Hell – Part 8) Bhikkhus, by possessing three things, one is reborn in hell, as if brought and deposited there. What three?

One covets and is full of longing. One incites others to covet and to be full of longing. And one justifies and approves of possessing a coveting nature and being full of longing.

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 coveting and is without longing. One encourages others to abstain from coveting or to be full of longing. And one disapproves of possessing a coveting nature and being full of longing.

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