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PREFACE

After hearing the Dhamma people understand
What is good and bad,
After hearing these verses
My mind delights in the Dhamma.

from the Sutasomajātakam

The following work is based on a book known under its Sinhala title as the Buddha Nīti Saṅgrahaya (බුදධ නීත සංගුනය) of Ven. Rerukane Candavimala, the former Mahānāyaka of the Swejin Nikāya in Sri Lanka, which is my ordination sect.

Ven. Rerukane Candavimala, who passed away in 1999 just short of his 100th brithday, was one of the foremost scholars in Sri Lanka in the 20th century, and his works, which cover the whole range of Buddhist studies, including Vinaya, Discourses, Abhidhamma and Meditation, are all still standard works of reference in the country.

Unfortunately his impact has been limited to the Sinhala speaking peoples, as only one of his many works (there are more than 30) has so far been translated into English: *Analysis of Perfections* (BPS, Kandy 2003), original title (*Paramattha-prakaranaya*).

I hope the present work, which has been a long-cherished project, will go some way to making his name better known in

the English-speaking world, and it is offered as a small tribute to the Venerable Monk's life and work.

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In preparing this volume for publication I have made a number of changes which seemed necessary during the course of my working on the text.

The most obvious of these is the division of the verses into chapters, whereas in the original they were organised into hundreds (*sataka*). I feel this helps to identify the sections and makes it easier for people to access relevant material also. The chapters are each around 20 verses long, so another advantage is they become easy enough to read and digest a chapter at a time.

I have also added in a short synopsis of the story that forms the basis for the verses, as in many cases it was difficult or even impossible to make sense of the verse without it, especially when there were references to characters in the verses that appeared in the stories; and I have further pointed out the moral of the verses.²

² This was also done in the original text, but I have not followed that schema here, preferring to summarise it myself.



¹ This original structure remains intact, and can be seen in the endtitles of each section, but I have de-emphasised it in favour of the chapter arrangement.

In a few cases, where I felt that some verses contained matter that is offensive to our modern sensibilities, I have replaced them with verses which I deem to be more appropriate.¹

It has proved necessary to re-establish the texts that were used. I was not intending to do this, but the fact of the matter is the original publication contains many mistakes in the printing, and in checking these it also became clear that there were many readings that could be adopted that would make better sense than the ones the text employed. I therefore eventually checked the text (*Text*) against the Sinhalese Buddha Jayanti (*BJT*) edition, the Burmese Chaṭṭha Saṅgāyana (*ChS*) and the Royal Thai (*Thai*) editions also.

I have also added in better references than were given in the original, where it would only say something like: Samyutta Nikāya; or Dh. Malavagga; or 30 Ni. Mahākapi Jā; and so on. Here I give more exact references: SN 1.1.76 Najīratisuttam; Dhp 246-7 Pañca-Upāsakavatthu (the title coming from the commentary); Jā 516 Mahākapijātakam. I have included some cross-references when they came to my notice, though I would have liked to have been more thorough about this.

I have divided the text into 3 editions so that readers can find the most appropriate one for their reading. The first is in $P\bar{a}$ ionly, which shows the complete framework for the

¹ This only effects the following verses: 228-230 (replaced with verses from the *Tesakuṇajātakaṁ*); 475-478 (replaced with verses from the *Vessantarajātakaṁ*) both from the infamous *Kuṇālajātakaṁ*.



establishment of the text, including all the metrical information that helped in choosing the readings. I have also read in the text nd am making it available as mp3 files, so that students can hear what the text and the metres sound like.

The Text and Translation edition on the other hand leaves out all the metrical information, and presents the text with the Pāḷi and the translation line by line, and gives a translation of the alternative readings, whenever they differed from the adopted text. This is useful for students, who want to gain access to the original language, but for whom a translation is still a necessary help.

The English-only edition is for those who simply want to read and understand the teachings that are contained in the verses, or are seeking advice on the best way of living their everyday lives.

I have included the Pāḷi in this edition, but I have deliberately avoided annotation here so that the message can be better conveyed, and also because this section is being published as audio .mp3 files, where annotation is superfluous. This edition is also available in .epub and .mobi formats for your eReader.

I have complemented the various editions by adding in various hyperlinked indexes that help access the material, and that are contained in the most relevant edition. There are also separate introductions to the different versions, giving extra and relevant information.

Introduction to the English Edition

This collection of verses, made by one of the leading scholarmonks in Sri Lanka in the 20th century, is one of the most useful compilations on the moral life of the layman that can be found.

Drawn mainly from the great verses collections in the Pāḷi Nikāyas¹ almost all aspects of the lay life have been covered, and it brings together in a fairly comprehensive way many teachings that would otherwise be lost in obscurity.

Throughout the book it is possible to find teachings on all matters of the ethical life, that will help guide anyone to make better life-choices whether it be at business and work, or in the home life and their various relationships.

Around two-thirds of the verses are drawn from the Jātaka stories, and it was this great storehouse of wisdom stories that formed the ethical thinking of most of the Buddhist societies in the Middle Ages, but which now has gone out of fashion.

The great heroes of those days, in such strong contrast to the present day, were the Bodhisatta, the penitant hermits in the woods, the great Kings who ruled justly, and the clever and mischievous animals who had a moral to illustrate, and who all came alive on the greater canvas of the moral universe.



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¹ See The Source of the Verses for the exact location of the verses.

These days, of course, things appear to be much more confusing. They are, in the sense that the lines between right and wrong can often be very grey, and actions may seem remote from results; they are not, when ethical principles are clearly understood and applied.

The teachings herein cover how to live in the right way and avoid the wrong way; how to honestly gain one's wealth and use it fruitfully; how to choose one's friends and be wary of the treacherous; what are helpful and harmful modes of speech; how to judge the character of others; and many other topics, that are all dealt with in a memorable and succint way.

This is also a book that can be returned to time and again to remind oneself of the teachings, and in that sense each of the stories is a meditative reflection. In its present form it also acts as an easy source book for some of the many teachings there are for the lay community in the Canon, and can be utilised to find guidance when in doubt.

There are altogether 251 sections to the book, and each story has anywhere between one and eleven verses¹ attached to it. Sometimes we also find that different verses have been drawn from the same source, but separately, so as to illustrate different moral points.²

² For instance there are 23 verses that have been extracted from the Sigālasuttaṁ (DN 31), but they appear in 6 different places.



¹ See Sakkasamyuttam (SN 1.11.4) vs. 390-400 in this collection.

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In the Text and Translation edition of this book there will be found the $P\bar{a}|i$ text along with a literal translation, and also translations of the variant readings and relevant material from the commentaries, which help explain the text. This is intended for the student, who wants to understand precisely what the $P\bar{a}|i$ is saying and what the commentarial exegesis of difficult terms amounts to.

In this edition, though, I have dropped all the annotation so as to highlight the ethical message contained in the verses themselves, as this is meant more for those who want guidance for their life from the Teaching.

Against my normal practice in the English section, though, I have included the $P\bar{a}li$ in this edition, as I wanted to include it as part of the reading of the text.

As regard to content I have modified the literal version so that it reads more fluently, and have organised it into mainly 6, 8 and 10 syllabic lines of unrhymed unstressed English verse.¹

The translation is clarified in some ways compared with the literal version, but I have endeavoured to stay as close as

¹ This is fairly close to the structure of the original Pāḷi, where the verses are mainly 8 (*Siloka*) 11 (*Tuṭṭhubha*) and 12 (*Jagatī*) syllabic unrhymed and unstressed lines.



possible to the latter wherever it was possible, and indeed many of the translations are identical between the editions.

However, there are occasionally ways in which I sought to make the meaning of the text more clear and more natural for the English edition. For instance, when making general statements in English, we normally use the plural, so I have sometimes changed the singular of the original into the plural here.¹

Where I have judged the verse to contain repetition or padding that really adds nothing to the sense and has only been included to fill out the metre I have taken the liberty of excluding it, in order to get the message across in a more concise way.

I have generally taken the verses one at a time, but sometimes it has seemed to me to give a more flowing translation to take two verses together; and occasionally to redivide the verses according to their sense.

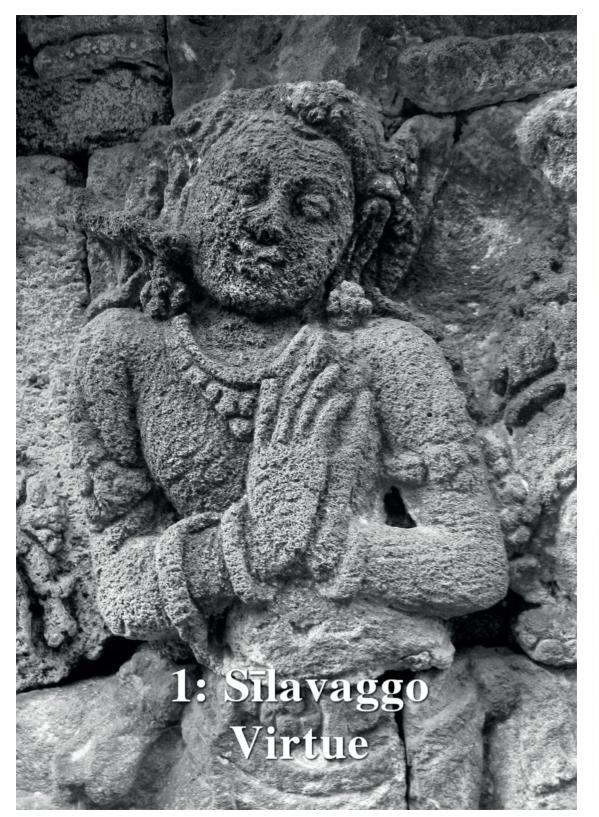
Because of the decision to exclude annotation, I have occasionally been obliged to include the commentarial definition in the translation, where the meaning would be otherwise unclear; but only rarely I have gone as far as paraphrase, when I could see no other way of getting the teaching of the verse across.



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¹ This has the added advantage of getting round the problem we face in English with using the predominantly male voice in the singular.









Reverence to him, the Gracious One, the Worthy One, the Perfect Sambuddha

Jā 406 Gandhārajātakam One should be Amenable to Admonition

Two Kings renounced the world and lived as ascetics. One day they fell into a quarrel about who should admonish the other.

1. No ce assa sakā buddhi, vinayo vā susikkhito, Vane andhamahimso va careyya bahuko jano.

If he himself is not well-trained,
Intelligent and disciplined,
That person will wander around
Like a buffalo that is blind.

2. Yasmā ca panidhekacce ācāramhi susikkhitā, Tasmā vinītavinayā caranti susamāhitā.

But since there are some who aspire
To be well-trained in good conduct,
Therefore, trained in the discipline,
They live with their minds well-composed.

DN 14 Mahāpadānasuttam True Cultivation

This verse is a well-known summary of the teaching, given by all the Buddhas. In some of the Dispensations it replaced the more detailed teaching found in the Rules of Discipline (Vinaya).

 Sabbapāpassa akaraṇam, kusalassa upasampadā, Sacittapariyodapanam – etam Buddhāna' Sāsanam.

> Not doing anything wicked Undertaking things that are good, And then purifying the mind Is the Teaching of the Buddhas.



Jā 84 Atthassadvārajātakam The Six Gateways to Benefit

A son asked his Father (the Bodhisatta) for advice on the spiritual life. The Father explained these six gateways leading to great benefit in life.

4. Ārogyam-icche, paramañ-ca lābham, Sīlañ-ca vuddhānumatam sutañ-ca, Dhammānuvattī ca alīnatā ca: Atthassa dvārā pamukhā chaļete.

Desire good health, the greatest gain, Virtue, approval and learning, Spirituality, striving – These six things are beneficial.



AN 8.54 Dīghajāņusuttam Eight things Leading to prosperity

A householder asks the Buddha for advice on how to live well in his present state.

5. Uṭṭhātā kammadheyyesu, appamatto vidhānavā, Samaṁ kappeti jīvikaṁ sambhataṁ anurakkhati,

Being active in doing good,
Being heedful and circumspect,
Equanimous in livelihood,
Being careful with his savings,

6. Saddho sīlena sampanno, vadaññū vītamaccharo, Niccam maggam visodheti, sotthānam samparāyikam,

> Endowed with faith and virtue, Being bountiful, unselfish, Always purifying the Path, Sure of safety in his next life.

