

Pācittiya #63: Pressing For Further Action on a Settled Issue

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 pressed for further action⁶²² on an issue settled according to Dhamma, [saying] "The action was not done, it was wrongly done, it should be redone; it was not settled, it was wrongly settled, it should be resettled." Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that group-of-six monks will knowingly press for further action on an issue settled according to Dhamma?" ... "Is it true that you, monks, knowingly pressed for further action on an issue settled according to Dhamma?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, foolish men, will knowingly press for further action on an issue settled according to Dhamma? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

"If any monk knowingly presses for further action on an issue settled according to Dhamma: a Pācittiya."

Any monk: ...

Knows: He knows [it] himself, or others report to him, or he reports.

According to Dhamma: It was done by the Dhamma, by the Vinaya, by the Teacher's instructions⁶²³ – that is called "according to Dhamma."

Issue: Four [kinds of] issues – dispute-issue, admonition-issue, offense-issue, duty-issue.

Presses for further action: [Saying] "The action was not done, it was wrongly done, it should be redone; it was not settled, it was wrongly settled, it should be resettled," one presses: a Pācittiya offense.

Perceiving it as a valid act when it is a valid act, one presses: a Pācittiya offense.

In doubt when it is a valid act, one presses: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving it as an invalid act when it is a valid act, one presses: non-offense.

Perceiving it as a valid act when it is an invalid act: a Dukkaṭa offense.

In doubt when it is an invalid act: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Perceiving it as an invalid act when it is an invalid act: non-offense.

Non-offense[s]: Knowing "The action was not done by Dhamma, or it was done factiously, or it was done for one not deserving it" one presses; for one who is crazy; for the first offender.

⁶²² *Punakamma*.

⁶²³ *Satthusāsana*. Lit. "teacher's teaching."