AN 4.82 — Lying

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9. Confirmed

Lying

“Mendicants, someone with four qualities is placed in hell as if delivered there. What four? They use speech that’s false, backbiting, harsh, or nonsensical. Someone with these four qualities is placed in hell as if delivered there.

Someone with four qualities is placed in heaven as if delivered there. What four? They don’t use speech that’s false, backbiting, harsh, or nonsensical. Someone with these four qualities is placed in heaven as if delivered there.”