AN 4.202 — Faithless

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Numbered Discourses 4.202

21. A True Person

Faithless

“Mendicants, I will teach you an untrue person and an even more untrue person, a true person and an even truer person.

And what is an untrue person? It’s someone who is faithless, shameless, imprudent, with little learning, lazy, unmindful, and witless. This is called an untrue person.

And what is an even more untrue person? It’s someone who is faithless, shameless, imprudent, with little learning, lazy, unmindful, and witless. And they encourage others in these same qualities. This is called an even more untrue person.

And what is a true person? It’s someone who is faithful, conscientious, prudent, learned, energetic, mindful, and wise. This is called a true person.

And what is an even truer person? It’s someone who is personally accomplished in faith, conscience, prudence, learning, energy, mindfulness, and wisdom. And they encourage others in these same qualities. This is called an even truer person.”