

## Sabba,lahusa Sutta<sup>1</sup>

### The Discourse on the Lightest (Results)

[The results of breaking the Precepts]

(Aṅguttara Nikāya 8.40/4:247 f)

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1 Monks, associating with the harming of living beings, pursuing it, often doing it, brings one to hell, to the animal kingdom, to the realm of the departed. The lightest<sup>2</sup> result of the harming of living beings is having a short life as a human

2 Monks, associating with the taking of the not-given, pursuing it, often doing it, brings one to hell, to the animal kingdom, to the realm of the departed. The lightest result of the taking of the not-given is the loss of wealth as a human

3 Monks, associating with sexual misconduct, pursuing it, often doing it, brings one to hell, to the animal kingdom, to the realm of the departed. The lightest result of sexual misconduct is (suffering) rivalry and hate as a human.

4 Monks, associating with false speech, pursuing it, often doing it, brings one to hell, to the animal kingdom, to the realm of the departed. The lightest result of false speech is (suffering) false statements as a human.

5 Monks, associating with divisive speech, pursuing it, often doing it, brings one to hell, to the animal kingdom, to the realm of the departed. The lightest result of divisive speech is the loss of friends as a human.

6 Monks, associating with harsh speech, pursuing it, often doing it, brings one to hell, to the animal kingdom, to the realm of the departed. The lightest result of harsh speech is unpleasant sounds in a human.

7 Monks, associating with frivolous speech, pursuing it, often doing it, brings one to hell, to the animal kingdom, to the realm of the departed. The lightest result of frivolous speech is that others (habitually) take no notice of one's speech<sup>3</sup> as a human.

8 Monks, associating with the taking of strong drinks and distilled drinks,<sup>4</sup> pursuing it, often doing it, brings one to hell, to the animal kingdom, to the realm of the departed. The lightest result of the taking of strong drinks and distilled drinks is madness in a human.

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<sup>1</sup> The Chaṭṭha Saṅgayanā CD calls this **Duccarita Vipāka Sutta**, the Discourse on the Results of Evil Conduct.

<sup>2</sup> “Lightest,” *sabba,lahusa*. Comy glosses as *parittaka*, “small”.

<sup>3</sup> “Others (habitually) take no notice of one's speech,” *anādeyya, vācā, saṁvattanika*.

<sup>4</sup> This is a shorter statement of the precept; the full precept is: “the taking of strong drinks, distilled drinks, fermented drinks and that which causes heedlessness.”