AN 5.153 — The Sure Path (3rd)

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16. The True Teaching

The Sure Path (3rd)

“Mendicants, someone with five qualities is unable to step into the sure path with regard to skillful qualities even when listening to the true teaching. What five? They listen to the teaching bent only on putting it down. They listen to the teaching with a hostile, fault-finding mind. They’re antagonistic to the teacher, planning to attack them. They’re witless, dull, and idiotic. And they think they know what they don’t know. Someone with these five qualities is unable to step into the sure path with regard to skillful qualities even when listening to the true teaching.

Someone with five qualities is able to step into the sure path with regard to skillful qualities when listening to the true teaching. What five? They don’t listen to the teaching bent only on putting it down. They don’t listen to the teaching with a hostile, fault-finding mind. They’re not antagonistic to the teacher, and not planning to attack them. They’re wise, bright, and clever. And they don’t think they know what they don’t know. Someone with these five qualities is able to step into the sure path with regard to skillful qualities when listening to the true teaching.”