7. Iccete aṭṭhadhammā ca saddhassa gharam-esino, Akkhātā Saccanāmena, ubhayattha sukhāvahā.

The faithful one, with these eight things, Will gain happiness in both worlds – So said the one whose name is Truth.

DN 31 Sigālasuttam Four Ways to spend one's Wealth

The Buddha gives instructions to the young man Sigāla on the four kinds of friends, and then tells him how to keep them.

8. Paṇḍito sīlasampanno jalam-aggīva bhāsati, Bhoge saṁharamānassa, bhamarasseva ir yato Bhogā sannicayaṁ yanti, vammiko vupacīyati.

The Wise One endowed with virtue Will shine forth like a burning fire, The one who works to gather wealth Is like a bee gathering honey, Or like ants piling up their hill.

9. Evam bhoge samāhatvā, alam-atto kule gihī, Catudhā vibhaje bhoge, sa ve mittāni ganthati:

Having gathered his wealth like this,
Enough for his family and home,
He can divide it in four ways,
Which will ensure he keeps his friends:

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10. Ekena bhoge bhuñjeyya, dvīhi kammaṁ payojaye, Catutthañ-ca nidhāpeyya, āpadāsu bhavissati.

With one part he enjoys his wealth, With two he can manage his work, The fourth part he should deposit

To use in times of misfortune.





AN 5.58 Licchavikumārakasuttam A Wise Man's Duties

The Buddha explains the five duties which, when fulfilled, lead to prosperity and not to decline.

11. Mātāpitukiccakaro, puttadārahito sadā, Anto janassa atthāya, yo cassa upajīvino.

Waiting on Mother and Father, Caring for his wife and children, Looking after those in his house And those who live in dependence.

12. Ubhinnam yeva atthāya, vadaññū hoti sīlavā, Ñātīnam pubbapetānam, ditthadhamme ca jīvitam.

Seeking the welfare of them all The virtuous one is bountiful Both to those who have departed And to those who are still alive.



13. Samaṇānam brāhmaṇānam, devatānañ-ca Paṇḍito Vittisañjanano hoti, Dhammena gharam-āvasam.

A layman who lives by Dhamma, Is one who will generate joy Both for monastics and for gods.

14. So karitvāna kalyāṇam, pujjo hoti pasamsiyo, Idheva nam pasamsanti, pecca Sagge pamodati.

Doing what is good and proper, He will be praised right here and now, And later rejoice in Heaven.





AN 4.61 Pattakammasuttam The Right Uses of Wealth

The Householder Anāthapiṇḍika receives instruction on the right ways to make use of the wealth that has been righteously obtained.

15. Bhuttā bhogā bhatā bhaccā, vitiņņā āpadāsu me, Uddhaggā dakkhiņā dinnā, atho pañcabalīkatā, Upatthitā sīlavanto, saññatā brahmacārayo.

Wealth should be used for dependents,
And for overcoming misfortune,
For giving lofty donations,
And making the five offerings
To kin, guests and the departed
And also to Kings and the gods –
This has been recommended by
The virtuous who live spiritually.



- 16. Yad-attham bhogam iccheyya Pandito Gharam-āvasam: 'So me attho anuppatto katam ananutāpiyam.'
 - 17. Etam anussaram macco, Arⁱyadhamme thito naro, Idheva nam pasamsanti, pecca Sagge pamodati.

The wise layman can wish for wealth,
Thinking: This will be for my good.

A mortal who remembers this,
A person who is truly Noble,
Will be praised right here and now,
And later rejoice in Heaven.



DN 31 Sigālasuttam The Wise attain Fame

These are the Buddha's words at the conclusion of the instruction given to the young man Sigāla.

18. Paṇḍito sīlasampanno, saṇho ca paṭibhānavā, Nivātavutti atthaddho: tādiso labhate vasaṁ.

The Wise One endowed with virtue,
Who is gentle, of ready wit,
Who is humble and not haughty:
Such a one will rightly gain fame.

19. Uṭṭhānako analaso, āpadāsu na vedhati, Acchinnavutti medhāvī: tādiso labhate yasam.

Active in good deeds, not lazy,
Not scared when facing misfortune,
Without defects and intelligent:
Such a one will rightly gain fame.

20. Saṅgāhako mittakaro, vadaññū vītamaccharo, Netā vinetā anunetā: tādiso labhate yasaṁ.

Kindly and a maker of friends,
Being bountiful, unselfish,
Guide, leader, conciliator:
Such a one will rightly gain fame.

21. Dānañ-ca peyyavajjañ-ca, atthacarⁱyā ca yā idha, Samānatā ca dhammesu, tattha tattha yathārahaṁ, Ete kho saṅgahā loko rathassāṇī va yāyato.

Generous, and having good speech,
Living for everyone's benefit,
Equanimous towards all things,
He does that which is suitable,
These, like a chariot's linchpin:
Will make the world go round.

22. Ete ca saṅgahā nāssu, na Mātā puttakāraṇā Labhetha mānaṁ pūjaṁ vā, Pitā vā puttakāraṇā.

> Without these kindnesses, Mothers Would not receive the duties due Such as respect, love and honour, Fathers would not receive them too.

23. Yasmā ca saṅgahe ete samavekkhanti Paṇḍitā. Tasmā mahattaṁ papponti, pāsaṁsā ca bhavanti te.

The Wise should give thought to kindness, That way they attain what is great, And they will be held up for praise.

DN 31 Sigālasuttam Four Things not to be Done

The teaching to Sigāla on what increases and decreases fame and good fortune.

24. Chandā dosā bhayā mohā, yo Dhammam ativattati, Nihīyati tassa yaso, kāļapakkhe va candimā.

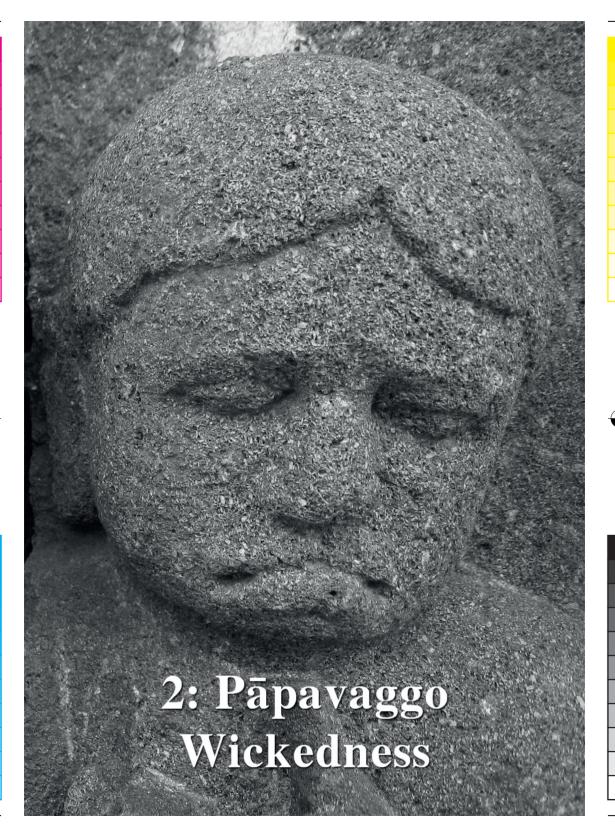
> He who trangresses the Dhamma: Through desire, hate, fear, delusion, His fame will surely diminish, Like the moon in the dark fortnight.

25. Chandā dosā bhayā mohā, yo Dhammam nātivattati, Āpūrati tassa yaso, sukkapakkhe va candimā.

> He who doesn't trangress the Dhamma: Through desire, hate, fear, delusion, His renown will surely increase, Like the moon in the bright fortnight.









SN 1.1.76 Najīratisuttam Six Faults

A god comes and asks the Buddha various questions, including one about how many faults there are.

26. Cha lokasmim chiddāni yattha vittam na tiṭṭhati: Ālassam ca pamādo ca, anuṭṭhānam asaññamo, Niddā tandī ca te chidde, sabbaso tam vivajjaye.

There are these six faults in the world
Where wealth and goods do not persist:
They are: laziness, heedlessness,
Lack of action, lack of restraint,
Sleepiness and sloth: these are faults,
He should altogether avoid them.



DN 31 Sigālasuttam Various Dangers

The buddha explains various dangerous courses of action to the young man Sigāla.

27. Ussūraseyyā paradārasevanā, Verappasaṅgo ca anatthatā ca, Pāpā ca mittā, sukadarⁱyatā ca: Ete cha ṭhānā purisaṁ dhaṁsayanti.

Those who sleep late, and go to others' wives,
Are inclined to hate, disregarding good,
Have wicked friends, and are very stingy:
These six things will surely destroy a man.

28. Pāpamitto pāpasakho, pāpa-ācāragocaro, Asmā lokā paramhā ca ubhayā dhamsate naro.

Having a wicked companion,
A wicked conduct and living,
A person is surely destroyed
Both in this world and in the next.

29. Akkhitthiyo vāruņī naccagītam, Divā soppam, pāricarⁱyā akāle, Pāpā ca mittā, sukadarⁱyatā ca, Ete cha ṭhānā purisam dhamsayanti.

Addiction to women, drink, song and dance, Sleeping in the day, wandering at night, Having wicked friends, and being stingy: These six things will surely destroy a man.

> 30. Akkhehi dibbanti, suram pivanti, Yant' itthiyo pāṇasamā paresam, Nihīnasevī na ca vuddhasevī, Nihīyate kāļapakkhe va candimā.

Through playing with dice and drinking liquor, Going to others' wives, held dear as life, Practicing what is base, not what prospers, He wanes like the moon in the dark fortnight.

> 31. Yo vāruņi adhano akiñcano, Pipāso pivam papam gato, Udakam-iva iņam vigāhati, Akulam kāhati khippam-attano.

He who drinks too much, and is destitute, Thirsty for drink like one come to water, Who falls into debt as into a river, He quickly undoes his own family.

32. Na divā soppasīlena, rattim-uṭṭhānadassinā, Niccaṁ mattena soṇḍena, sakkā āvasituṁ gharaṁ.

Being sleepy during the day, And energetic at night-time, Being addicted to drinking, He no longer lives in his home.





Jā 468 Janasandhajātakam Ten Things that should be Done

The Bodhisatta, when he was King Janasandha, explained ten courses of action which, when not done, bring about regret in the future.

33. Dasa khalu imāni thānāni, yāni pubbe akārĭtvā, Sa pacchā anutappati, iccevāha Janasandho.

There are ten things when not done,
He regrets it in the future,
So said good King Janasandha.

34. Aladdhā vittam tappati pubbe asamudānitam, 'Na pubbe dhanam-esissam,' iti pacchānutappati.

Not having gained or gathered wealth
In the past, he suffers, thinking:
'I did not seek riches and wealth,'
This he regrets in the future.



35. 'Sakyarūpam pure santam, mayā sippam na sikkhitam, Kicchā vutti asippassa,' iti pacchānutappati.

'In the past, when I was able, I did not train in trade or craft, There is hardship without a craft,' This he regrets in the future.

36. 'Kūṭavedī pure āsim, pisuņo piṭṭhimamsiko, Caṇḍo ca pharuso cāsim,' iti pacchānutappati.

'In the past I was deceitful,
Divisive and a backbiter,
I was violent and was rough,'
This he regrets in the future.

37. 'Pāṇātipātī pure āsim, luddo cāsim anāriyo, Bhūtānam nāpacāyissam,' iti pacchānutappati.

'Before I killed living beings,
Being an ignoble hunter,
Having no respect for creatures,'
This he regrets in the future.



38. 'Bahūsu vata santīsu anāpādāsu itthisu, Paradāram asevissam', iti pacchānutappati.

'Though there were many women who
Were not married to another,
I assaulted another's wife',
This he regrets in the future.

39. 'Bahumhi vata santamhi, annapāne upaṭṭhite, Na pubbe adadim dānam,' iti pacchānutappati.

'Though food and drink was got ready, Still I did not give any gifts,' This he regrets in the future.

40. 'Mātaram Pitaran-cāpi, jinnake gatayobbane, Pahusanto na posissam,' iti pacchānutappati.

'With Mother and Father grown old, Still I did not give them support,' This he regrets in the future.

