

Duccaritavipākasutta

AN 8.40 — The Results of Misconduct

How repeated misconduct shapes future birth and human life

THE EIGHT IMMORAL ACTS



1 Killing living beings



2 Taking what is not given



3 Sexual misconduct



4 Lying



5 Divisive speech



6 Harsh speech



7 Frivolous speech



8 Intoxicants

THE RESULTS OF REPEATED MISCONDUCT



Repeated misconduct



Painful Destinations



Niraya
(hell realms)



Tiracchāna-yoni
(animal realms)



Pettivisaya
(ghost realms)



Human Results
in this very life

- Sorrow and regret
- Loss of trust
- Disputed relationships
- Inner agitation
- Unwholesome rebirth

What is repeatedly cultivated shapes both future birth and present character.

Pāli retained • Paragraph-by-paragraph translation • Everyday examples

Pāṇātipāto

Killing living beings and its effect on future births

1 What It Means



Intentionally
killing living beings;
harming, destroying,
or taking life.

2 Future Births

When cultivated, developed, and repeated, this deed leads toward painful rebirths.



Niraya
— Hell —



Tiracchāna-yoni
— Animal Birth —



Pettivisaya
— Hungry Ghost Realm —

3 Lightest Human Result



*Yo sabbalahuso pāṇātipātassa vipāko,
manussabhūtaṃ
appāyukasaṃvattaniko hoti.*

Its lightest result, when one is
reborn human, is short life.

4 Why It Harms the Citta



Feeds cruelty



Conditions fear and violence



Agitates and hardens the heart



5 The Wholesome Opposite



Abstaining
from killing



Protecting life



Compassion and
harmlessness (*ahiṃsā*)

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Key Message

*What is repeatedly cultivated shapes
both future birth and present character.*

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Adinnādānam

Stealing and its effect on future births

1 What It Means



Taking what is not given; stealing, misappropriating, or dishonestly taking another's property.

2 Future Births

When cultivated, developed, and repeated, this deed leads toward painful rebirths.



Niraya
— Hell —



Tiracchāna-yoni
— Animal Birth —



Pettivisaya
— Hungry Ghost Realm —

3 Lightest Human Result



*Yo sabbalahuso adinnādānassa vipāko,
manussabhūtassa
bhogabyasanasaṁvattaniko hoti.*

Its lightest result, when one is reborn human, is loss of wealth and possessions.

4 Why It Harms the Citta



Feeds greed



Breaks trust



Conditions insecurity and fear of loss



5 The Wholesome Opposite



Not taking what is not given



Honesty and contentment



Generosity and respect for others' property

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Key Message

Greed and dishonesty shape both future birth and present character.



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Kāmesumicchācāro

Sexual misconduct and its effect on future births

1 What It Means



Sexual misconduct;
irresponsible sensual
conduct that violates
trust, commitment,
or rightful boundaries.

2 Future Births

When cultivated, developed, and repeated, this deed leads toward painful rebirths.



Niraya
— Hell —



Tiracchāna-yoni
— Animal Birth —



Pettivisaya
— Hungry Ghost Realm —

3 Lightest Human Result



*Yo sabbalahuuso kāmesumicchācārassa
vipāko, manussabhūtaṣṣa
sapattaverasaṁvattaniko hoti.*

Its lightest result, when one is
reborn human, is rivalry, jealousy,
and enmity.

4 Why It Harms the Citta



Feeds sensual obsession



Breaks trust and loyalty



Creates conflict, rivalry, and unrest



5 The Wholesome Opposite



Sexual restraint
and responsibility



Respect for
relationships and
boundaries



Contentment
and integrity



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Key Message

*Sensual misconduct brings turmoil
to relationships, the heart, and future birth.*

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Musāvādo

Lying and its effect on future births

1 What It Means



False speech;
intentionally speaking
what is untrue in
order to deceive.

2 Future Births

When cultivated, developed, and repeated, this deed leads toward painful rebirths.



Niraya
— Hell —



Tiracchāna-yoni
— Animal Birth —



Pettivisaya
— Hungry Ghost Realm —

3 Lightest Human Result



*Yo sabbalahuso musāvādassa vipāko,
manussabhūtassa
abhūtabbhakkhānasaṁvattaniko hoti.*

Its lightest result, when one is
reborn human, is being falsely
accused or falsely blamed.

