

ARROWS OF VEXATION

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In the *BUDDHA TREASURY SUTRA* the Buddha told Shariputra, "Left-home people who break the Precepts are pierced by Ten Arrows of Vexation.

1. Bhikshus who violate the Precepts give rise to disgust when they see the Sangha living together in harmony. Why is this? They think, "During the Uposatha they will most certainly dismiss me." Such evil Bhikshus, knowing their own mistakes, are always fretting and worrying and full of anxiety. Toward those who hold the Precepts purely, they harbor hatred. This is the first arrow of vexation.

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