41. 'Ācarⁱyam-anusatthāram sabbakāmarasāharam, Pitaram atimaññissam,' iti pacchānutappati.

'I despised my teachers and friends, Who desired good things for me, I also despised my father,' This he regrets in the future.

42. 'Samaņe brāhmaņe cāpi sīlavante bahussute, Na pubbe pay rupāsissam,' iti pacchānutappati.

'I did not pay much honour, To virtuous, learned monastics,' This he regrets in the future.

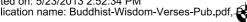
43. 'Sādhu hoti tapo ciṇṇo, santo ca pay rupāsito, Na ca pubbe tapo ciṇṇo,' iti pacchānutappati.

Knowing: 'Austerity is good,
And a good person is honoured,
I didn't practice austerity,'
This he regrets in the future.

44. Yo ca etāni ṭhānāni, yoniso paṭipajjati, Karaṁ purisakiccāni, sa pacchā nānutappati.

> He who practises this wisely, Who has done his moral duty, Regrets it not in the future.

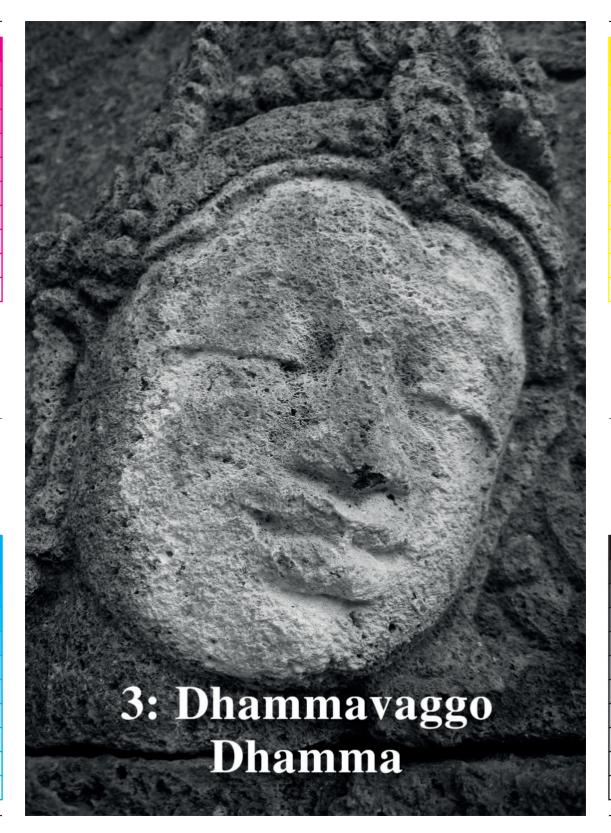
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Sn 1.10 Ālavakasuttam Four Things to Cultivate

The yakkha Ālavaka asked the Buddha various questions on the spiritual life, and this verse is part of the answer.

45. Yassete caturo dhammā saddhassa gharam-esino: Saccam dhammo dhiti cāgo, sa ve pecca na socati.

> That faithful layman with four things: Truth, wisdom, courage, charity, Having passed away does not grieve.





Jā 537 Mahāsutasomajātakam Four Well-Said Verses

Some verses that were taught to the Bodhisatta by a brāhman who had heard them from the Buddha Kassapa. He is rewarded with a thousand coins for each of the verses.

46. Sakid-eva Sutasoma sabbhi hoti samāgamo, Sā naṁ saṅgati pāleti, nāsabbhi bahusaṅgamo.

47. Sabbhi-r-eva samāsetha, sabbhi kubbetha santhavam, Satam Saddhammam-aññāya – seyyo hoti, na pāpiyo.

You should meet with the virtuous, Friend, not with the unvirtuous.

Sit down with virtuous people,
Be acquainted with those who are true,
With the good who know the Dhamma
But do not mix with the wicked.



48. Jīranti ve Rājarathā sucittā, Atho sarīram-pi jaram upeti, Satañ-ca Dhammo na jaram upeti, Santo have sabbhi pavedayanti.

Beautiful Royal chariots decay, So too our body will come to decay, But the True Dhamma will never decay, The good and virtuous proclaim it is so.

49. Nabhañ-ca dūre pathavī ca dūre, Pāram samuddassa tad-āhu dūre, Tato have dūrataram vadanti, Satañ-ca Dhammam asatañ-ca Rāja.

The sky is far, far away from the earth, Crossing the ocean, that is far, they say, But they say what is much further than that Is the Dhamma of the good from the bad.



SN 1.3.20 Dutiya-aputtakasuttam Merits follow one to the Next World

A rich merchant dies after living like a pauper. The Buddha explains that in a previous life he had given alms to a Paccekabuddha, and so in this life he became rich; however, he regreted it later, so he couldn't enjoy it.

50. Dhaññaṁ dhanaṁ rajataṁ jātarūpaṁ,
Pariggahañ-cāpi yad-atthi kiñci,
Dāsā kammakarā pessā, ye cassa anujīvino.
Sabbaṁ n' ādāya gantabbaṁ, sabbaṁ nikkhippagāminaṁ.

Grain, corn, silver, gold, other possessions, Slaves, servants, messengers and dependents. He cannot take anything when he dies, He goes leaving his possessions behind.

51. Yañ-ca karoti kāyena, vācāya udacetasā, Tañ-hi tassa sakaṁ hoti, tañ-ca ādāya gacchati, Tañ-cassa anugaṁ hoti, chāyā va anapāyinī.

But what he does by body, word and mind, That's truly his own, he takes that along, That follows him along, like a shadow. Publication name: Buddhist-Wisdom-Verses-Pub.pdf, 29e: 42

3: Dhamma

52. Tasmā kareyya kalyāṇam, nicayam samparāyikam, Puññāni paralokasmim patitthā honti pāṇinam.

Therefore he should do whatever is good, Gathering up merit for the next world, In the next world merit supports beings.





Jā 537 Mahāsutasomajātakam The Priority of Truth

The Bodhisatta's teaching to the man-eating King, which eventually persuades him to give up his evil habit.

53. Dhanam caje yo pana angahetu, Angam caje jīvitam rakkhamāno; Angam dhanam jīvitan-cāpi sabbam, Caje naro Dhammam-anussaranto.

He who would give up wealth for limbs, Would give up his limbs for his life; But a man who guards the Dhamma, Will give up limbs, wealth, life and all.



Jā 510 Ayogharajātakam Truth and Untruth have Different Results

To protect their new-born son, the Bodhisatta, the King and Queen build an iron house and keep him in it. On coming of age, though, he realises he is not safe from old age and death and proclaims 24 verses which culimate in the following famous verses.

54. Dhammo have rakkhati Dhammacārim, Dhammo suciņņo sukham-āvahāti, Esānisamso Dhamme suciņņe, Na duggatim gacchati Dhammacārī.

The Dhamma protects one living by it,
The Dhamma well-practised brings happiness,
This is the advantage of the Dhamma:
It does not lead to bad destinations.

55. Na hi Dhammo adhammo ca ubho samavipākino, Adhammo Nirayam neti, Dhammo pāpeti Suggatim.

Therefore the True Dhamma and false Dhamma Will surely never have the same result: False Dhamma leads to the Nether Regions, The True Dhamma will lead you to Heaven.

SN 1.1.48 Jetavanasuttam The Purification of Mortals

Anāthapiṇḍika is reborn as a god in Heaven. Later he comes to see the Buddha and utters these words.

56. Kammam vijjā ca dhammo ca, sīlam jīvitam-uttamam, Etena maccā sujjhanti, na gottena dhanena vā.

Deeds, knowledge and concentration
And virtue are the life supreme,
By these mortals are purified,
But not by their clan or their wealth.





Jā 458 Udayajātakam The Path to Heaven

The Bodhisatta, reborn as the Lord of the Gods Sakka, explains the path to Heaven to his former wife.

57. Vācam manañ-ca paṇidhāya sammā,
Kāyena pāpāni akubbamāno,
Bahunnapānam gharam-āvasanto,
Saddho mudū samvibhāgī vadaññū,
Saṅgāhako sakhilo saṇhavāco —
Etthaṭṭhito paralokam na bhāye.

Through rightly aspiring with voice and mind,
And doing nothing wicked with the body,
A layman, with abundant food and drinks,
Should be faithful, generous, bountiful,
Being kind in his heart, and kind in speech –
One who lives like this need not fear dying.





Jā 57 Vānarindajātakam Four Things leading to Success

A monkey-King outwits a crocodile who tries to eat him, and the crocodile acknowledges his escape with the following verse.

58. Yassete caturo dhammā, Vānarinda, yathā tava: Saccaṁ dhammo dhiti cāgo, diṭṭhaṁ so ativattati.

> He who, monkey-King, has four things: Truth, wisdom, courage, charity, Will surely overcome his foes.



Jā 58 Tayodhammajātakam Three Things leading to Success

The Bodhisatta escapes from a man-eating ogre (rakkhasa) and the latter acknowledges his escape with the following verse.

59. Yassete ca tayo dhammā, Vānarinda yathā tava: Dakkhiyam sūriyam paññā, diṭṭham so ativattati.

He who, monkey-King, has three things: Dexterity, heroism, wisdom, Will surely overcome his foes.





Jā 92 Mahāsārajātakam Wise Discrimination

The Bodhisatta uncovers a female monkey as the real thief of the King's jewels, and the King praised him with the following verse.

60. Ukkaṭṭhe sūram-icchanti; mantīsu akutūhalam; Piyañ-ca annapānamhi, atthe jāte ca Paṇḍitam.

In battle they wish for a hero;
In advice for calmness of speech;
In food and drink for one friendly;
When there is need they wish for the Wise.





SN 1.1.33 Sādhusuttam The Gift of Fearlessness

The gods come to see the Buddha and praise various kinds of giving, including the gift of fearlessness.

61. Yo pāṇabhūtāni aheṭhayam caram, Parūpavādā na karoti pāpam, Bhīrum pasamsanti, na tattha sūram, Bhayā hi santo na karonti pāpam.

Living without hurting living beings,
Fearing blame and doing nothing wicked,
They praise the cautious, not the incautious,
Through conscience the good do nothing wicked.



Dhp 193 Ānandattherapañhavatthu The Provenance of the Buddhas

The Buddha taught this verse in answer to a question by Venerable Ānanda.

62. Dullabho Purisājañño, na so sabbattha jāyati, Yattha so jāyate Dhīro, tam kulam sukham-edhati.

> A Buddha is rare in the world, He is not born just anywhere, Wherever the Wise One is born, That family gains happiness.

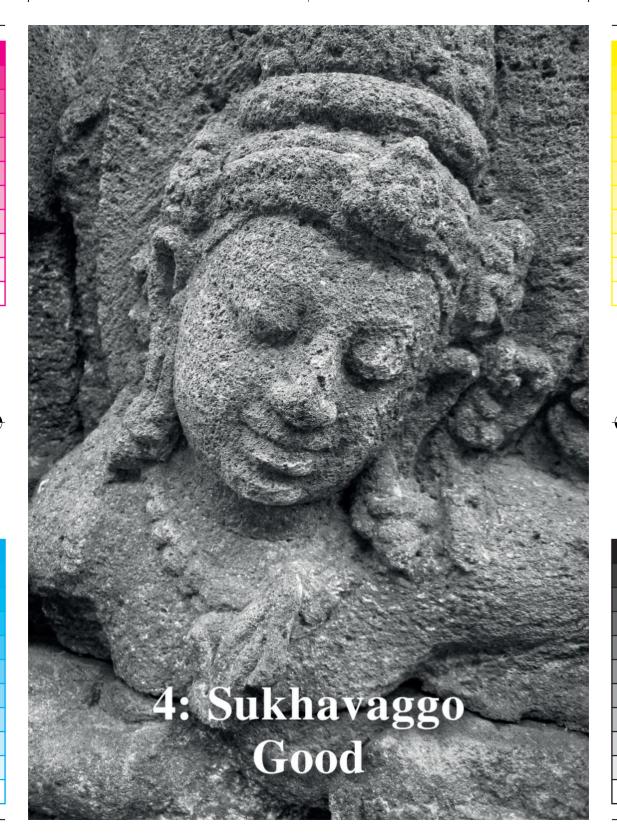


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Dhp 331-3 Māravatthu The Good Things in Life

The Buddha is reflecting on whether it is possible for Kings to rule the world with justice. Māra, finding this out, comes to the wrong conclusion, and tries to tempt him. The Buddha explains what is truly good.

