

# **What an Arahant Can't Do**

**AN 9.7**

‘A monk who is an Arahant—  
one whose taints are destroyed,  
who has lived the spiritual life,  
done what had to be done,  
laid down the burden of defilements,  
reached his own goal,  
utterly destroyed the fetters of existence,  
one completely liberated through final  
knowledge—

is incapable of doing these nine things:

1. He is incapable of intentionally killing a being.
2. He is incapable of stealing.
3. He is incapable of engaging in sexual intercourse.
4. He is incapable of deliberately lying.
5. He is incapable of storing things up in order to enjoy worldly pleasures as he did in the past when a layman.

6. He is incapable of rejecting the Buddha.
7. He is incapable of rejecting the Dhamma.
8. He is incapable of rejecting the Saṅgha.
9. He is incapable of rejecting the training.