

Hirigāraṇa Sutta

AN VII 33 Respect for Modesty
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*D*uring the night, bhikkhus,

Some devatā of exceeding beauty,
At the waning of the night
Illuminating the whole of Jeta's grove with her radiance
Came to the me,
Paid loving homage,
And stood to the side.

Then she said to the Awakened One:

[The Devatā]

"Bhante, there are seven things
That lead a bhikkhu to growth."

What seven?

One has respect for the Teacher, (1)
One has respect for the Dhamma, (2)
One has respect for the Saṅgha, (3)
One has respect for the training, (4)
One has respect for mental composure, (5)
One has respect for modesty, (6)
One has respect for moral conscience¹ (7)

Bhante, these are the seven things
That lead a bhikkhu to growth

This is what she said.

¹ Satthugāraṇatā, dhammagāraṇatā, saṅghagāraṇatā, sikkhāgāraṇatā, samādhigāraṇatā, hirigāraṇatā, ottappagāraṇatā.

*After declaring this, she paid homage
And disappeared right there.*

*One who esteems the Teacher and esteems the Dhamma,
Who sincerely esteems the saṅgha too,
Who is awake, and esteems Samādhi,
And who sincerely esteems the Training.*

*Endowed with modesty and moral conscience,
Respectful and reverential
That person is incapable of falling away,
And is in the presence of Nibbāna.*

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