63. Atthamhi jātamhi sukhā sahāyā, Tuṭṭhī sukhā yā itarītarena, Puññaṁ sukhaṁ jīvitasaṅkhayamhi, Sabbassa dukkhassa sukhaṁ pahāṇaṁ.

Having able companions is good, Being content with anything is good, At the end of one's life merit is good, Abandoning all suffering is good.

64. Sukhā matteyyatā loke, atho petteyyatā sukhā, Sukhā sāmaññatā loke, atho brahmaññatā sukhā.

Filial piety for one's Mother is good,
And filial piety for one's Father is good,
Respect for ascetics is also good,
Respect for purified brāhmans is good.

65. Sukham yāva jarā sīlam, sukhā saddhā patiṭṭhitā, Sukho paññāya paṭilābho, pāpānam akaraṇam sukham.

Maintaining virtue till old age is good, The establishing of faith is good, The acquisition of wisdom is good, Doing nothing wicked is also good.







Dhp 194 Sambahulabhikkhuvatthu True Goodness

The monks discuss what is the true good in the world, some say ruling, some say love, some say food. The Buddha explains what is truly good.

66. Sukho Buddhānam-uppādo, sukhā Saddhammadesanā, Sukhā Saṅghassa sāmaggī, samaggānaṁ tapo sukho.

The arising of the Buddhas is good,
The teaching of the True Dhamma is good,
Harmony in the Community is good,
And devotion to unity is good.





Dhp 290 Attanopubbakammavatthu Renouncing the Lesser Good for the Greater

The Bodhisatta's son meets some paccekabuddhas and attains Awakening and later dies. His father, when he finds out honours his grave. Afterwards when reborn the Bodhisatta attains Awakening and he is greatly honoured in a similar way.

67. Mattāsukhapariccāgā, passe ce vipulam sukham, Caje mattāsukham Dhīro, sampassam vipulam sukham.

If, by renouncing a small good,
He might see a great deal of good,
The Wise One should renounce that good,
Seeing the good that is greater.



Dhp 204 Pasenadikosalavatthu The Greatest Things

King Pasenadi is always overeating and suffering for it. The Buddha has the King's nephew learn and recite a verse which reminds the King to be moderate. Later the King is cured and tells him about his good fortune. The Buddha recites the following verse.

68. Ārogyaparamā lābhā, santuṭṭhi paramaṁ dhanaṁ, Vissāsā paramā ñāti, Nibbānaṁ paramaṁ sukhaṁ.

> Good health is the greatest of gains, Contentment is the greatest wealth, Trust is the greatest of our kin, Emancipation the greatest good.





SN 1.1.73 Vittasuttam Four Great Things

A God comes to the Buddha and asks four questions to which these are the replies.

69. Saddhīdha vittam purisassa seṭṭham, Dhammo suciṇṇo sukham-āvahāti, Saccam have sādutaram rasānam, Paññājīvim jīvitam-āhu seṭṭham

Faith is the greatest wealth in the world,
The Dhamma, when practiced, brings happiness,
The Truth is surely the sweetest of tastes,
Living wisely they say is the greatest.



Dhp 182 Erakapattanāgarājavatthu The Rare Things

A monk in the time of Buddha Kassapa dies and is reborn as a nāga. Eventually he hears that a new Buddha has arisen in the world, and goes and asks why he cannot attain rebirth as a human even after so long a time. This is the Buddha's reply.

70. Kiccho manussapaţilābho, kiccham maccāna' jīvitam, Kiccham Saddhammasavanam, kiccho Buddhānam-uppādo.

It is rare to be born human, Rare is the life of a mortal, It is rare to hear the Dhamma, Rare the arising of Buddhas.





SN 1.1.51 Jarāsuttam Four More Good Things

A God asks the Buddha four questions and gets the following replies.

71. Sīlam yāva jarā sādhu, saddhā sādhu patiṭṭhitā, Paññā narānam ratanam, puññam corehi dūharam.

> Virtue that will endure is good, And faith is good when established, Wisdom is the people's treasure, Thieves cannot carry off merit.



Dhp 223 Uttarā-Upāsikāvatthu Overcoming Defilements with their Opposites

A wife hires a courtesan to look after her husband's needs, while she serves the Buddha and his monks. The courtesan gets angry and tries to burn her with boiling ghee, but the power of loving-kindness stops it burning.

72. Akkodhena jine kodham, asādhum sādhunā jine, Jine kadar vam dānena, saccenālikavādinam.

One should overcome hate by love,
A lack of virtue by virtue,
Stinginess by generosity,
Lying and false speech by the truth.





Dhp 354 Sakkapañhavatthu The Dhamma Surpasses All

The Gods have four questions which none of them is able to answer, they therefore go to the Buddha with their questions and this is his reply.

73. Sabbadānam Dhammadānam jināti, Sabbam rasam Dhammaraso jināti, Sabbam ratim Dhammaratim jināti, Taṇhakkhayo sabbadukkham jināti.

The best gift is the gift of the Dhamma, The best taste is the taste of the Dhamma, The best love is the love of the Dhamma, Cravings' end is the end of all suffering.



Jā 537 Mahāsutasomajātakam Various Reciprical Duties

The Bodhisatta converts a man-eating King and brings him home, but the people do not feel safe. The Bodhisatta admonishes them with these verses.

74. Na so Rājā yo ajeyyam jināti, Na so sakhā yo sakhāram jināti, Na sā bharⁱyā yā patino vibheti, Na te puttā ye na bharanti jiṇṇam.

A King does not hurt his parents,
A true friend does not hurt his friends,
A wife should not fear her husband,
Children should support the aged.

75. Na sā sabhā yattha na santi santo, Na te santo ye na bhaṇanti Dhammaṁ; Rāgañ-ca dosañ-ca pahāya mohaṁ, Dhammaṁ bhaṇanto va bhavanti santo.

If the good are absent that is no assembly,
They are not good who do not talk about Dhamma;
Having put away passion, hatred, delusion,
The good will then talk about Dhamma to others.

Dhp 251 Pañca-upāsakavatthu The Great Defilements

While the Buddha is preaching the Dhamma, of five lay followers one falls asleep, another scratches the earth, one shakes a tree, another looks at the sky and only one listens attentively. The Buddha explains they were a snake, an earthworm, a monkey, an astrologer and a student of the Vedas in their previous births and behave accordingly now.

76. Natthi rāgasamo aggi, natthi dosasamo gaho, Natthi mohasamam jālam, natthi tanhāsamā nadī.

There is no fire quite like passion,
Nothing takes a hold like hatred,
There is no snare like delusion,
Nothing sweeps one away like craving.



SN 1.3.2 Purisasuttam Three Roots of Evil

King Pasenadi asks what things when they arise are unbeneficial, unsatisfactory and uncomfortable.

77. Lobho doso ca moho ca, purisam pāpacetasam, Himsanti attasambhūtā, tacasāram va samphalam.

Greed and hatred and delusion,
When they arise in his mind,
Destroy the person with bad thoughts,
Just as the fruit destroys the reed.





Dhp 60 Aññatarapurisavatthu The Long Journey in Samsāra

King Pasenadi is overcome with desire for another man's wife and seeks to have him killed. During the night he wakes to the sound of four people screaming. The Buddha explains they were adulterers in their previous lives and did no good deeds.

78. Dīghā jāgarato ratti, dīgham santassa yojanam, Dīgho bālānam samsāro Saddhammam avijānatam.

Long is the night for those awake,

Long is a league for those tired,

Long is the round of births and deaths

For fools who know not True Dhamma.



Dhp 155 Mahādhanaseṭṭhiputtavatthu Profiting in Neither Way

A wealthy youth takes to drink and squanders both his own and his wife's money and ends up a beggar. The Buddha explains that if he had applied himself as a layman he would have been amongst the chief treasurers; and if he had become a monk he would have attained the paths and fruits.

79. Acaritvā brahmacarⁱyam, aladdhā yobbane dhanam, Jiṇṇakoñcā ca jhāyanti khīṇamacche va pallale.

Not having lived spiritually,

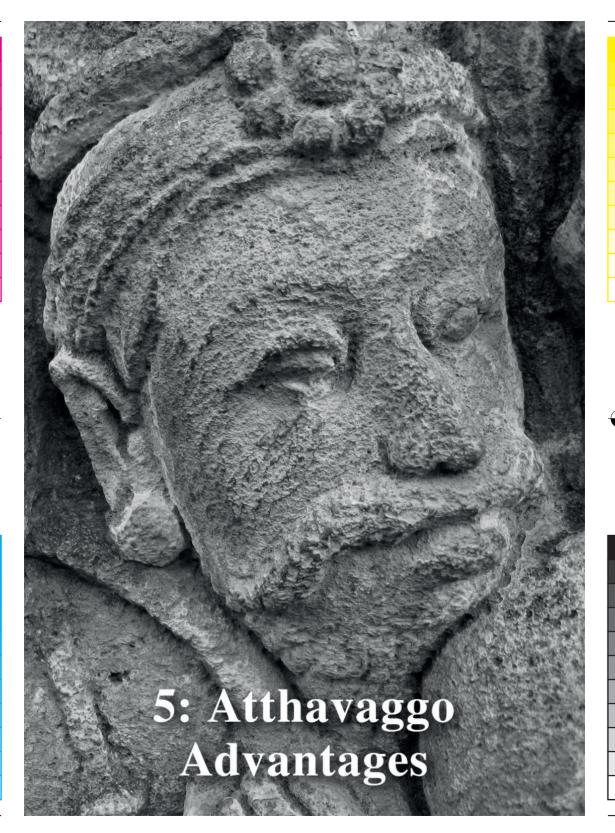
Not having gained wealth in their youth,

They waste away like the herons

In a small lake devoid of fish.









5: Advantages

Jā 342 Vānarajātakam Seizing the Advantage

A crocodile, wishing to get a monkey's heart for his wife, entices a monkey onto his back, but at the critical time, the monkey persuades him that he left his heart in a tree and escapes when land is approached.

80. Yo ca uppatitam attham na khippam-anubujjhati, Amittavasam-anveti, pacchā ca anutappati.

He who does not attend quickly To the advantage that is present, Goes under the power of foes, He regrets it in the future.

81. Yo ca uppatitam attham khippam-eva nibodhati, Muccate sattusambādhā, na ca pacchānutappati.

He who does attend quickly
To the advantage that is present
Is set free from all enemies,
He has no regret in the future.

5: Advantages

Jā 370 Palāsajātakam Not all Growth is Advantageous

A goose warns a tree-god that a banyan sapling that was taking hold in its home would eventually destroy it. The warning was ignored and the tree succumbed.

82. Na tassa vuddhi kusalappasatthā, Yo vaḍḍhamāno ghasate patiṭṭhaṁ; Tassūparodhaṁ parisaṅkamāno, Patārayī mūlavadhāya Dhīro.

That growth is not praised by the virtuous,
Which, when grown, consumes what is prospering;
Suspecting it may be an obstacle,
The Wise try to destroy it at the root.



5: Advantages

Jā 218 Kūṭavānijajātakam A Cheat is Cheated in Return

Someone stole some ploughshares and when questioned said that mice had taken them away; in return his accusor carried off the thief's son and said a hawk had done it. This is the Bodhisatta's comment and solution to the problem.

83. Saṭhassa sāṭheyyam-idaṁ sucintitaṁ, Paccoḍḍitaṁ paṭikūṭassa kūṭaṁ, Phālaṁ ce adeyyuṁ mūsikā, Kasmā kumāraṁ kulalā no bhareyyuṁ?

This treachery is well devised, is well thought-out,
This fraudulence is but a snare laid in return,
If mice are able to carry off a ploughshare,
Why is it that a hawk can't carry off a boy?

84. Kūṭassa hi santi kūṭakūṭā, Bhavati cāpi nikatino nikatyā, Dehi puttanaṭṭhaphālanaṭṭhassa phālaṁ, Mā te puttam-ahāsi phālanaṭṭho.

There will be fraud upon fraud for the fraudulent,
There will be cheating in return for he who cheats,
The one who lost a child should give back the ploughshare,
The one who lost a ploughshare must give back the child.

