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## **Panca Sila (The Five Precepts) in The Pali Canon**

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1. *Panatipata veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami.*
2. *Adinnadana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami.*
3. *Kamesu micchacara veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami.*
4. *Musavada veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami.*
5. *Sura meraya majja pamadatthana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami*

### **The Five Precepts (*Panca Sila*)**

1. I undertake the rule of training to refrain from killing living beings.
2. I undertake the rule of training to refrain from taking what is not given.
3. I undertake the rule of training to refrain from sexual misconduct.
4. I undertake the rule of training to refrain from false speech.
5. I undertake the rule of training to refrain from drugs and drink which tend to cloud the mind.

## ***Panca Sila (The Five Precepts) in The Pali Canon***

Ajahn Amaro, the abbot of Amaravati Monastery emphasizes that in some prominent places in the *suttas* only the first four precepts are mentioned, whereas all five precepts are described together in other *suttas*. Ajahn Amaro points out that the first four precepts are *pakati-sila* whereas the fifth precept is *pannatti-sila*. He provided details of the *Suttas* listed below.

Venerable Nyanatiloka explains in his *Buddhist Dictionary* that *pakati-sila* [is] natural or genuine morality, [which] is distinct from those outward rules of conduct laid down for either laymen or monks. Those latter are the so-called prescribed morality (*pannatti-sila*). (Venerable Nyanatiloka. *Buddhist Dictionary: Manual of Buddhist Terms and Doctrines*. 1997. (5th revised edition) Kandy, Sri Lanka, BPS Buddhist Publication Society.) (ISBN 955-24-0019-8)

Available online at Google Books <http://books.google.com>

Available online at [http://www.palikanon.com/english/wtb/dic\\_idx.html](http://www.palikanon.com/english/wtb/dic_idx.html)

Available online at [http://www.budsas.org/ebud/bud-dict/dic\\_idx.htm](http://www.budsas.org/ebud/bud-dict/dic_idx.htm)

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## **DN Digha Nikaya**

### **DN 1 Brahmajala Sutta**

Available online on the [www.accesstoinsight.org/](http://www.accesstoinsight.org/) website as:

DN 1 *Brahmajala Sutta*

PTS: D i 1

*Brahmajala Sutta*: The All-embracing Net of Views

translated from the Pali by Bhikkhu Bodhi

<http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/dn/dn.01.0.bodh.html>

*The Long Discourses of the Buddha: A Translation of the Digha Nikaya.*

1987. Translated from the Pali by Maurice Walsh. 1996. (Kandy, Sri Lanka, BPS Buddhist Publication Society). (ISBN 955-24-0154-2), Division One: The Moralities, Sutta 1 Brahmajala Sutta: The Supreme Net, pages 67-90. (Short Section on Morality 1.8 and 1.9 pages 68-69 includes the first Four Precepts of The Five Precepts *Panca Sila*. Notes are on page 538.)

Available online at Google Books <http://books.google.com>

*Dialogues of the Buddha.* Part I. Translated from the Pali of the Digha Nikaya by T.W. Rhys Davids. (Oxford, Pali Text Society, 1977 reprint of 1899.) (ISBN 0-7100-7629-0) (Sacred Books of the Buddhists Series Volume II). *Brahmajala Sutta*: The Perfect Net, pages xxv- 55. (The Moralities Part I Kula Sila: The Short Paragraphs on Conduct, 1.8 and 1.9 pages 3-5 include the first Four Precepts of The Five Precepts *Panca Sila*.)

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### **DN 26 Cakkavatti Sutta**

Available online on the [www.accesstoinsight.org/](http://www.accesstoinsight.org/) website as:

DN 26

PTS: D iii 58

*Cakkavatti Sutta*: The Wheel-turning Emperor

translated from the Pali by Thanissaro Bhikkhu

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The Lion's Roar on the Turning of the Wheel, pages 395-405. (26.6 pages 397-398 includes the Five Precepts *Panca Sila*. Notes are on page 601.)

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### **DN 31 Sigalovada Sutta**

Available online on the [www.accesstoinsight.org/](http://www.accesstoinsight.org/) website as:

DN 31

PTS: D iii 180

*Sigalovada Sutta*: The Discourse to Sigala

The Layperson's Code of Discipline

translated from the Pali by Narada Thera

<http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/dn/dn.31.0.nara.html>

*The Long Discourses of the Buddha: A Translation of the Digha Nikaya*. 1987. Translated from the Pali by Maurice Walsh. 1996. (Kandy, Sri Lanka, BPS Buddhist Publication Society). (ISBN 955-24-0154-2), Division Three: The Patika Division, Sutta 31 Sigalaka Sutta: To Sigalaka Advice to Lay People, pages 461-469. (31.3 pages 461-462 includes the first Four Precepts of The Five Precepts *Panca Sila*. Notes are on page 612.) (31.7 and 31.8 page 462 include the Fifth Precept of The Five Precepts *Panca Sila*.)

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AN 8.25

PTS: A iv 220

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Sn 2.14

PTS: Sn 376-378, 383-404

*Dhammika Sutta*: Dhammika

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translated from the Pali by John D. Ireland

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