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Text

Theravāda Collection on Monastic Law

The Great Analysis

The chapter on offenses entailing suspension

The training rule on masturbation

Venerables, these thirteen rules on suspension come up for recitation.

Origin story

First substory

At one time the Buddha was staying at Sāvatthī in the Jeta Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's Monastery. At that time Venerable Seyyasaka was dissatisfied with the spiritual life. He became thin, haggard, and pale, with veins protruding all over his body. Venerable Udāyī saw him in this condition and said to him, "Seyyasaka, you're not looking well. You're not dissatisfied with the spiritual life, are you?"

"I am."

"Well then, eat, sleep, and bathe as much as you like. And whenever you become discontent and lust overwhelms you, just masturbate with your hand." "But is that allowable?"

"Yes, I do it too."

Then Seyyasaka ate, slept, and bathed as much as he liked, and whenever he became discontent and lust overwhelmed him, he masturbated with his hand. After some time Seyyasaka had a good color, a bright face, clear skin, and sharp senses. The monks who were his friends said to him, "Seyyasaka, you used to be thin, haggard, and pale, with veins protruding all over your body. But now you have a good color, a bright face, clear skin, and sharp senses. Have you been taking medicine?"

"No. I just eat, sleep, and bathe as much as I like, and whenever I become discontent and lust overwhelms me, I masturbate with my hand." "Do you eat the food given in faith with the same hand you use to masturbate?"

"Yes."

The monks of few desires complained and criticized him, "How can Venerable Seyyasaka masturbate with his hand?"

They rebuked Seyyasaka in many ways and then told the Buddha. The Buddha then had the Sangha gathered and questioned Seyyasaka: “Is it true, Seyyasaka, that you do this?”

“Yes, sir.”

The Buddha rebuked him, “Foolish man, it’s not suitable, it’s not proper, it’s not worthy of a monastic, it’s not allowable, it’s not to be done. How can you do this? Haven’t I given many teachings for the sake of dispassion, not for the sake of lust; for the sake of freedom from bondage, not for the sake of bondage; for the sake of non-grasping, not for the sake of grasping? When I’ve taught like this, how can you choose lust, bondage, and grasping? Haven’t I given many teachings for the fading away of lust, for the clearing away of intoxication, for the removal of thirst, for the uprooting of attachment, for the cutting off of the round of rebirth, for the stopping of craving, for fading away, for ending, for extinguishment? Haven’t I given many teachings for the abandoning of worldly pleasures, for the full understanding of the perceptions of worldly pleasures, for the removal of thirst for worldly pleasures, for the elimination of thoughts of worldly pleasures, for the stilling of the fevers of worldly pleasures? Foolish man, this will affect people’s confidence, and cause some to lose it.” Then, after rebuking Seyyasaka in many ways, the Buddha spoke in dispraise of being difficult to support … “And, monks, this training rule should be recited like this:

Preliminary ruling

‘Intentional emission of semen is an offense entailing suspension.’”

In this way the Buddha laid down this training rule for the monks.

Second substory

Soon afterwards some monks ate fine foods, fell asleep absentminded and heedless, and emitted semen while dreaming. They became anxious, thinking, “The Buddha has laid down a training rule that intentional emission of semen is an offense entailing suspension. We had an emission while dreaming, which is not without intention. Could it be that we’ve committed an offense entailing suspension?” They told the Buddha. “It’s true, monks, that a dream is not without intention, but it’s negligible. And so, monks, this training rule should be recited like this:

Final ruling

‘Intentional emission of semen, except while dreaming, is an offense entailing suspension.’”

Definitions

Intentional: knowing, perceiving, having intended, having decided, he transgresses. Semen: there are ten kinds of semen: blue, yellow, red, white, the color of buttermilk, the color of water, the color of oil, the color of milk, the color of curd, the color of ghee. Emission: making it move from its base—this is what is meant by “emission”. Except while dreaming: apart from that which occurs while dreaming. An offense entailing suspension: only the Sangha gives probation for that offense, sends back to the beginning, gives the trial period, and rehabilitates—not several monks, not an individual. Therefore it is called

an offense entailing suspension. This is the name and designation of this class of offense. Therefore, too, it is called an offense entailing suspension.

Permutations

Permutations part 1

Summary

He emits by means of his own body. He emits by means of something external. He emits both by means of his own body and by means of something external. He emits shaking the pelvis in the air.