Jā 189 Sīhacammajātakam Keeping Quiet

A merchant used to dress his donkey up like a lion to scare away the villagers while it was eating, until one time the donkey gave the game away.

85. Ciram-pi kho tam khādeyya gadrabho haritam yavam, Pāruto sīhacammena, ravamāno va dūsayi.

For a long, long time the donkey May have eaten grass and barley, While disguised with a lion-skin: But he spoiled it all by braying.





Jā 426 Dīpijātakam More than Gentle Persuasion is Sometimes Necessary

A goat tries with kind words to persuade a panther not to attack and eat her; the panther however didn't listen and got his prey.

86. Neva duṭṭhe nayo atthi na dhammo na subhāsitam, Nikkamam duṭṭhe yunjetha, so ca sabbhi na ranjati.

> There is no reason or truth or well-spoken words in the wicked, Endure the wicked, but in them the virtuous will take no delight.



Jā 223 Puṭabhattajātakaṁ A Limit to One's Duties

A queen is neglected by the King who lets her starve. To chastise the King the Bodhisatta spoke these verses, which led to the King repenting.

87. Namo namantassa, bhaje bhajantam, Kiccānukubbassa kareyya kiccam, Nānatthakāmassa kareyya attham, Asambhajantam-pi na sambhajeyya.

Reverence to the reverent, honour the honourable,
She should do her duty to one doing his duty,
But she need not do good to one wishing her harm,
No one need love those who do not love in return.

88. Caje cajantam vanatham na kayⁱrā, Apetacittena na sambhajeyya. Dvijo dumam khīņaphalan-ti ñatvā, Aññam samekkheyya mahā hi loko.

She should abandon the one who abandons her,
She need not love the one who is devoid of thought.
A bird, knowing that a tree is devoid of fruit,
Can seek out another tree in this great wide world.

Jā 539 Mahājanakajātakam The Necessity for Effort

The Bodhisatta is nearly lost at sea, but through his courageous and determined effort makes it to land again. Later he reflects on his success.

89. Acintitam-pi bhavati, cintitam-pi vinassati, Na hi cintāmayā bhogā itthiyā purisassa vā.

Sometimes the unthought of occurs, And what is well thought-out will fail, Happiness does not come through thought.





Jā 164 Gijjhajātakam When Faculties Wane

A vulture who had been stealing things in the city is captured and brought before the King, and the following dialogue takes place.

90. "Kin-nu gijjho yojanasatam kunapāni avekkhati, Kasmā jālan-ca pāsan-ca āsajjā pi na bujjhasi?"

> "Why, when a vulture sees corpses More than a hundred leagues away, Did you not see the net and snare?"

91. "Yadā parābhavo hoti poso jīvitasaṅkhaye, Atha jālañ-ca pāsañ-ca āsajjā pi na bujjhati."

> "When a creature is in decline And life is coming to an end, He does not see the net and snare."



Jā 100 Asātarūpajātakam Craving brings Suffering

The story is of Suppavāsā who carried her child for seven years and took seven days to bear him. Still she desired more children.

92. Asātam sātarūpena, piyarūpena appiyam, Dukkham sukhassa rūpena, pamattam-ativattati.

The ugly having a beautiful form,
The unlovely having a lovely form,
The painful having the form of pleasure,
Will overcome the one who is heedless.





Jā 126 Asilakkhaṇajātakam Suitability

Through a strategem a sneeze wins a bride and a kingdom for a prince, but a brahmin who sneezes loses his nose.

93. Tad-ev' ekassa kalyāṇaṁ, tad-ev' ekassa pāpakaṁ, Tasmā sabbaṁ na kalyāṇaṁ, sabbaṁ cāpi na pāpakaṁ.

That which is good for one maybe
That which is bad for another,
There is nothing completely good,
There is nothing completely bad.





Jā 97 Nāmasiddhijātakam A Name is Just a Name

In the story a man called Wicked hates his name so he is advised to search for a new one. He comes across Life who had just died, Wealthy who was poor, and Guide who was lost in a forest. Then he realised a name is just a name, nothing more.

94. Jīvakañ-ca matam disvā, Dhanapāliñ-ca duggatam, Panthakañ-ca vane mūļham, Pāpako puna-r-āgato.

Seeing Life lying dead,
Wealthy in poverty,
And Guide lost in the wood,
Wicked came home again.



Jā 207 Assakajātakam The Impermanence of Desire

A negligent queen gets reborn as a worm, and is made by the Bodhisatta to speak to her grieving King, who when he hears about her love for her new husband abandons his grief.

95. Navena sukhadukkhena porāṇam apithīyati, Tasmā Assakaraññā va kīţo piyataro mamam.

The pleasure and pain of past lives
Are forgotten in the new life,
Therefore a worm appears to me
Better than good King Assaka.



Sn 1.11 Vijayasuttam Lack of Insight

The Buddha describes the loathsomeness of the body and concludes the discourse with these verses.

96. Dipādako yam asuci duggandho parihīrati, Nānākuṇapaparipūro, vissavanto tato tato.

A person must take care
Of the impure body,
Which is full of corpses,
Oozing from here and there.

97. Etādisena kāyena yo maññe unnametave? Paraṁ vā avajāneyya? Kim-aññatra adassanā.

Having such a body,
Who could be conceited?
Or disparage another?
Those with lack of insight.

Dhp 129 Chabbaggiyabhikkhuvatthu Comparing Oneself with Others

The group of six monks chase off the group of seventeen monks and take their rooms. The Buddha lays down a rule and speaks the following verse.

98. Sabbe tasanti daṇḍassa, sabbe bhāyanti Maccuno, Attānaṁ upamaṁ katvā, na haneyya na ghātaye.

Everyone trembles at the stick,

Everyone is in fear of Death,

Seeing oneself in the other,

One should not kill or have them killed.



Dhp 131 Sambahulakumārakavatthu The Desire for Happiness

As the Buddha goes on his alms-round he sees a group of boys tormenting a snake for fun. He admonishes them with this verse.

99. Sukhakāmāni bhūtāni yo daņḍena vihimsati, Attano sukham-esāno, pecca so na labhate sukham.

> He who harms with a stick beings Who also desire happiness, While himself seeking happiness, Will not find happiness later.





Jā 362 Sīlavīmamsajātakam Virtue and Learning

The Bodhisatta wishes to find out which is more important, virtue or learning, and takes a coin a day from the King until on the third day he is arrested. He then understands which is most valued in the world.

100. Mogho jātī ca vaṇṇā ca, sīlam-eva kiruttamam, Sīlena anupetassa, sutenattho na vijjati.

Birth and beauty are delusions, Virtue is supreme it is said, For one unendowed with virtue, There is no value in learning.

The First Hundred

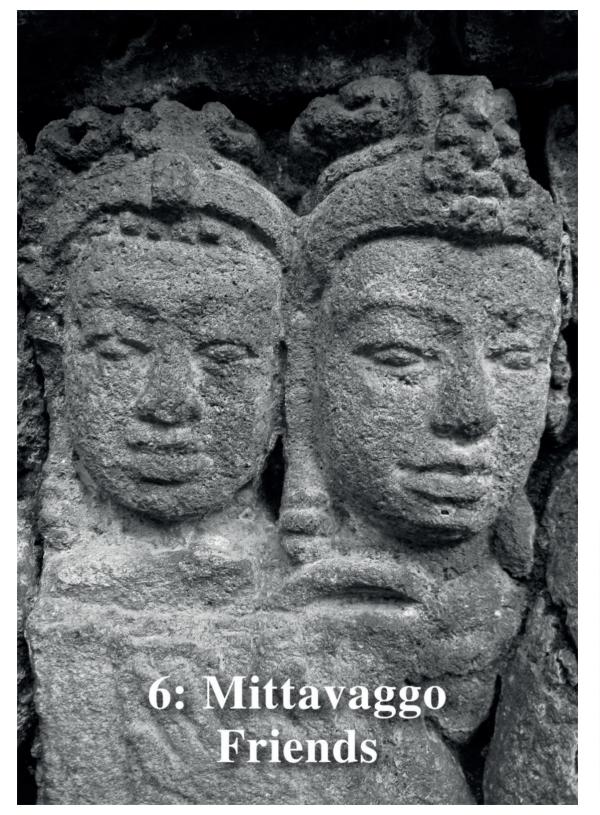


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Jā 533 Cūlahamsajātakam Loyalty gets its Reward

A King of the geese is caught by a fowler, but his Commander-in-Chief refuses to leave him. The fowler takes them to the King of Men who, impressed by their virtue, sets them free.

101. Evam mittavatam atthā sabbe honti padakkhiņā, Hamsā yathā Dhataraṭṭhā, ñātisaṅgham-upāgamum.

All those with vows of friendliness
Are fortunate in their affairs,
Just like the Dhatarattha geese,
Who returned to their relatives.



Jā 121 Kusanāļijātakam Friendship knows no Boundaries

The Bodhisatta was one time born as a lowly god in a sacred reed (Kusanāļi). Nevertheless he was able to save the home of a god who lived in a tree, who then spoke this verse.

102. Kare sarikkho, atha vā pi seṭṭho, Nihīnako vā pi, kareyya mitto, Kareyyum te vyasane uttamattham, Yathā aham Kusanāļī rucāyam.

The one the same, the one greater,
The one lower, let him make his friend,
He should help the unfortunates,
Just as the reed-god did to this tree.



Jā 157 Guņajātakam Gratefulness to Friends

A jackal, who saved a lion when he was in peril of losing his life, is recommended by the lion to his jealous mate.

103. Api ce pi dubbalo mitto mittadhammesu tiṭṭhati, So ñātako ca bandhū ca, so mitto so ca me sakhā, Dāṭhini mātimaññittho, sigālo mama pāṇado!

If a weak friend is established in friendliness, He is my relative, my friend, and my comrade, Tigress, despise him not, that jackal saved my life!





Jā 83 Kālakaṇṇijātakaṁ The True Friend

People objected to someone because he was called Black-Ear; however he turned out to be a true friend. Names are not important, they are but sounds.

104. Mitto have sattapadena hoti, Sahāyo pana dvādasakena hoti, Māsaddhamāsena ca ñāti hoti, Tat-uttariṁ attasamo pi hoti.

He is a friend who goes seven steps,
With twelve a companion true,
He is kith and kin at all times,
He is seen the same as my self.



Jā 473 Mittāmittajātakam The 16 Qualities of Foes and Friends

The Bodhisatta explains to King Brahmadatta the sixteen qualities of a foe, and the sixteen qualities of a friend.

105. Na nam umhayate disvā, na ca nam paṭinandati, Cakkhūni cassa na dadāti, paṭilomañ-ca vattati.

> Having seen you he does not smile, Nor does he give you a welcome, He does not give you attention, He surely speaks out against you.

106. Amitte tassa bhajati, mitte tassa na sevati, Vaṇṇakāme nivāreti, akkosante pasaṁsati.

Your enemies he entertains, But with your friends he does not mix, He stops those who like to praise you, He commends those who abuse you.

107. Guyhañ-ca tassa nakkhāti, tassa guyham na gūhati, Kammam tassa na vaṇṇeti, paññassa nappasamsati.

His secret he does not tell you,
But your secret he does not hide,
He does not praise what you have done,
Your wisdom he does not commend.

108. Abhave nandati tassa, bhave tassa na nandati, Accheram bhojanam laddhā tassa nuppajjate sati, Tato nam nānukampati, aho! so pi labheyy' ito.

> He takes joy in your personal loss, He takes no joy in your success, Having received delicious food He does not tell you where it is, Yes! he believes that he will gain Not having compassion for you.

109. Iccete soļasākārā amittasmim patiţţhitā, Ye hi amittam jāneyya disvā sutvā ca Paṇḍito.

These are the sixteen conditions

That are established in a foe,

Thus, having seen and heard these things,

The Wise can know who their foes are.

110. Pavuttham cassa sarati, āgatam abhinandati, Tato kelāyito hoti vācāya paţinandati.

When away he remembers you,
On return he greatly rejoices,
Therefore he has fondness for you
And welcomes you with kindly words.

111. Mitte tasseva bhajati, amitte tassa na sevati, Akkosante nivāreti, vannakāme pasamsati.

Your friends he likes to entertain, But with your foes he does not mix, He stops all those who abuse you, He commends those who like to praise.

