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Text

Shame

Hiri Sutta (SN 1:18)

This pair of verses provides an answer to the question posed and left unanswered in Dhp 143.

“Who in the world

is a man constrained by shame,

who awakens to censure

like a fine stallion to the whip?”

“Those restrained by shame
are rare—
those who go through life
always mindful.
Having reached the end
of suffering & stress,
they go among the discordant
harmoniously.”