

Pācittiya #62: Knowingly Using Water That Contains Living Beings

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvatti, at Jeta's Grove, in Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, [some] group-of-six monks knowingly used water that contained living beings. Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that group-of-six monks will knowingly use water that contains living beings?" ... "Is it true that you, monks, knowingly used water that contained living beings?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, foolish men, will knowingly use water that contains living beings? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

"If any monk knowingly uses water that contains living beings: a Pācittiya."

Any monk: ...

Knows: He knows [for] himself, or others report to him. Knowing "It contains living beings," knowing "By this use they will die," one uses [water]: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving it as containing living beings when it contains living beings, one uses: a Pācittiya offense.

In doubt when it contains living beings, one uses: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving it as not containing living beings when it contains living beings, one uses: non-offense.

Perceiving it as containing living beings when it does not contain living beings: a Dukkaṭa offense.

In doubt when it does not contain living beings: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving it as not containing living beings when it does not contain living beings: non-offense.

Non-offense[s]: One uses [water] not knowing "It contains living beings," knowing "It does not contain living beings," [or] knowing "By this use they will not die"; for one who is crazy; and for the first offender.