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Musavada Veramani

The following is taken from the article 'The Five Precepts - Panca Sila' by Maha Upsaka U Nu, published in "The Young Buddhist 1982", the annual journal of the Singapore Buddha-Yana Organisation (SBYO).

"The beneficial results of refraining from speaking falsehood":

The person who vigilantly and steadfastly observes this Musavada Precept reaches the World of Devas on his death. When he expires in the world of Devas, and is reborn in the world of human beings, he is endorsed with the following qualities:

- 1. having an open-hearted and radiant appearance;
- 2. having sweet and faultless;
- 3. having even and white teeth;
- 4. being not too fat;
- 5. being not too thin;
- 6. being not too short;
- 7. being not too tall;
- 8. having a body that is pleasant to touch;
- 9. having a fragrant mouth like the sweet smell of a lotus;
- 10. being listened to with regard and esteem by others;
- 11. having a significant and impressive way of expression;
- 12. having a soft, thin, red tongue like a lotus petal;
- 13. being free from disappointment of failure;
- 14, being free from shocks and alarms.

Musavada

"The bad result of speaking falsehood":

The person who utters falsehood is extremely likely, on his death, to reach the four lower planes of existence, and after that, if he should be reborn in the human world, he will be subjected to unjust allegations and may be held responsible for others misdeeds.