

0.0.1 Means for Progress

0. At Savatthi:

1. “O bhikkhus, I do not praise the misguided means for progress of either a lay person or of one gone forth. Whether a lay person, O bhikkhus, or one gone forth has entered upon the misguided path, misguided practice is the reason and cause that one does not achieve the know-how, the Dhamma that is wholesome. And what, O bhikkhus, is the misguided means for progress? That is: misguided view, misguided thought, misguided speech, misguided action, misguided livelihood, misguided effort, misguided mindfulness, misguided samadhi. This is called, O bhikkhus, the misguided means for progress. O bhikkhus, I do not praise the misguided means for progress of either a lay person or of one gone forth. Whether a lay person, O bhikkhus, or one gone forth has entered upon the misguided path, misguided practice is the reason and cause that one does not achieve the know-how, the Dhamma that is wholesome.

2. O bhikkhus, I praise the right means for progress of either a lay person or of one gone forth. Whether a lay person, O bhikkhus, or one gone forth has entered upon the right path, right practice is the reason and cause that one achieves the know-how, the Dhamma that is wholesome. And what, O bhikkhus, is the right means for progress? That is: right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right

mindfulness, right samadhi. This is called, O bhikkhus, the right means for progress. O bhikkhus, I praise the right means for progress of either a lay person or of one gone forth. Whether a lay person, O bhikkhus, or one gone forth has entered upon the right path, right practice is the reason and cause that one achieves the know-how, the Dhamma that is wholesome.”