

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 2.1.6

Cintīsuttaṃ

The Characteristics of Foolish and of Wise People



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“Tīṇimāni, bhikkhave, bālassa bālalakkhaṇāni bālanimittāni bālāpadānāni.	There are, O'Bhikkhus, three marks, three signs and three characteristics of a foolish person.
Katamāni tīṇi? Idha, bhikkhave, bālo duccintitacintī ca hoti dubbhāsītabhāsī ca dukkaṭakammaṅkāri ca.	Which three? Such a fool, O'Bhikkhus, thinks thoughts, speaks words and performs actions that are wrong.
No cedam, bhikkhave, bālo duccintitacintī ca abhaviṣṣa dubbhāsītabhāsī ca dukkaṭakammaṅkāri ca, kena naṃ paṇḍitā jāneyyūṃ:	Were it not so, O'Bhikkhus, that a foolish person thinks thoughts, speaks words and performs actions that are wrong, how would wise person be able to know:
Bālo ayaṃ bhavaṃ asappuriso'ti? Yasmā ca kho, bhikkhave, bālo duccintitacintī ca hoti dubbhāsītabhāsī ca dukkaṭakammaṅkāri ca,	This is a foolish person, an unworthy person? But because, O'Bhikkhus, a foolish person thinks thoughts, speaks words and performs actions that are wrong,
tasmā naṃ paṇḍitā jānanti— ‘bālo ayaṃ bhavaṃ asappuriso'ti.	therefor wise person know: ‘this is a foolish person, an unworthy person!’
Imāni kho, bhikkhave, tīṇi bālassa bālalakkhaṇāni bālanimittāni bālāpadānāni.	These are, O'Bhikkhus, the three marks, three signs and three characteristics of a foolish person.
Tīṇimāni, bhikkhave, paṇḍitassa paṇḍitalakkhaṇāni paṇḍitanimittāni paṇḍitāpadānāni.	There are, O'Bhikkhus, three marks, three signs and three characteristics of a wise person.
Katamāni tīṇi? Idha, bhikkhave, paṇḍito sucintitacintī ca hoti subhāsītabhāsī ca sukatakkammaṅkāri ca.	Which three? Such a wise person, O'Bhikkhus, thinks thoughts, speaks words and performs actions that are right.

No cedam, bhikkhave, paṇḍito sucintitacintī ca abhaviṣṣa subhāsitabhāsī ca sukatakammakārī ca, kena naṃ paṇḍitā jāneyyūṃ:	Were it not so, O'Bhikkhus that wise person thinks thoughts, speaks words and performs actions that are right, how would a wise person be able to know:
‘paṇḍito ayam bhavaṃ sappuriso’ti? Yasmā ca kho, bhikkhave, paṇḍito sucintitacintī ca hoti subhāsitabhāsī ca sukatakammakārī ca tasmā naṃ paṇḍitā jānanti:	‘This is a wise person, a worthy person’? But because, O'Bhikkhus, a wise person thinks thoughts, speaks words and performs actions that are right, therefor wise person know:
‘paṇḍito ayam bhavaṃ sappuriso’ti.	this is a wise person, a worthy person!
Imāni kho, bhikkhave, tīṇi paṇḍitassa paṇḍitalakkhaṇāni paṇḍitanimittāni paṇḍitāpadānāni.	These are, O'Bhikkhus, the three marks, three signs and three characteristics of a wise person.
Tasmātiha, bhikkhave, ‘idaṃ dukkhan’ti yogo karaṇīyo ‘ayam dukkhasamudayo’ti yogo karaṇīyo, ‘ayam dukkhanirodho’ti yogo karaṇīyo, ‘ayam dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā’ti yogo karaṇīyo’ti.	Therefore make it your practice, Bhikkhus.....