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Text

Families

Kula Sutta (SN 20:3)

Dwelling near Sāvatthi. “Just as families with many women and few men are easy for thieves & burglars to overpower, in the same way, when a monk’s awareness-release through goodwill is undeveloped & uncultivated, he is easy for non-human beings to overpower.

“Just as families with few women and many men are hard for thieves & burglars to overpower, in the same way, when a monk’s awareness-release through goodwill is developed, cultivated, handed the reins, taken as a basis, steadied, consolidated, & well-undertaken, he is hard for non-human beings to overpower.1

“Therefore, monks, you should train yourselves: ‘Our awareness-release through goodwill will be developed, cultivated, handed the reins, taken as a basis, steadied, consolidated, & well-undertaken.’ That’s how you should train yourselves.”

Note

1. Following the Thai edition of the Canon. The Sri Lankan and Burmese editions have: “when a monk’s awareness-release through goodwill is developed and cultivated, he is hard for non-human beings to overpower.”

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See also: MN 21; AN 11:16; Sn 1:8