He emits because of stiffness due to sensual desire. He emits because of stiffness due to feces. He emits because of stiffness due to urine. He emits because of stiffness due to intestinal gas. He emits because of stiffness due to being stung by caterpillars.

He emits for the sake of health. He emits for the sake of pleasure. He emits for the sake of medicine. He emits for the sake of a gift. He emits for the sake of merit. He emits for the sake of sacrifice. He emits for the sake of heaven. He emits for the sake of seed. He emits for the sake of investigating. He emits for the sake of fun.

He emits blue. He emits yellow. He emits red. He emits white. He emits the color of buttermilk. He emits the color of water. He emits the color of oil. He emits the color of milk. He emits the color of curd. He emits the color of ghee.

Definitions

By means of his own body: by means of his own organic body. By means of something external: by means of something organic or inorganic, externally. Both by means of his own body and by means of something external: by means of both. Shaking the pelvis in the air: for one making an effort in the air, the penis becomes erect. Because of stiffness due to sensual desire: for one oppressed by sensual desire, the penis becomes erect. Because of stiffness due to feces: for one oppressed by feces, the penis becomes erect. Because of stiffness due to urine: for one oppressed by urine, the penis becomes erect. Because of stiffness due to intestinal gas: for one oppressed by intestinal gas, the penis becomes erect. Because of stiffness due to being stung by caterpillars: for one stung by caterpillars, the penis becomes erect. For the sake of health: thinking, “I’ll be healthy.” For the sake of pleasure: thinking, “I’ll produce a pleasant feeling.” For the sake of medicine: thinking, “There will be medicine.” For the sake of a gift: thinking, “I’ll give a gift.” For the sake of merit: thinking, “There will be merit.” For the sake of sacrifice: thinking, “I’ll offer a sacrifice.” For the sake of heaven: thinking, “I’ll go to heaven.” For the sake of seed: thinking, “There will be seed.” For the sake of investigating: thinking, “Will it be blue?”, “Will it be yellow?”, “Will it be red?”, “Will it be white?”, “Will it be the color of buttermilk?”, “Will it be the color of water?”, “Will it be the color of oil?”, “Will it be the color of milk?”, “Will it be the color of curd?”, “Will it be the color of ghee?” For the sake of fun: desiring to play.

Exposition part 1

If, by means of his own body, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, by means of something external, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, both by means of his own body and by means of something external, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, shaking the pelvis in the air, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, when there is stiffness due to sensual desire, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, when there is stiffness due to feces, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, when there is stiffness due to urine, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, when there is stiffness due to intestinal gas, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, when there is stiffness due to being stung by caterpillars, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

Exposition part 2

A single purpose

If, for the sake of health, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of pleasure ... If, for the sake of medicine ... If, for the sake of a gift ... If, for the sake of merit ... If, for the sake of sacrifice ... If, for the sake of heaven ... If, for the sake of seed ... If, for the sake of investigating ... If, for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

One kind of semen

If he intends blue, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends yellow ... If he intends red ... If he intends white ... If he intends the color of buttermilk ... If he intends the color of water ... If he intends the color of oil ... If he intends the color of milk ... If he intends the color of curd ... If he intends the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The basic series is finished.

Two purposes

If, for the sake of health and for the sake of pleasure, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of health and for the sake of medicine … If, for the sake of health and for the sake of a gift … If, for the sake of health and for the sake of merit … If, for the sake of health and for the sake of sacrifice … If, for the sake of health and for the sake of heaven … If, for the sake of health and for the sake of seed … If, for the sake of health and for the sake of investigating … If, for the sake of health and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The unconnected permutation series based on one item is finished.

