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## Text

Theravāda Collection on Monastic Law

The Nuns' Analysis

The chapter on offenses entailing confession

The subchapter on the dark of the night

Crying and beating oneself

Origin story

At one time when the Buddha was staying at Sāvatthī in Anāthapiṇḍika's Monastery, the nun Caṇḍakāḷī quarreled with the nuns and then cried after repeatedly beating herself. The nuns of few desires complained and criticized her, "How could Venerable Caṇḍakāḷī cry after repeatedly beating herself?" … "Is it true, monks, that the nun Caṇḍakāḷī did this?"

"It's true, sir."

The Buddha rebuked her … "How could the nun Caṇḍakāḷī act like this? This will affect people's confidence …" … "And, monks, the nuns should recite this training rule like this:

Final ruling

'If a nun cries after repeatedly beating herself, 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. Herself: oneself.

If she cries after repeatedly beating herself, she commits an offense entailing confession. If she beats herself, but does not cry, she commits an offense of wrong conduct. If she cries, but does not beat herself, she commits an offense of wrong conduct.

Non-offenses

There is no offense: if she cries, but does not beat herself, because of loss of relatives, loss of property, or loss of health; if she is insane; if she is the first offender.

The tenth training rule is finished.

The second subchapter on the dark of the night is finished.