

Pācittiya #52: Tickling

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvatti, at Jeta's grove, in Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, group-of-six monks made group-of-seventeen monks laugh by tickling with their fingers. A monk, gasping and unable to breathe, died. Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that group-of-six monks will make monks laugh by tickling with their fingers?" ... "Is it true that you, monks, made monks laugh by tickling with their fingers?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, foolish men, will make monks laugh by tickling with their fingers? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

"In tickling with the fingers: a Pācittiya."

Tickling with the fingers: A fully ordained person intent on [inducing] laughter touches a fully ordained person body-to-body: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a fully ordained person as fully ordained, one induces laughter by tickling with the fingers: a Pācittiya offense.

In doubt when it is a fully ordained person, one induces laughter...: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving a fully ordained person as unordained, one induces laughter...: a Pācittiya offense.

One touches something connected to the body with the body: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches the body with something connected to the body: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches something connected to the body with something connected to the body: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches the body by releasing⁵⁹⁸: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches something connected to the body by releasing: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches something released by releasing: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches an unordained person body-to-body: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches something connected to the body with the body: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches the body with something connected to the body: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches something connected to the body with something connected to the body: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches the body by releasing: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches something connected to the body by releasing: a Dukkaṭa offense.

One touches something released by releasing: a Dukkaṭa offense.

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

In doubt about an unordained person: a Dukkaṭa offense.

⁵⁹⁸ Such as by dropping an object over the other person.

Perceiving an unordained person as unordained: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Non-offense[s]: Not intent on [inducing] laughter; one touches when there is something to be done; for one who is crazy; and for the first offender.