Iti 108 — Deceivers

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Text

So It Was Said 108

The Book of the Fours

The Chapter on the Brahmin's Offering of the Teaching

Deceivers

This was said by the Buddha, the Perfected One: that is what I heard.

"Mendicants, those mendicants who are deceivers and flatterers, pompous and fake, insolent and scattered: those mendicants are no followers of mine. They've left this teaching and training, and they don't achieve growth, improvement, or maturity in this teaching and training. But those mendicants who are genuine, not flatterers, attentive, amenable, and serene: those mendicants are followers of mine. They haven't left this teaching and training, and they achieve growth, improvement, or maturity in this teaching and training."

The Buddha spoke this matter. On this it is said:

"Those who are deceivers and flatterers, pompous and fake,

insolent and scattered:

these don't grow in the teaching

that was taught by the perfected Buddha.

But those who are genuine, not flatterers, attentive,

amenable, and serene:

these do grow in the teaching

that was taught by the perfected Buddha."

This too is a matter that was spoken by the Blessed One: that is what I heard.