AN 4.135 — Blameworthy

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14. Individuals

Blameworthy

“Mendicants, these four individuals are found in the world. What four? The blameworthy, the mostly blameworthy, the slightly blameworthy, and the blameless.

And how is an individual blameworthy? It’s when an individual does things by way of body, speech, and mind that are blameworthy. That’s how an individual is blameworthy.

And how is an individual mostly blameworthy? It’s when an individual does things by way of body, speech, and mind that are mostly blameworthy, but occasionally blameless. That’s how an individual is mostly blameworthy.

And how is an individual slightly blameworthy? It’s when an individual does things by way of body, speech, and mind that are mostly blameless, but occasionally blameworthy. That’s how an individual is slightly blameworthy.

And how is an individual blameless? It’s when an individual does things by way of body, speech, and mind that are blameless. That’s how an individual is blameless.

These are the four individuals found in the world.”