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Text

Thag 6:3 Mahānāga

One in whom respect for his fellows in the holy life

is not found,

wastes away from the True Dhamma

like a fish in next to no water.

One in whom respect for his fellows in the holy life

is not found,

doesn’t grow in the True Dhamma,

like a rotten seed in a field.

One in whom respect for his fellows in the holy life
is not found,
is far away from unbinding
in the teaching of the Dhamma king.

One in whom respect for his fellows in the holy life
is found,
doesn't waste away from the True Dhamma
like a fish in plentiful water.

One in whom respect for his fellows in the holy life
is found,
grows in the True Dhamma,
like an excellent seed in a field.

One in whom respect for his fellows in the holy life
is found,
stands right in the presence of unbinding
in the teaching of the Dhamma king.

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