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Verses of the Senior Monks 4.3

The Book of the Fours

Chapter One

Sabhiya

When others do not understand,

let us, who do understand this,

restrain ourselves in this regard;

for that is how conflicts are laid to rest.

And when those who don’t understand

behave as though they were immortal,

those who understand the Dhamma

are like the healthy among the sick.

Any lax act,

any corrupt observance,

or suspicious spiritual life,

is not very fruitful.

Whoever has no respect

for their spiritual companions

is as far from true Dhamma

as the firmament from the earth.