112. Guyhañ-ca tassa akkhāti, tassa guyhañ-ca gūhati, Kammañ-ca tassa vaṇṇeti, paññaṁ tassa pasaṁsati.

His secret he will tell to you,
But your secret he surely hides,
He speaks in praise of what you've done,
And your wisdom he does commend.



113. Bhave ca nandati tassa, abhave tassa na nandati, Accheram bhojanam laddhā tassa uppajjate sati. Tato nam anukampati, aho! so pi labheyy' ito.

He takes great joy in your success,
But he takes no joy in your loss,
Having received delicious food
He surely tells you where it is,
Yes! he believes he will gain
From having compassion for you.

114. Iccete soļasākārā mittasmim suppatiţţhitā, Ye hi mittañ-ca jāneyya, disvā sutvā ca Paṇḍito.

These are the sixteen conditions
That are established in a friend,
Thus, having seen and heard these things,
The Wise can know who their friends are.





DN 31 Sigālasuttam Friends, Bad and Good

The Buddha explains to the young man Sigāla how to distinguish bad friends and good friends.

115. Aññadatthuharo mitto, yo ca mitto vacīparo, Anuppiyañ-ca yo āha, apāyesu ca yo sakhā:

116. Ete amitte cattāro, iti viññāya Paṇḍito, Ārakā parivajjeyya, maggam paṭibhayam yathā.

The friend who steals things from you,
That friend who only promises,
That friend who is said to flatter,
And that friend who is a spendthrift:
The Wise will know these four are foes,
Avoid them like a fearful path.



117. Upakāro ca yo mitto, yo ca mitto sukhe dukhe, Atthakkhāyī ca yo mitto, yo ca mittānukampako:

118. Ete pi mitte cattāro, iti viññāya Paṇḍito, Sakkaccaṁ payⁱrupāseyya, Mātā puttaṁ va orasaṁ.

That friend who is truly helpful,

The friend for you in weal and woe,

That friend who knows what's for your good,

The friend who is compassionate:

The Wise will know these four are friends,

Attend on them like child on breast.



AN 7.36 Pathamamittasuttam The True Friend

The Buddha explains the seven things by which one can recognise a true friend.

119. Duddadam dadāti mittam, dukkaram vāpi kubbati, Atho pissa duruttāni, khamati dukkhamāni pi.

A friend gives what's hard to give, And does what's surely hard to do, And when there are bad, blaming words, That are hard to bear, he bears them.

120. Guyhañ-ca tassa akkhāti, guyhassa parigūhati, Āpadāsu na jahati, khīņena nātimaññati.

His secret he will tell to you,
But your secret he surely hides,
He supports you in misfortune,
He does not despise you when ruined.

121. Yasmim etāni thānāni samvijjantīdha puggale: So mitto mittakāmehi, bhajitabbo tathāvidho.

In that person these things are found: He is a true and lovely friend, With him one can keep company.

AN 7.37 Dutiyamittasuttam True Friends

Seven more things by which one can know a true friend.

122. Piyo ca garu bhāvanīyo, vattā ca vacanakkhamo, Gambhīrañ-ca katham kattā, no caṭṭhāne niyojaye.

Pleasant, respectful, and mature, One who speaks about forebearance, One who talks about what is deep, Who does not urge the impossible.

123. Yasmim etäni thänäni samvijjantīdha puggale: So mitto mittakāmena, atthakāmānukampako. Api nāsiyamānena, bhajitabbo tathāvidho.

In that person these things are found:

He is a true and lovely friend,

Who really desires your welfare.

Though he has come to destruction,

With him one can keep company.

SN 1.1.53 Mittasuttam Four True Friends

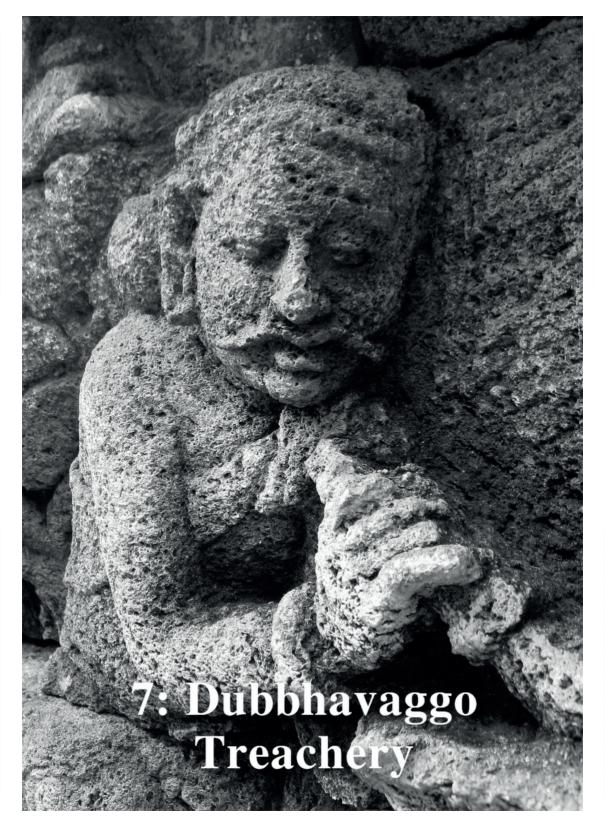
A god approaches and asks four questions regarding friends and this is the Buddha's reply.

124. Sattho pavasato mittam, Mātā mittam sake ghare, Sahāyo atthajātassa hoti mittam punappunam. Sayamkatāni puññāni tam mittam samparāyikam.

A caravan's a friend abroad,
A Mother is a friend at home,
A companion in times of need
Is a good friend time and again.
Merits that were done by oneself
Are the true friend in the next world.









Jā 493, Mahāvāņijajātakam Gratefulness and Moderation

The god of a Banyan tree gives presents to merchants, who out of greed decide to cut down the tree. Their chief protests with this verse, and is the only one spared retribution.

125. Yassa rukkhassa chāyāya, nisīdeyya sayeyya vā, Na tassa sākhaṁ bhañjeyya mittadubbho hi pāpako.

That tree with shade where you can sit or lie, Its branches the wicked should not destroy.





Jā 516 Mahākapijātakam Ungratefulness gets its Just Deserts

A man lost in a forest is saved by a monkey, the Bodhisatta, who, tired out, lies down to rest. The man, who is hungry, tries to kill him with a rock but fails. He is struck with leprosy, dies and is reborn in hell.

126. Kuṭṭhī kilāsī bhavati yo mittānaṁ idhaddubhi, Kāyassa bhedā mittaddu Nirayaṁ so upapajjati.

He who betrays his friends Will become an outcaste, And after that cheat dies He is reborn in Hell.



Jā 538 Mūgapakkhajātakam Not Deceiving One's Friends

The King sends his charioteer to kill and bury his son (the Bodhisatta) whom he believes to be disabled and unlucky. The Bodhisatta appeals to the charioteer thus.

127. Pahūtabhakkho bhavati, vippavuttho sakā gharā, Bahū nam upajīvanti, yo mittānam na dūbhati.

He has an abundance of food,
Even when away from his home,
Many live depending on him,
He who does not deceive his friends.

128. Yam yam janapadam yāti, nigame Rājadhāniyo, Sabbattha pūjito hoti, yo mittānam na dūbhati.

Whatever country he goes to,
In a town or a King's city,
Where'er he goes he is honoured,
He who does not deceive his friends.



129. Nāssa corā pasahanti, nātimañneti khattiyo, Sabbe amitte tarati, yo mittānam na dūbhati.

Thieves do not overpower him,
And nobles do not despise him,
He overcomes all of his foes,
He who does not deceive his friends.

130. Akkuddho sagharam eti, sabhāya paṭinandito, Ñātīnam uttamo hoti, yo mittānam na dūbhati.

Without anger he comes back home,
He is welcomed in public halls,
He is the best of relatives,
He who does not deceive his friends.

131. Sakkatvā sakkato hoti, garu hoti sagāravo, Vaņņakittibhato hoti, yo mittānam na dūbhati.

After greeting, he is greeted,
Respectable and respected,
He enjoys splendour and renown,
He who does not deceive his friends.



132. Pūjako labhate pūjam, vandako paṭivandanam, Yaso kittiñ-ca pappoti, yo mittānam na dūbhati.

Honourable, receiving honour,
Worshipful, receiving worship,
He acquires repute and renown,
He who does not deceive his friends.

133. Aggi yathā pajjalati, devatā va virocati, Siriyā ajahito hoti, yo mittānam na dūbhati.

Just like a fire he will shine forth,

He is brilliant like a god,

Good luck does not abandon him,

He who does not deceive his friends.

134. Gāvo tassa pajāyanti, khette vuttam virūhati, Puttānam phalam-asnāti, yo mittānam na dūbhati.

His cows are productive for him, What is sown in his fields grows up, He enjoys the boon of children, He who does not deceive his friends.



135. Darito pabbatāto vā, rukkhato patito naro, Cuto patiṭṭhaṁ labhati, yo mittānaṁ na dūbhati.

> Whether that man has fallen from A cleft, a mountain, or a tree, While falling, he receives support, He who does not deceive his friends.

136. Virūļhamūlasantānam, nigrodham-iva māluto, Amittā nappasahanti yo mittānam na dūbhati.

As wind cannot overpower

A banyan tree with roots well grown,

So foes cannot overpower

He who does not deceive his friends.





Jā 302 Mahā-assārohajātakam Prudence in Giving

A royalist treats with kindness a great horseman - the King himself - who has been defeated in battle. The great horseman tells him if he comes to the city he will receive his reward. One day the man comes and the King gives him half his kingdom.

137. Adeyyesu dadam dānam, deyyesu nappavecchati, Āpāsu vyasanam patto sahāyam nādhigacchati.

By giving to the unworthy, Not donating to the worthy, One who has come to misfortune Will not gain a companion.

138. Nādeyyesu dadam dānam, deyyesu yo pavecchati, Āpāsu vyasanam patto sahāyam-adhigacchati.

By not giving to the unworthy,
And donating to the worthy,
One who has come to misfortune
Will gain a companion true.

7: Treachery

Jā 528 Mahābodhijātakam Overstaying One's Welcome

The Bodhisatta is an ascetic who is invited by the King to stay in his park. After some time the King plots to kill him, and he decides to leave.

139. Accābhikkhaṇasaṁsaggā asamosaraṇena ca, Etena mittā jīranti – akāle yācanāya ca.

Too constant an association
And never coming together,
Through these things will friendship decay –
And through begging at the wrong time.

140. Tasmā nābhikkhaṇam gacche, na ca gacche cirāciram, Kālena yācam yāceyya, evam mittā na jīyare, Aticiram nivāsena piyo bhavati appiyo.

Therefore do not go constantly,
After a long time do not go,
Begging a gift at the right time,
His friendships will never decay,
Through staying back for a long time
One held dear is no more held dear.

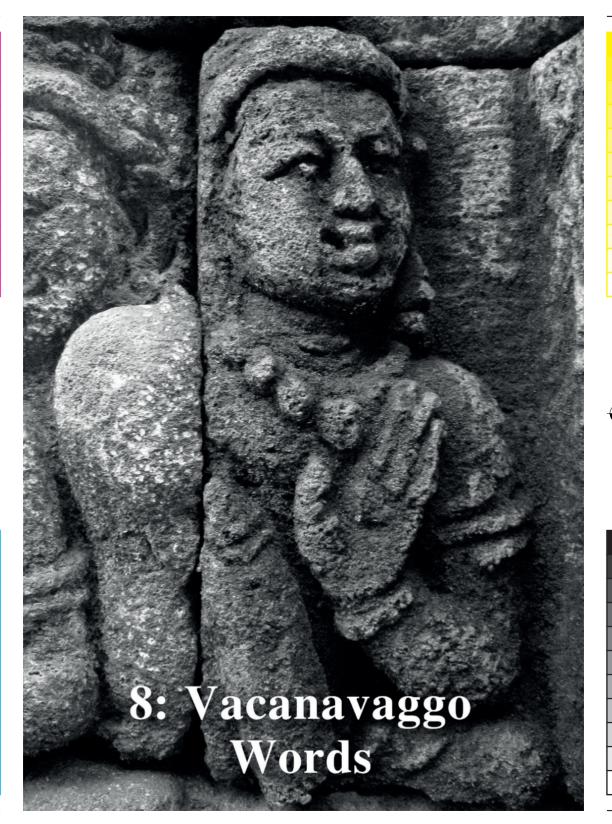


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Jā 361 Vaṇṇārohajātakam Not Listening to Divisive Speech

A jackal tries to divide a lion and a tiger by sowing dissension so he can eat their flesh. They remain friends and the jackal flees.