If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of medicine, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of a gift … If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of merit … If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of sacrifice … If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of heaven … If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of seed … If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of investigating … If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of health, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of a gift … If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of merit … If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of sacrifice … If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of heaven … If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of seed … If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of investigating … If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of health … If, for the sake of medicine and for the sake of pleasure, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of merit … If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of sacrifice … If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of heaven … If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of seed … If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of investigating … If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of health … If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of pleasure … If, for the sake of a gift and for the sake of medicine, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of sacrifice … If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of heaven … If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of seed … If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of investigating … If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of health … If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of pleasure … If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of medicine … If, for the sake of merit and for the sake of a gift, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of heaven … If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of seed … If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of investigating … If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of health … If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of pleasure … If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of medicine … If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of a gift … If, for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of merit, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of seed … If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of investigating … If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of health … If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of pleasure … If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of medicine … If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of a gift … If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of merit … If, for the sake of heaven and for the sake of sacrifice, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of investigating … If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of health … If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of pleasure … If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of medicine … If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of a gift … If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of merit … If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of sacrifice … If, for the sake of seed and for the sake of heaven, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of health … If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of pleasure … If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of medicine … If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of a gift … If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of merit … If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of sacrifice … If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of heaven … If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of seed, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If, for the sake of fun and for the sake of health … If, for the sake of fun and for the sake of pleasure … If, for the sake of fun and for the sake of medicine … If, for the sake of fun and

for the sake of a gift … If, for the sake of fun and for the sake of merit … If, for the sake of fun and for the sake of sacrifice … If, for the sake of fun and for the sake of heaven … If, for the sake of fun and for the sake of seed … If, for the sake of fun and for the sake of investigating, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The linked permutation series based on one item is finished.

Three purposes

If, for the sake of health and for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of medicine, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension. … If, for the sake of health and for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The unconnected permutation series based on two items is finished.

If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of medicine and for the sake of a gift, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension. … If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of medicine and for the sake of fun … If, for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of medicine and for the sake of health, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The linked permutation series based on two items in brief is finished.

If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of fun and for the sake of health, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension. … If, for the sake of investigating and for the sake of fun and for the sake of seed, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The section based on two items is finished.

Four to nine purposes

The sections based on three items, four items, five items, six items, seven items, eight items, and nine items are to be expanded in the same way.

Ten purposes

This is the section based on all items:

If, for the sake of health and for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of medicine and for the sake of a gift and for the sake of merit and for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of heaven and for the sake of seed and for the sake of investigating and for the sake of fun, he intends and makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The section based on all items is finished.

Two kinds of semen

If he intends blue and yellow, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends blue and red ... If he intends blue and white ... If he intends blue and the color of buttermilk ... If he intends blue and the color of water ... If he intends blue and the color of oil ... If he intends blue and the color of milk ... If he intends blue and the color of curd ... If he intends blue and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The unconnected permutation series based on one item is finished.

If he intends yellow and red, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends yellow and white ... If he intends yellow and the color of buttermilk ... If he intends yellow and the color of water ... If he intends yellow and the color of oil ... If he intends yellow and the color of milk ... If he intends yellow and the color of curd ... If he intends yellow and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends yellow and blue, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The linked permutation series based on one item is finished.

If he intends red and white, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends red and the color of buttermilk ... If he intends red and the color of water ... If he intends red and the color of oil ... If he intends red and the color of milk ... If he intends red and the color of curd ... If he intends red and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends red and blue ... If he intends red and yellow, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends white and the color of buttermilk ... If he intends white and the color of water ... If he intends white and the color of oil ... If he intends white and the color of milk ... If he intends white and the color of curd ... If he intends white and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends white and blue ... If he intends white and yellow ... If he intends white and red, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of buttermilk and the color of water ... If he intends the color of buttermilk and the color of oil ... If he intends the color of buttermilk and the color of milk ... If he intends the color of buttermilk and the color of curd ... If he intends the color of buttermilk and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of buttermilk and blue … If he intends the color of buttermilk and yellow … If he intends the color of buttermilk and red … If he intends the color of buttermilk and white, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of water and the color of oil … If he intends the color of water and the color of milk … If he intends the color of water and the color of curd … If he intends the color of water and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of water and blue … If he intends the color of water and yellow … If he intends the color of water and red … If he intends the color of water and white … If he intends the color of water and the color of buttermilk, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of oil and the color of milk … If he intends the color of oil and the color of curd … If he intends the color of oil and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of oil and blue … If he intends the color of oil and yellow … If he intends the color of oil and red … If he intends the color of oil and white … If he intends the color of oil and the color of buttermilk … If he intends the color of oil and the color of water, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of milk and the color of curd … If he intends the color of milk and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of milk and blue … If he intends the color of milk and yellow … If he intends the color of milk and red … If he intends the color of milk and white … If he intends the color of milk and the color of buttermilk … If he intends the color of milk and the color of water … If he intends the color of milk and the color of oil, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of curd and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of curd and blue … If he intends the color of curd and yellow … If he intends the color of curd and red … If he intends the color of curd and white … If he intends the color of curd and the color of buttermilk … If he intends the color of curd and the color of water … If he intends the color of curd and the color of oil … If he intends the color of curd and the color of milk, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of ghee and blue, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends the color of ghee and yellow … If he intends the color of ghee and red … If he intends the color of ghee and white … If he intends the color of ghee and the color of buttermilk … If he intends the color of ghee and the color of water … If he intends the color

of ghee and the color of oil … If he intends the color of ghee and the color of milk … If he intends the color of ghee and the color of curd, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The linked permutation series based on one item is finished.

