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Text

Theravāda Collection on Monastic Law

The Nuns' Analysis

The chapter on offenses entailing confession

The subchapter on garlic

Watching entertainment

Origin story

At one time the Buddha was staying at Rājagaha in the Bamboo Grove, the squirrel sanctuary. At that time in Rājagaha there was a hilltop fair, and the nuns from the group of six went to see it. People complained and criticized them, "How can nuns go to see dancing, singing, and music? They're just like householders who indulge in worldly pleasures!"

The nuns heard the complaints of those people, and the nuns of few desires complained and criticized them, "How could the nuns from the group of six go to see dancing, singing, and music?" … "Is it true, monks, that those nuns did that?"

"It's true, sir."

The Buddha rebuked them, "How could the nuns from the group of six do this? This will affect people's confidence …" … "And, monks, the nuns should recite this training rule like this:

Final ruling

'If a nun goes to see dancing or singing or music, she commits an offense entailing confession.'"

Definitions

A: whoever … Nun: … The nun who has been given the full ordination in unanimity by both Sanghas through a legal procedure consisting of one motion and three announcements that is irreversible and fit to stand—this sort of nun is meant in this case. Dancing: any kind of dancing. Singing: any kind of singing. Music: any kind of music.

If she is on her way to see it, she commits an offense of wrong conduct. Wherever she stands to see it or hear it, she commits an offense entailing confession. Every time she goes beyond the range of sight and then sees it or hears it again, she commits an offense

entailing confession.

If she is on her way to see any one of the three, she commits an offense of wrong conduct. Wherever she stands to see it or hear it, she commits an offense entailing confession. Every time she goes beyond the range of sight and then sees it or hears it again, she commits an offense entailing confession.

Non-offenses

There is no offense: if she sees it or hears it while remaining in the monastery; if the dancing, singing, or music comes to the place where the nun is standing, sitting, or lying down; if she sees it or hears it while walking in the opposite direction; if she goes there because there is something to be done and she then sees it or hears it; if there is an emergency; if she is insane; if she is the first offender.

The tenth training rule is finished.

The first subchapter on garlic is finished.