141. Yo paresam vacanāni saddahetha yathātatham, Khippam bhijjetha mittasmim, verañ-ca pasave bahum.

He who listens to another,
Accepting his words as true,
Will quickly break off with his friend,
Bringing a great deal of hatred.

142. Na so mitto yo sadā appamatto, Bhedāsaṅkī randham-evānupassī, Yasmiñ-ca seti urasīva putto, Sa ve mitto so abhejjo parehi.

A friend should always be heedful,
Not seeking dissession or fault,
Like a child lying on the breast,
A friend should not cut off his friends.



Jā 312 Kassapamandiyajātakam Reconciliation and Responsibility

A father and a younger brother argue along the road, and the Bodhisatta reproves them with these words.

143. Sace pi santo vivadanti, khippam sandhīyare puna, Bālā pattā va bhijjanti, na te samatham-ajjhagū, 144. Ete bhiyyo samāyanti sandhi tesam na jīrati.

If good people quarrel, they should Quickly join together again,
Making a strong, undecaying bond,
Only fools, like broken bowls,
Do not come to a settlement.

Yo cādhipannam jānāti, yo ca jānāti desanam, 145. Eso hi uttaritaro bhāravaho dhurandharo, Yo paresādhipannānam sayam sandhātum-ar^ahati.

He who understands the problem,
He who understands the teaching,
Is a brother who bears his duties,
He is surely worthy to be
A conciliator of others.

Jā 131 Asampadānajātakam Friendship is more Valuable than Wealth

A rich man gives half his wealth to one fallen on hard times; but when he is in need himself the other offers him only rice gruel. He accepts it so as not to rebuff the obligations of friendship. Later the King hears about it and restores his wealth.

146. Asampadānenitarītarassa, Bālassa mittāni kalībhavanti, Tasmā harāmi bhusam aḍḍhamānam, Mā me mitti jīyittha sassatāya.

To that fool having no understanding, Friends are considered to be distressful, Therefore I take his half-measure of chaff, May I not be deprived of his friendship.



Dhp 78 Channattheravatthu Who to Keep Company With

The monk Channa is always abusing Sāriputta and Mahāmoggallāna. When the Buddha finds out he admonishes him thus.

147. Na bhaje pāpake mitte, na bhaje purisādhame, Bhajetha mitte kalyāņe, bhajetha purisuttame.

One should not mix with wicked friends, One should not mix with the ignoble, You should mix with spiritual friends, You should mix with those superior.





Jā 528 Mahābodhijātakam True Friends

The Bodhisatta is an ascetic who is invited by the King to stay in his park. After some time the King plots to kill him, and he decides to leave. When questioned why he is going this is his reply.

148. Vītasaddham na seveyya, udapānam va nodakam, Sace pi nam anukhaņe, vārikaddamagandhikam.

One should not mix with the faithless,
They are like wells without water,
Even if you dig out the well,
The water will still smell of mud.

149. Pasannam-eva seveyya, appasannam vivajjaye, Pasannam pay rupāseyya, rahadam vodakatthiko.

One should mix with the faithful one, And avoid the one without faith, One should gather round the faithful, Like one thirsty goes to a lake.



150. Bhaje bhajantam purisam, abhajantam na bhajjaye, Asappurisadhammo so yo bhajantam na bhajjati.

One should love the lovely person,
And not love those who aren't lovely,
That's a bad person's policy:
He who does not love the lovely.

151. Yo bhajantam na bhajati, sevamānam na sevati, Sa ve manussapāpittho, migo sākhassito yathā.

He who does not love the lovely,

Nor associate with true friends,

Is one who enjoys wickedness,

Like a monkey hanging from branch.





Jā 476 Javanahamsajātakam Deeds not Words Measure a Friend

A King of the geese is invited by the King of men to stay with him, but he declines with these words.

152. Suvijānam sigālānam sakuntānan-ca vassitam, Manussavassitam Rāja dubbijānataram tato.

The cry of jackals and of birds
Can be easily understood,
But the cry and speech of humans
Is much harder to understand.

153. Api ce mañnati poso: Ñati mitto sakhā ti vā, Yo pubbe sumano hutvā, pacchā sampajjate diso.

Although a person thinks: He is My relative and my comrade, He who made him happy before In the future becomes his foe.

154. Yasmim mano nivisati avidūre sahāpi so, Santike pi hi so dūre yasmim vivasate mano.

In whomever the mind is pleased
He is not far away, he's near,
But in whom the mind is not pleased
Although near he is far indeed.

155. Anto pi so hoti pasannacitto, Pāram samuddassa pasannacitto; Anto pi so hoti paduṭṭhacitto, Pāram samuddassa paduṭṭhacitto.

The one whose mind is purified, Still has pure mind across the sea; The one whose mind is corrupted, Still has corrupt mind across the sea.





Jā 349 Sandhibhedajātakam The Consequences of Listening to Slander

A jackal using slander sets two friends fighting, a bull and a lion, and eventually they kill each other. The jackal then eats their flesh. The King of men (the Bodhisatta) reflects on it in these verses addressed to his charioteer.

156. Neva itthīsu sāmaññaṁ nāpi bhakkhesu, Sārathī, Athassa sandhibhedassa passa yāva sucintitaṁ.

Neither in females nor in food Had they anything in common, See how far this was well thought-out To break apart their common bond.

157. Asi tikkho va mamsamhi, pesuññam parivattati, Yatthūsabhañ-ca sīhañ-ca bhakkhayanti migādhamā.

As sharp as a sword in the flesh, Slander surely turns them around, The bull and lion were eaten By the meanest of animals.

158. Imam so sayanam seti, sa-y-imam passasi, Sārathī, Yo vācam sandhibhedassa pisuņassa nibodhati.

He lies there brought down to the ground,
This is the fate of anyone
Who attends to a slanderer,
To the one who breaks apart bonds.

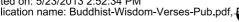
159. Te janā sukham-edhanti, narā Saggagatā-r-iva, Ye vācaṁ sandhibhedassa nāvabodhanti, Sārathī.

Those people will gain happiness,
Like those people gone to Heaven,
Who do not attend to the word
Of that one who breaks apart bonds.





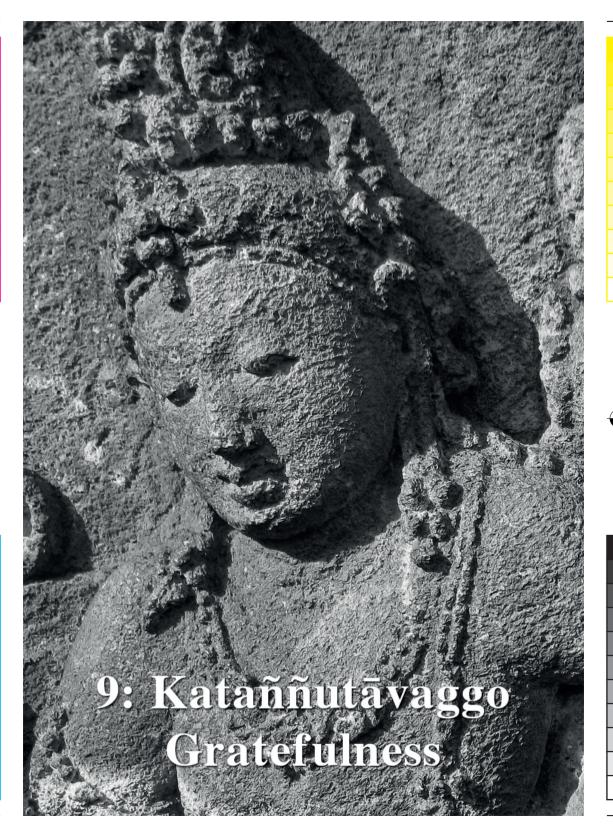
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Jā 429 Mahāsukajātakam Faithfulness in Friendship

Sakka, to try the contentment of a parrot, dries up the tree he lives on, all the other birds desert it but the parrot stays on. Sakka, taking the form of a goose, engaged in this dialogue.

160. "Dumo yadā hoti phalūpapanno Bhuñjanti nam vihagā sampatantā. Khīṇan-ti ñatvāna dumam phalaccaye, Disodisam yanti tato vihangamā.

"When a tree is possessed of fruit
Birds of the air will eat from it.
But when they know: It has perished,
That flock of birds will flee from there.

161. Cara cārikam Lohitatuṇḍa mā mari, Kim tvam suva sukkhadumamhi jhāyasi? Tad-iṅgha mam brūhi, Vasantasannibha, Kasmā suva sukkhadumam na riñcasi?"

Depart from here, but do not die, Why waste away in this old tree? Please tell this to me, O parrot, Why not abandon this old tree?"

162. "Ye ve sakhīnam sakhāro bhavanti, Pāṇaccaye dukkhasukhesu Hamsa, Khīṇam akhīṇan-ti na tam jahanti, Santo satam Dhammam-anussarantā.

"We are comradely with comrades,
For just as long as the breath lasts,
Whether perished or not perished
I surely will not give it up,
So thinks the virtuous, mindful one.

163. Soham satam aññatarosmi Hamsa, Ñatī ca me hoti sakhā ca rukkho. Tam nussahe jīvikattho pahātum, Khīṇan-ti ñatvāna, na hesa Dhammo."

I too am one who is mindful,
The tree is like a friend to me.
Although I know it has perished,
I'm unable to give it up."



Jā 430 Cullasukajātakam Faithfulness in Friendship

Sakka, to try the contentment of a parrot, dries up the tree he lives on, all the other birds desert it but the parrot stays on. Sakka, taking the form of a goose, engaged in this dialogue.

164. "Santi rukkhā haritapattā, dumā nekaphalā bahū, Kasmā nu sukkhe koļāpe suvassa nirato mano?"

"There are many green trees, Trees which have many fruits, Why in this dry old tree Does your mind find delight?"

165. "Phalassa upabhuñjimhā nekavassagaņe bahū, Aphalam-pi viditvāna sāva metti yathā pure."

"For many years the birds
Ate many of the fruits,
I know it is fruitless,
But still I love the tree."



166. "Sukkhañ-ca rukkhaṁ koḷāpaṁ, opattam-aphalaṁ dumaṁ, Ohāya sakuṇā yanti, kiṁ dosaṁ passase dija?"

> "This dried-up tree is dead, Having no leaves or fruit, The birds have now departed, What wrong, Bird, do you see?"

167. "Ye phalatthā sambhajanti, aphalo ti jahanti nam, Attatthapaññā dummedhā, te honti pakkhapātino."

"They who loved it for fruit,
Fruitless abandon it,
Wise only in selfishness,
They abandoned their friend."





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9: Gratefulness

Jā 44 Makasajātakam Understanding Consequences

To rid his father of a mosquito that has landed on his head a son takes an axe and slaughters both the mosquito and his father with one blow.

> 168. Seyyo amitto matiyā upeto Na tveva mitto mativippahīno, Makasam vadhissan-ti hi eļamūgo Putto pitū abbhidā uttamangam.

Better a foe endowed with wisdom
Than a friend lacking in wisdom,
Thinking to kill a mosquito,
The Son did break his Father's head.





Jā 522 Sarabhaṅgajātakaṁ Qualities Esteemed in the World

Sakka asks the Bodhisatta for a definition of the Good Person (Sappurisa)

169. Yo ve kataññū katavedi Dhīro, Kalyāṇamitto daļhabhattī ca hoti, Dukhitassa sakkacca karoti kiccaṁ, Tathāvidhaṁ Sappurisaṁ vadanti.

The one who is grateful and kind,
The friend who has firm devotion,
Respectfully does his duty,
Therefore he's called a Good Person.



SN 1.11.11 Vatapadasuttam The Qualities of a Good Person

The Buddha explains that Sakka, the Lord of the Gods, received his position after undertaking seven vows, which are outlined here.