4 Why It Harms the Citta



Distorts reality



Breaks trust



Unsettles speech and conscience



5 The Wholesome Opposite



Truthfulness



Reliable and
honest speech



Speaking what
accords with fact



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Key Message

Falsehood corrupts both speech and destiny.

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Pisunā Vācā

Divisive speech and its effect on future births

1 What It Means



Divisive speech;
speech that creates
separation, discord,
and conflict
between people.

2 Future Births

When cultivated, developed, and repeated, this deed leads toward painful rebirths.



Niraya
— Hell —



Tiracchāna-yoni
— Animal Birth —



Pettivisaya
— Hungry Ghost Realm —

3 Lightest Human Result



*Yo sabbalahuso pisunāya vācāya vipāko,
manussabhūtassa
mittehi bhedanasaṁvattaniko hoti.*

Its lightest result, when one is
reborn human, is separation from
friends and companions.

4 Why It Harms the Citta



Nourishes division



Breaks harmony



Feeds suspicion and conflict



5 The Wholesome Opposite



Reconciliatory
speech



Harmony
and friendship



Speech that
unites people



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Key Message
*Speech that divides
also divides the heart and its future.*

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Pharusā Vācā

Harsh speech and its effect on future births

1 What It Means



Harsh speech;
cruel, abusive,
wounding, or rough
speech that hurts
others.

2 Future Births

When cultivated, developed, and repeated, this deed leads toward painful rebirths.



Niraya
— Hell —



Tiracchāna-yoni
— Animal Birth —



Pettivisaya
— Hungry Ghost Realm —

3 Lightest Human Result



*Yo sabbalahuso pharusāya vācāya vipāko,
manussabhūtaṃ
amanāpasaddasaṃvattaniko hoti.*

Its lightest result, when one is
reborn human, is hearing unpleasant
and disagreeable sounds or speech.

4 Why It Harms the Citta



Feeds anger



Wounds others



Makes the mind rough
and agitated



5 The Wholesome Opposite



Gentle speech



Kind and
beneficial words



Patience and
restraint

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Key Message

Words that wound others leave wounds in the citta.

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Samphappalāpo

Frivolous speech and its effect on future births

1 What It Means



Frivolous, idle, or meaningless speech; pointless chatter that lacks purpose and truth.

2 Future Births

When cultivated, developed, and repeated, this deed leads toward painful rebirths.



Niraya
— Hell —



Tiracchāna-yoni
— Animal Birth —



Pettivisaya
— Hungry Ghost Realm —

3 Lightest Human Result



*Yo sabbalahuso samphappalāpassa vipāko,
manussabhūtaṃ
anādeyyavācāsaṃvattaniko hoti.*

Its lightest result, when one is reborn human, is that one's words are not respected, accepted, or taken seriously.

4 Why It Harms the Citta



Scatters the mind



Wastes energy



Weakens seriousness and depth



5 The Whorolesome Opposite



Meaningful speech



Timely and beneficial words



Silence when speech is not useful



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Key Message

*Careless speech leads to a careless mind
and weakens the power of words.*

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Surāmerayapānaṃ

Intoxicants and its effect on future births

1 What It Means



Drinking intoxicants;
alcohol and substances
that lead to heedlessness
and negligence.

2 Future Births

When cultivated, developed, and repeated, this deed leads toward painful rebirths.



Niraya
— Hell —



Tiracchāna-yoni
— Animal Birth —



Pettivisaya
— Hungry Ghost Realm —

3 Lightest Human Result



*Yo sabbalahuso surāmerayapānassa vipāko,
manussabhūtassa
ummattakasaṃvattaniko hoti.*

Its lightest result, when one is
reborn human, is madness,
derangement, or a disturbed mind.

4 Why It Harms the Citta



Destroys mindfulness



Leads to negligence



Clouds judgment and clarity



5 The Wholesome Opposite



Sobriety



Heedfulness



Clarity and mindfulness

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Key Message

*What clouds the mind today
can darken both destiny and wisdom.*

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