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Text

165. Nikkhitto Niraye Sutta (Deposited into Hell – Part 9) Bhikkhus, by possessing three things, one is reborn in hell, as if brought and deposited there. What three?

One becomes angry and hateful. One incites others to become angry and hateful. And one justifies and approves of having an angry and hateful nature.

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 becoming angry or hateful. One encourages others to abstain from becoming angry or hateful. And one disapproves of having an angry and hateful nature.

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