Three kinds of semen

If he intends blue and yellow and red, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension. … If he intends blue and yellow and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The unconnected permutation series based on two items is finished.

If he intends yellow and red and white, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension. … If he intends yellow and red and the color of ghee … If he intends yellow and red and blue, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The linked permutation series based on two items in brief is finished.

If he intends the color of curd and the color of ghee and blue, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension. … If he intends the color of curd and the color of ghee and the color of milk, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The section based on two items is finished.

Four to nine kinds of semen

The sections based on three items, four items, five items, six items, seven items, eight items, and nine items are to be expanded in the same way.

Ten kinds of semen

This is the section based on all items:

If he intends blue and yellow and red and white and the color of buttermilk and the color of water and the color of oil and the color of milk and the color of curd and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The section based on all items is finished.

Purposes combined with kinds of semen

If he intends for the sake of health and blue, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends for the sake of health and for the sake of pleasure and blue and yellow, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends for the sake of health and for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of medicine and blue and yellow and red, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

(In this way both aspects are to be expanded.)

If he intends for the sake of health and for the sake of pleasure and for the sake of medicine and for the sake of a gift and for the sake of merit and for the sake of sacrifice and for the sake of heaven and for the sake of seed and for the sake of investigating and for the sake of fun and blue and yellow and red and white and the color of buttermilk and the color of water and the color of oil and the color of milk and the color of curd and the color of ghee, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The mixed permutation series is finished.

Intending one kind of semen, emitting another kind

If he intends, “I’ll emit blue,” makes an effort, and yellow is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit blue,” makes an effort, and red is emitted … white … the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd … the color of ghee is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The unconnected permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit yellow,” makes an effort, and red is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit yellow,” makes an effort, and white is emitted … the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd … the color of ghee … blue is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The basis of the linked permutation series in brief is finished.

… If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of ghee,” makes an effort, and blue is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of ghee,” makes an effort, and yellow is emitted … red … white … the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The core permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit yellow,” makes an effort, and blue is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit red … white … the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd … the color of ghee,” makes an effort, and blue is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The first round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit red,” makes an effort, and yellow is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit white … the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd … the color of ghee … blue,” makes an effort, and yellow is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The second round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit white,” makes an effort, and red is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd … the color of ghee … blue … yellow,” makes an effort, and red is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The third round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of buttermilk,” makes an effort, and white is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd … the color of ghee … blue … yellow … red,” makes an effort, and white is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The fourth round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of water,” makes an effort, and the color of buttermilk is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd … the color of ghee … blue … yellow … red … white,” makes an effort, and the color of buttermilk is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The fifth round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of oil,” makes an effort, and the color of water is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of milk … the color of curd … the color of ghee … blue … yellow … red … white … the color of buttermilk,” makes an effort, and the color of water is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The sixth round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of milk,” makes an effort, and the color of oil is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of curd … the color of ghee … blue … yellow … red … white … the color of buttermilk … the color of water,” makes an effort, and the color of oil is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The seventh round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of curd,” makes an effort, and the color of milk is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of ghee … blue … yellow … red … white … the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil,” makes an effort, and the color of milk is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The eighth round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit the color of ghee,” makes an effort, and the color of curd is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit blue … yellow … red … white … the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk,” makes an effort, and the color of curd is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The ninth round of the additional permutation series is finished.

If he intends, “I’ll emit blue,” makes an effort, and the color of ghee is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, “I’ll emit yellow … red … white … the color of buttermilk … the color of water … the color of oil … the color of milk … the color of curd,” makes an effort, and the color of ghee is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

The tenth round of the additional permutation series is finished.

The additional permutation series is finished.

Permutations part 2

If he intends, makes an effort, and semen is emitted, he commits an offense entailing suspension.

