

Pācittiya #54: Disrespect

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Kosambī, in Ghosita's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, Venerable Channa engaged in misconduct. Monks said to him, "Venerable Channa, don't act like that. That is not allowed." Just because of that, he showed disrespect. Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that Venerable Channa will show disrespect?" ... "Is it true that you, Channa, showed disrespect?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, foolish men, will show disrespect? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

"In disrespect: a Pācittiya."

Disrespect: Two [kinds of] disrespect – disrespect regarding a person and disrespect regarding the Dhamma.

Disrespect regarding a person: Speaking with a fully ordained person designated, [one says] "This is rejected, despised, or censured; the bidding of this [person] will not be done" one shows disrespect: a Pācittiya offense.

Disrespect regarding the Dhamma: Speaking with a fully ordained person designated, [one says] "This talk will become lost, it will be destroyed, or it will vanish," or one shows disrespect not wishing to train: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a fully ordained person as fully ordained, one shows disrespect: a Pācittiya offense.

In doubt about a fully ordained person, one shows disrespect: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a fully ordained person as unordained, one shows disrespect: a Pācittiya offense.

Speaking without a designation: "This is not helpful for self-effacement, shaking off [defilement], inspiration, diminution⁵⁹⁹, [or] arousing energy," one shows disrespect: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Speaking with an unordained person designated or without a designation: "This is not helpful for self-effacement...", one shows disrespect: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving an unordained person as fully ordained: a Dukkaṭa offense.

In doubt about an unordained person: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving an unordained person as unordained: a Dukkaṭa offense.

⁵⁹⁹ *Apacaya*. In the Canon this word usually carries the specific connotation of "diminution of harmful qualities."

Non-offense[s]: One says, “It was learned this way from the questioning of our teachers”; for one who is crazy; and for the first offender.