

## **Pācittiya #20: Pouring Out Water that Contains Living Beings**

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Āḷavi, at the Aggāḷava Shrine. Furthermore, on this occasion, Āḷavi monks were performing new work; they knowingly poured and caused to be poured water that contained living beings on grass and clay. Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: “How is it that Āḷavi monks will knowingly pour and cause to be poured water containing living beings on grass and clay?” Then those monks, having reprimanded the Āḷavi monks in various ways, reported this matter to the Blessed One... “Is it true that you, monks, knowingly poured and caused to be poured water that contained living beings on grass and clay?” “It is true, Blessed One.” The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... “How is it that you, foolish men, will knowingly pour and cause to be poured water containing living beings on grass and clay? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training rule:

**“If any monk knowingly pours or causes to be poured water that contains living beings on grass or on clay: a Pācittiya.”**

**Any monk:** ...

**Knows:** He knows for himself, or others report it to him.

**Pours:** He pours it himself: a Pācittiya offense.

**Causes to be poured:** He commands another: a Pācittiya offense. When commanded once, [another person] pours many times: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving it as containing living beings when it contains living beings, one pours it or causes it to be poured on grass or clay: a Pācittiya offense.

In doubt when it contains living beings...: a dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving it as not containing living beings when it contains living beings...: 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]:** Unintentionally; unmindfully; unknowingly; for one who is crazy; and for the first offender.