

0.0.1 Little Learning

1. “These four individuals, O bhikkhus, are to be found existing in the world. Which four?

2. One with little learning who has not entered upon what he has learned, one with little learning who has entered upon what he has learned, one with much learning who has not entered upon what he has learned, one with much learning who has entered upon what he has learned.

3. And how, O bhikkhus, is an individual one with little learning who has not entered upon what he has learned? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain individual has learned little of the discourses, mixed prose and verse, expositions, verses, inspired utterances, quotations, birth stories, amazing accounts, and questions-and-answers. Of the little that he has learned, not having understood the meaning, not having understood the Dhamma, he has not entered upon the path of dhamma that accords with the Dhamma. Thus indeed, O bhikkhus, is an individual one of little learning who has not entered upon what he has learned.

4. And how, O bhikkhus, is an individual one with little learning who has entered upon what he has learned? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain individual has learned little of the discourses, mixed prose and verse, expositi-

tions, verses, inspired utterances, quotations, birth stories, amazing accounts, and questions-and-answers. Of the little that he has learned, having understood the meaning, having understood the Dhamma, he has entered upon the path of dhamma that accords with the Dhamma. Thus indeed, O bhikkhus, is an individual one of little learning who has entered upon what he has learned.

5. And how, O bhikkhus, is an individual one with much learning who has not entered upon what he has learned? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain individual has learned much of the discourses, mixed prose and verse, expositions, verses, inspired utterances, quotations, birth stories, amazing accounts, and questions-and-answers. Of the much that he has learned, not having understood the meaning, not having understood the Dhamma, he has not entered upon the path of dhamma that accords with the Dhamma. Thus indeed, O bhikkhus, is an individual one of much learning who has not entered upon what he has learned.

6. And how, O bhikkhus, is an individual one with much learning who has entered upon what he has learned? Here, O bhikkhus, a certain individual has learned much of the discourses, mixed prose and verse, expositions, verses, inspired utterances, quotations, birth stories, amazing accounts, and questions-and-answers. Of the much that he has learned, having understood the meaning, hav-

ing understood the Dhamma, he has entered upon the path of dhamma that accords with the Dhamma. Thus indeed, O bhikkhus, is an individual one of much learning who has entered upon what he has learned.

7. These indeed, O bhikkhus, are the four individuals to be found existing in the world.”

“One of little learning, if
he is not settled in the virtues,
they blame him on both [accounts],
from virtue and by what he has learned.

Even one of little learning, if
he is firmly settled in the virtues,
they praise him from virtue,
His learning has succeeded.

Even one of much learning, if
he is not settled in the virtues,
they blame him from virtue,
His learning has not succeeded.

One of much learning too, if
he is firmly settled in the virtues,
they praise him on both [accounts],
from virtue and by what he has learned.

One who is well-learned, bearer of the Dham-

ma,
The Buddha's disciple who is wise.
Just like a big coin of gold from Jambu River,
who is fit to blame him?
Even the devas praise him,
by brahmas too he is praised.”