

Exploring the Ancient Path in the Buddha's Own Words

Lesson 3.5.2 Cārittaṃ Vārittaṃ Sikkhāpada Cāritta and Vāritta Sila



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Duvidhakoṭṭhāse yaṃ bhagavatā “idaṃ kattabban”ti paññattasikkhāpadapūraṇaṃ, taṃ cārittaṃ.	Following the training of precepts as described by the Bhagava, saying: “This should be done!” that is keeping.
Yaṃ “idaṃ na kattabban”ti paṭikkhittassa akaraṇaṃ, taṃ vārittaṃ.	If those things are not performed, that are rejected by him saying: “This should not be done!” that is avoiding.
Tatrāyaṃ vacanattho.	Here is the meaning of the wording:
Caranti tasmim sīlesu paripūrakāritāya pavattantīti cārittaṃ.	They proceed within the virtues, fulfilling them, thus it is keeping.
Vārittaṃ tāyanti rakkhanti tenāti vārittaṃ.	They shelter, protecting avoidance, thus it is avoiding.
Tattha saddhāvīriyasādhanāṃ cārittaṃ, saddhāsatisādhanāṃ vārittaṃ.	Thus enforcing faith and energy, they accomplish keeping; providing faith and mindfulness they accomplish avoiding.
Evaṃ cārittavārittavasena duvidhaṃ.	This is how keeping and avoiding is twofold.