

Pācittiya #24: Accusing a Monk of Exhorting Nuns for the Sake of Material Gain

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvattī, at Jeta's Grove, in Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, senior monks exhorting nuns were receivers of robes, almsfood, lodgings, illness-supports, and medicinal equipment. [Some] group-of-six monks said, "The senior monks have not done much to exhort the nuns; the senior monks exhort nuns for the sake of material gain." Those monks who were of few wishes... "How is it that group-of-six monks will say 'The senior monks have not done much to exhort the nuns; the senior monks exhort nuns for the sake of material gain'?" ... "Is it true that you, monks, said 'The senior monks have not done much to exhort the nuns; the senior monks exhort nuns for the sake of material gain'?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is that you, foolish men, will say 'The senior monks have not done much to exhort the nuns; the senior monks exhort nuns for the sake of material gain'? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training rule:

"If any monk says 'The senior monks have not done much to exhort the nuns; the senior monks exhort nuns for the sake of material gain': a Pācittiya."

Any monk: ...

Sake of material gain: The sake of robes, almsfood, lodgings, supplies for the sick, medicinal equipment, homage, esteem, respect, veneration, worship.

Says: Wishing to produce dispraise, disgrace, [or] shame in a fully ordained nun-exhorter who has been authorized by the community, one says "He exhorts for the sake of robes, almsfood, lodgings, illness-supports, medicinal equipment, homage, esteem, respect, veneration, worship": a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a valid act as valid, one says this: a Pācittiya offense.

In doubt about a valid act, one says this: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a valid act as invalid, one says this: a Pācittiya offense.

Wishing to produce dispraise, disgrace, [or] shame in a fully ordained nun-exhorter who has not been authorized by the community, one says "He exhorts for the sake of... worship": a Dukkaṭa offense.

Wishing to produce dispraise, disgrace, [or] shame in an unordained nun-exhorter who has or has not been authorized by the community, one says "He exhorts for the sake of... worship": a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving an invalid act⁵⁰³ as valid: a Dukkaṭa offense.

⁵⁰³ "Act" here refers to the formal authorization of a monk allowing him to exhort nuns.

In doubt about an invalid act: a Dukkaṭa offense.
Perceiving an invalid act as invalid: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Non-offense[s]: When he usually exhorts for the sake of robes, almsfood, lodgings, supplies for the sick, medicinal equipment, homage, esteem, respect, veneration, worship; for one who is crazy; and for the first offender.