# Mil 3.6.6 — 6. Question on Tears Being a Medicine or Not

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## Text

Milinda’s Questions

Mindfulness Chapter

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The king asked: “Venerable Nāgasena, those who weep on the death of a mother, and those who weep with affection for the Dhamma, for whom of these two weeping are the tears a medicine, and for whom are the tears not a medicine?” “The tears of one, your majesty, are hot and stained with lust, anger, and delusion, and the tears of the other are cool and unstained with rapture and joy. That which is cool, your majesty, is a medicine; that which is hot is not a medicine.”

“You are clever, Venerable Nāgasena!”

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