# AN 4.7 — Grace

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## Text

Numbered Discourses 4.7

1. At Wares Village

Grace

“Mendicants, these four who are competent, educated, self-assured, and learned, who have memorized the teachings and practice in line with the teaching, grace the Saṅgha. What four? A monk, a nun, a layman, and a laywoman.

These four who are competent, educated, self-assured, and learned, who have memorized the teachings and practice in line with the teaching, grace the Saṅgha.

Whoever is competent and self-assured,

learned, a memorizer of the teachings,

who lives in line with the teaching—

such a one is said to grace the Saṅgha.

A monk accomplished in ethics,

and a learned nun,

a faithful layman,

and a faithful laywoman, too:

these grace the Saṅgha,

they are the graces of the Saṅgha.”