

0.0.1 Hair Blanket

1. Just as, O bhikkhus, of all woven cloths, the hair blanket robe is declared the worst. Hair blanket, O bhikkhus, is cold when cold, hot when hot, ugly, foul smelling and uncomfortable. So too, O bhikkhus, of all the doctrines of the common samanas, the doctrine of Makkhali is declared the worst.

2. The empty man Makkhali, O bhikkhus, holds such doctrine, such view: “There is not kamma, there is not deed, there is not effort.”

3. Whichever arahants were of the past, O bhikkhus, rightly self-awakened ones, all those Auspicious Ones indeed [taught] the doctrine of kamma and the doctrine of deed and the doctrine of effort. Yet, this empty man Makkhali, O bhikkhus, contradicts them, [declaring]: “There is not kamma, there is not deed, there is not effort.”

4. Whichever arahants will be in the future, O bhikkhus, rightly self-awakened ones, all those Auspicious Ones too will indeed [teach] the doctrine of kamma and the doctrine of deed and the doctrine of effort. Yet, this empty man Makkhali, O bhikkhus, contradicts them too, [declaring]: “There is not kamma, there is not deed, there is not effort.”

5. At the present, O bhikkhus, I too, the arahant, the rightly self-awakened one, indeed [teach] the doctrine of kamma and the doctrine of deed and the doctrine of effort. Yet, this empty man Makkhali, O bhikkhus, contradicts me too, [declaring]: “There is not kamma, there is not deed, there is not effort.”

6. Suppose, O bhikkhus, a fish trap were to be set at the mouth of a river. It would be for the non-welfare, suffering, misfortune and destruction of many fish. So too, O bhikkhus, the empty man Makkhali, has arisen in the world as a trap for human beings, so to speak, for the non-welfare, suffering, misfortune and destruction of many beings.