If he intends, makes an effort, but semen is not emitted, he commits a serious offense.

If he intends, but does not make an effort, yet semen is emitted, there is no offense.

If he intends, but does not make an effort, nor is semen emitted, there is no offense.

If he does not intend, but makes an effort, and semen is emitted, there is no offense.

If he does not intend, but makes an effort, yet semen is not emitted, there is no offense.

If he does not intend, nor make an effort, yet semen is emitted, there is no offense.

If he does not intend, nor make an effort, nor is semen emitted, there is no offense.

Non-offenses

There is no offense: if it is while dreaming; if he is not aiming at emission; if he is insane; if he is deranged; if he is overwhelmed by pain; if he is the first offender.

Summary verses of case studies

“Dream, feces, urine,

Thought, and with warm water;

Medicine, scratching, path,

Foreskin, sauna, massage.

Novice, and asleep,

Thigh, pressed with the fist;

In the air, rigid, staring,

Keyhole, rubbed with wood.

Current, mud, running,

Mud play, lotus;

Sand, mud, pouring,

Bed, and with the thumb."

Case studies

On one occasion a monk had an emission of semen while dreaming. He became anxious, thinking, "The Buddha has laid down a training rule. Could it be that I've committed an offense entailing suspension?" He told the Buddha, who said, "There's no offense when it occurs while dreaming."

On one occasion a monk was defecating, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … "What were you thinking, monk?"

"I wasn't aiming at emission, sir."

"There's no offense if one isn't aiming at emission."

On one occasion a monk was urinating, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … "There's no offense if one isn't aiming at emission."

On one occasion a monk was thinking a worldly thought, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … "There's no offense for one thinking a worldly thought."

On one occasion a monk was bathing in warm water, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … "What were you thinking, monk?"

"I wasn't aiming at emission, sir."

"There's no offense if one isn't aiming at emission."

On one occasion a monk bathed in warm water aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … "You've committed an offense entailing suspension."

On one occasion a monk bathed in warm water aiming at emission, but semen was not emitted. He became anxious … "There's no offense entailing suspension, but there's a serious offense."

At one time a monk had a sore on his penis. While he was applying medicine, semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

At one time a monk had a sore on his penis. He applied medicine aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk scratched his scrotum, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk scratched his scrotum aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk was walking along a path, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk walked along a path aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk took hold of his foreskin, urinated, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk, aiming at emission, took hold of his foreskin, urinated, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk was having his belly heated in the sauna, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk, aiming at emission, had his belly heated in the sauna, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk massaged his preceptor’s back in the sauna, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk, aiming at emission, massaged his preceptor’s back in the sauna, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk was having his thigh massaged, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk, aiming at emission, had his thigh massaged, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk, aiming at emission, said to a novice, “Take hold of my penis.” The novice took hold of his penis, and the monk emitted semen. He became anxious … “There’s an offense entailing suspension.”

On one occasion a monk took hold of the penis of a sleeping novice, and the monk emitted semen. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s an offense of wrong conduct.”

On one occasion a monk pressed his penis between his thighs aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk pressed his penis with his fist aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk shook his pelvis in the air aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk made his body rigid, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk made his body rigid aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a lustful monk stared at a woman’s genitals, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension. But you should not stare at a woman’s genitals motivated by lust. If you do, you commit an offense of wrong conduct.”

On one occasion a monk inserted his penis into a keyhole aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk rubbed his penis with a piece of wood aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk bathed against the current, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk bathed against the current aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk was playing in mud, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk played in mud aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk ran in water, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk ran in water aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk was playing by sliding in the mud, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk, aiming at emission, was playing by sliding in the mud, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk was running in a lotus grove, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk ran in a lotus grove aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk inserted his penis into sand aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk inserted his penis into mud aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk poured water on his penis, and semen was emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense if one isn’t aiming at emission.”

On one occasion a monk poured water on his penis aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk rubbed his penis against his bed aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious … “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

On one occasion a monk rubbed his penis with his thumb aiming at emission, and semen was emitted. … semen was not emitted. He became anxious, thinking, “The Buddha has laid down a training rule. Could it be that I’ve committed an offense entailing suspension?” He told the Buddha, who said, “There’s no offense entailing suspension, but there’s a serious offense.”

The training rule on masturbation, the first, is finished.