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1. Whoever, O bhikkhus, might say thus: “In which ever way that a person creates a kamma, in just that way he experiences.” That being so, O bhikkhus, there is not the living the life of purity and an opportunity for rightly making an end of suffering is not evident.

2. But whoever, O bhikkhus, might say thus: “In which ever way to be felt that a person creates a kamma, in just that way he feels the results.” That being so, O bhikkhus, there is the living the life of purity and an opportunity for rightly making an end of suffering is evident.

3. Here, O bhikkhus, for a certain person, even a trifling measure of evil kamma done leads him to hell. However here, O bhikkhus, for a certain person, that same trifling measure of evil kamma done is to be felt in this life without even a tiny [residual] to be seen, what [to speak of] very much [residual].

4. For what kind of person, O bhikkhus, does even a trifling measure of evil kamma done lead him to hell?

5. Here, O bhikkhus, a certain person is undeveloped in body, undeveloped in virtue, undeveloped in mind, and undeveloped in wisdom. He is inconsequential, depraved, and dwells in suffering over insignificant [matters]. For

this kind of person, O bhikkhus, even a trifling measure of evil kamma done lead him to hell?

6. For what kind of person, O bhikkhus, does that same trifling measure of evil kamma done is to be felt in this life without even a tiny [residual] to be seen, what [to speak of] very much [residual].

7. Here, O bhikkhus, a certain person is developed in body, developed in virtue, developed in mind, and developed in wisdom. He is influential, magnanimous, and dwells in immeasurable [samadhi]. For this kind of person, that same trifling measure of evil kamma done is to be felt in this life without even a tiny [residual] to be seen, what [to speak of] very much [residual].

8. “Just as, O bhikkhus, a salt crystal were to be dropped in a small cup of water. So what do you think, O bhikkhus, would such a salt crystal make the small cup of water salty and undrinkable?”

9. Yes, Bhante.

10. What is the reason for that?

11. Because, O Bhante, however much water there is in such a small cup, such a salt crystal would make that water salty and undrinkable.”

12. “Just as, O bhikkhus, a salt crystal were to be dropped in the river Ganges. So what do you think, O bhikkhus, would such a salt crystal make the river Ganges salty and undrinkable?”

13. Certainly not, Bhante.

14. What is the reason for that?

15. “Because, O Bhante, the river Ganges is an expansive body of water, such a salt crystal would certainly not make that water salty and undrinkable.”

16. So too, O bhikkhus, here for a certain person, even a trifling measure of evil kamma done leads him to hell. However here, O bhikkhus, for a certain person, that same trifling measure of evil kamma done is to be felt in this life without even a tiny [residual] to be seen, what [to speak of] very much [residual].

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21. Here, O bhikkhus, a certain person undergoes imprisonment even for half a kahapana or for a kahapana or for a hundred kahapanas. However, here a certain person does not undergo imprisonment even for half a kahapana or for a kahapana or for a hundred kahapanas.

22. What kind of person, O bhikkhus, undergoes imprisonment even for half a kahapana or for a kahapana or for a hundred kahapanas?

23. Here, O bhikkhus, a certain person is poor, with little possessions, with little wealth. Such a kind of [per-

son], O bhikkhus, undergoes imprisonment even for half a kahapana or for a kahapana or for a hundred kahapanas.

24. What kind of person, O bhikkhus, does not undergo imprisonment even for half a kahapana or for a kahapana or for a hundred kahapanas?

25. Here, O bhikkhus, a certain person is wealthy, with great riches, with great wealth. Such a kind of [person], O bhikkhus, does not undergo imprisonment even for half a kahapana or for a kahapana or for a hundred kahapanas.

26. So too, O bhikkhus, here for a certain person, even a trifling measure of evil kamma done leads him to hell. However here, O bhikkhus, for a certain person, that same trifling measure of evil kamma done is to be felt in this life without even a tiny [residual] to be seen, what [to speak of] very much [residual].

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31. “Just as, O bhikkhus, a sheep owner or a sheep butcher is able to kill, imprison, fine, or do with as he likes, some person who is taking a sheep that is not given, [whereas] he is not able to kill, imprison, fine, or do with as he likes, another person who is taking a sheep that is not given.

32. What kind of person, O bhikkhus, is a sheep owner or a sheep butcher able to kill, imprison, fine, or do with, as he likes, some person who is taking a sheep that is not given?

33. Here, O bhikkhus, a certain person is poor, with little possessions, with little wealth. For such a kind of [person], O bhikkhus, a sheep owner or a sheep butcher is able to kill, imprison, fine, or do with, as he likes, some person who is taking a sheep that is not given.

34. What kind of person, O bhikkhus, is a sheep owner or a sheep butcher not able to kill, imprison, fine, or do with, as he likes, some person who is taking a sheep that is not given?

35. Here, O bhikkhus, a certain person is wealthy, with great riches, with great wealth, like a king or a king's minister. For such a kind of [person], O bhikkhus, a sheep owner or a sheep butcher is not able to kill, imprison, fine, or do with, as he likes for taking a sheep that is not given? On the other hand, he will plead with him respectfully thus: "Venerable sir, hand over my sheep or [compensate me for] the sheep's worth."

36. So too, O bhikkhus, here for a certain person, even a trifling measure of evil kamma done leads him to hell. However here, O bhikkhus, for a certain person, that same trifling measure of evil kamma done is to be felt in this life without even a tiny [residual] to be seen, what [to speak of] very much [residual].

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