



Buddha Speaks in World Today - 1

WHO IS A GOOD MAN

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Often one wonders:

- Who is a **good man** ?
- Who should you **trust** in life?
- Who should you **associate with**?
- Who deserves to be your **leader** ?

The obvious answer is 'one who really acts good'.

Now the question arises, how would one know - "what is good and what is not" - to determine who acts good and who acts bad; or who is a good person and who is bad and so on: to find the final answer.

In the context, let us examine, how would the Buddha define 'good'.

In the *Dhammasaṅgī*, the first book of the Abhidhamma Piṭaka, it is affirmed that

'All actions, whether bodily, vocal or mental, if burgeoning out of the three evil roots of the human psyche, namely, **avarice (lobha), malice (dosa) and ignorance (moha) are called "morally unwholesome or evil" action.**

On the contrary,

'All actions, budding out of from the morally wholesome roots, viz., magnanimity (alobha), love (adosa), and wisdom (amoha) are called good actions.

Thus to adjudge a person or his/her good or bad actions one must then examine his/her psyche underlying the actions. One may then find a right person to associate with. And also a right leader or politician to exercise the democratic right.