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Text

Old Age

Jarā Sutta (SN 1:51)

“What is good all the way through old age?

What is good when established?

What is the treasure of human beings?

What can’t be stolen by thieves?”

The Buddha:

“Virtue is good all the way through old age.

Conviction is good when established.

Discernment is the treasure of human beings.

Merit can’t be stolen by thieves.”

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See also: AN 7:6–7; Dhp 151; Dhp 333