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The Nuns' Analysis

The settling of legal issues

"Venerables, these seven principles for the settling of legal issues come up for recitation.

For the settling and resolving of legal issues whenever they arise there is:

Resolution face-to-face to be applied;

Resolution through recollection to be granted;

Resolution because of past insanity to be granted;

Acting according to what has been admitted;

Majority decision;

Further penalty;

Covering over as if with grass.

Venerables, the seven principles for the settling of legal issues have been recited. In regard to this I ask you, 'Are you pure in this?' A second time I ask, 'Are you pure in this?' A third time I ask, 'Are you pure in this?' You are pure in this and therefore silent. I will remember it thus."

The seven principles for the settling of legal issues are finished.

"Venerables, the introduction has been recited; the eight rules on expulsion have been recited; the seventeen rules on suspension have been recited; the thirty rules on relinquishment and confession have been recited; the one hundred and sixty-six rules on confession have been recited; the eight rules on acknowledgment have been recited; the rules to be trained in have been recited; the seven principles for the settling of legal issues have been recited. This much has come down and is included in the Monastic Code of the Buddha and comes up for recitation every half-month. In regard to this everyone should train in unity, in concord, without dispute." The Nuns' Analysis is finished.

The canonical text beginning with offenses entailing confession is finished.