170. Mātāpettibharam jantum, kule jeṭṭhāpacāyinam, Saṇham sakhilasambhāsam, pesuṇeyyappahāyinam,

171. Maccheravinaye yuttam, saccam, kodhābhibhum naram: Tam ve Devā Tāvatimsā āhu Sappuriso iti.

The one who supports his parents,
And is respectful to elders,
Who is gentle, kindly in speech,
Who abandons slanderous speech,

Who restrains all his selfishness, Who is truthful, and without anger, Of him the Tāvatimsa Gods say: That truly is a Good Person.



Jā 72 Sīlavanāgarājajātakam Greed brings Dire Consequences

A forester, lost in the forest, is saved by the Bodhisatta, a King of the Elephants. Later he returns and asks for the Bodhisatta's tusks, which he readily gives. But not satisfied he returns again and demands the roots of the tusks. While leaving the earth opens up and swallows him.

172. Akataññussa posassa niccam vivaradassino, Sabbañ-ce pathavim dajjā, neva nam abhirādhaye.

The ungrateful man is always
On the look-out for an opening,
But even given the whole world,
He still wouldn't be satisfied.



Jā 73 Saccamkirajātakam The Power of Truth

The Bodhisatta saves a wicked prince who, when later he has ascended the throne, seeing him in the capital, has him flogged and taken out for execution. The Bodhisatta doesn't get upset but repeats this verse. The people set him free, and kill the wicked King instead.

173. Saccam kir-evam-āhamsu narā ekacciyā idha: Kaṭṭham niplavitam seyyo na tvevekacciyo naro.

This truth it seems is known
By many people here:
A log is much better
Than many people here.



Jā 150 Sañjīvajātakam Unexpected Consequences

The Bodhisatta teaches a brahmin youth a spell for restoring life to the dead. Thoughtlessly the youth uses it on a tiger who then kills and eats him.

174. Asantam yo paganhāti, asantañ-cūpasevati, Tam-eva ghāsam kurute, vyaggho Sanjīvako yathā.

> He who favours the bad, And mixes with the bad, Makes fodder of himself, Just like Sañjīvaka, Who revived a tiger.



Jā 302 Mahā-assārohajātakam The Reward for Good Actions

A royalist treats with kindness a great horseman - the King himself - who has been defeated in battle. The great horseman tells him if he comes to the city he will receive his reward. One day the man comes and the King gives him half his kingdom.

175. Samyogasambhogavisesadassanam Anarⁱyadhammesu saṭhesu nassati, Katañ-ca Arⁱyesu ca añjasesu, Mahapphalam hoti anum-pi tādisu.

Whatever good he sees in living together
Goes to waste on the ignoble and treacherous,
But whatever is done along the Noble way,
Even if it is a small thing, it will have great fruit.

176. Yo pubbe katakalyāņo, akā loke sudukkaram, Pacchā kayⁱrā na vā kayⁱrā, accantam pūjanāraho.

He who has done good in the past, Who has done what is difficult, Later, doing or not doing, Is worthy of veneration.

Jā 445 Nigrodhajātakam Deeds are Seeds

Three boys receive an education, two rich, one poor, whose fees are paid for by the first of the boys. Later the poor boy finds out how to become King, but bestows it on his benefactor, and the second boy becomes the Commander-in-Chief. Later the latter abuses and disowns him, but the King (the Bodhisatta) rebukes the Commander-in-Chief, and utters these verses.

177. Yathā pi bījam-aggimhi ḍayhati na virūhati, Evam katam asappurise nassatī na virūhati.

Just as a seed burned in a fire

Does not produce a fruit,

What is done for the bad person

Does not produce good fruit.

178. Kataññumhi ca posamhi, sīlavante ar yavuttine, Sukhette viya bījāni, katam tamhi na nassati.

But for the one who is grateful,
Virtuous, of noble conduct,
What is done for these, like good seeds,
Will produce good fruit in return.

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Jā 90 Akataññujātakam The Reciprocity of Deeds

A merchant sends a caravan to Sāvatthī and is helped by Anāthapiṇḍika; later the latter sends a caravan back to the merchant, but they are rebuked; when they come again to Sāvatthī and are robbed they are left with no one to help them.

179. Yo pubbe katakalyāņo katattho nāvabujjhati, Pacchā kicce samuppanne kattāram nādhigacchati.

He who doesn't acknowledge a good deed
That was done in the past,
When a need arises in the future
Finds no one comes to help.



Jā 409 Daļhadhammajātakam Remembering Service Rendered

An elephant renders great service to the King, but once grown old is neglected and scorned. The Bodhisatta admonishes the King with these verses.

180. Yo pubbe katakalyāņo katattho nāvabujjhati, Atthā tassa palujjanti, ye honti abhipatthitā.

He who does not acknowledge deeds

That were done in the past,

Whatever his gains, so desired,

They will surely decrease.

181. Yo pubbe katakalyāņo katattho-m-anubujjhati, Atthā tassa pavaḍḍhanti, ye honti abhipatthitā.

He who does acknowledge good deeds

That were done in the past,

Whatever his gains, so desired,

They will surely increase.

AN 3.26 Sevitabbasuttam Who to Follow?

The Buddha explains to the monks the three types of person in the world and what their attitude should be towards them, and summarises the teaching with a verse.

182. Nihiyati puriso nihīnasevī, Na ca hāyetha kadāci tulyasevī, Seṭṭham-upanamam udeti khippam, Tasmā attano uttarim bhajetha.

People are brought low by mixing with the lowly,
By mixing with equals they are never brought down,
By inclining to the best they quickly rise up,
Therefore they should mix with those better than
themselves.



Jā 308 Javasakuņajātakam Abandoning an Ingrate

A bird helps a lion by removing a bone stuck in its throat, but when asked to requite he haughtily refuses.

183. Akataññum-akattāram, katass' appaţikārakam, Yasmim kataññutā natthi, niratthā tassa sevanā.

An ingrate who does not requite Whatever has been done for him, There is no point mixing with those In whom gratitude is not found.

184. Yassa sammukhacinnena mittadhammo na labbhati, Anusūyam-anakkosam, sanikam tamhā apakkame.

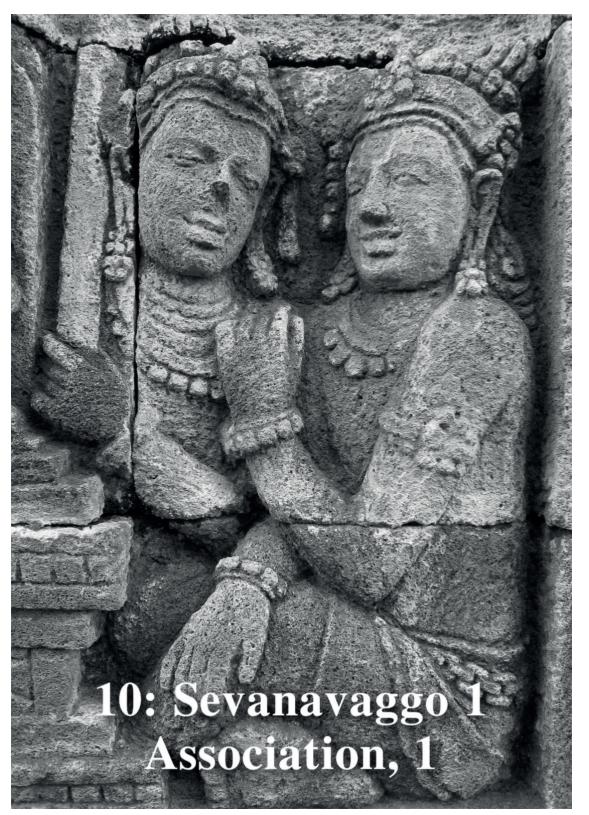
From that one in whom friendliness
Is habitually lacking,
Without jealousy or insult,
He should gently, quickly depart.



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Jā 435 Haliddirāgajātakam Discrimination in whom to Follow

A Father and Son are living as ascetics in the Himālayas when a woman tries to lure the Son away to the city. When he finds out the Father admonishes him with these verses, and he maintains his state.

185. Yo te vissasate, Tāta, vissāsañ-ca khameyya te, Sussūsī ca titikkhī ca, taṁ bhajehi ito gato.

One whom you find is trustworthy,
Who will also accept your trust,
Who will listen and is patient,
Go with him when he goes from here.

186. Yassa kāyena vācāya, manasā natthi dukkatam, Urasīva patiṭṭhāya, tam bhajehi ito gato.

One who by body, word or mind Does nothing wrong, you should support, As you would friend upon your breast, Go with him when he goes from here.

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187. Yo ca Dhammena carati, caranto pi na maññati, Visuddhakārim sappaññam, tam bhajehi ito gato.

The one who lives by the Dhamma,

Not just saying he lives that way,

One who is purified, and wise,

Go with him when he goes from here.

188. Haliddirāgam kapicittam, purisam rāgavirāginam, Tādisam Tāta mā sevi, nimmanussam-pi ce siyā.

But do not mix with one who is
Unstable like turmeric dye,
He who has a monkey-like mind,
Passionate and dispassionate,
Treat him like you would a demon.

189. Āsīvisam va kupitam, mīļhalittam mahāpatham, Ārakā parivajjehi, yānīva visamam patham.

Like one angry, like snake's poison,
Like a great highway smeared with muck,
You should keep far away from him,
Like an unstable vehicle.



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190. Anatthā, Tāta, vaḍḍhanti, bālaṁ accupasevato, Māssu bālena saṅgañchi, amitteneva sabbadā.

A fool when mixed with too often,
Increases the unbeneficial,
Do not have meetings with a fool,
He is in everyway a foe.

191. Tam tāham, Tāta, yācāmi, karassu vacanam mama: Māssu bālena saṅgañchi, dukkho bālehi saṅgamo.

> Therefore I beg you from my heart Please do accept this word of mine: Do not have fools for companions, Suffering comes from mixing with fools.





Jā 161 Indasamānagottajātakam Choosing Friends Carefully

An arrogant ascetic from the Indasamāna clan kept an elephant as a pet. His teacher, the Bodhisatta, warned him of the danger, but he would not listen. One day the elephant trampled him to death.

192. Na santhavam kāpurisena kayⁱrā, Arⁱyo anarⁱyena pajānam-attham. Cirānuvuttho pi karoti pāpam, Gajo yathā Indasamānagottam.

Do not be intimate with a low man,
You should know the worth of the ignoble.
Eventually he does what is wicked,
Like the elephant to the ascetic.

193. Yam tveva jaññā: Sadiso maman-ti, Sīlena paññāya sutena cāpi, Teneva mettim kayirātha saddhim, Sukhāvaho Sappurisena saṅgamo.

But knowing: He is the same as myself, Having virtue and wisdom and learning, With him one should certainly be friendly, Mixing with Good People brings happiness.

Jā 162 Santhavajātakam Intimacy with the Wicked and the Righteous

A brahmin ascetic feeds his sacred fire with ghee and milk-rice and it flares up and burns down his hut. Later he saw a black deer who was intimate with his traditional enemies the lion, the tiger and the panther and he spoke these verses.

194. Na santhavasmā paramatthi pāpiyo Yo santhavo kāpurisena hoti. Santappito sappinā pāyasena Kicchākataṁ paṇṇakuṭiṁ adaḍḍhahi.

Nothing is worse than the intimacy
Of a friend of a contemptible person.
The fire that burned with ghee and with milk-rice
Burned down my leaf-hut, made with much trouble.

195. Na santhavasmā paramatthi seyyo Yo santhavo Sappurisena hoti, Sīhassa vyagghassa ca dīpino ca Sāmā mukhaṁ lehati santhavena.

Nothing is better than the intimacy Of a friend of a Good and True Person. The black deer licks the faces of the lion, Tiger and leopard with loving-kindness.

Jā 141 Godhajātakam Consorting with the Wicked

An iguana makes friends with a chameleon, who he is wont to embrace. The chameleon, fearing for his life, calls in a hunter and destroys the iguana family.

196. Na pāpajanasamsevī accantam sukham-edhati, Godhā kulam kakantā va kalim pāpeti attānam.

Going around with the wicked Will not bring endless happiness,
They are like the chameleon
Who defeated the iguanas.



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The Buddha explains the three kinds of happiness people should wish for, and warns against bad reputation.

197. Akaronto pi ce pāpam karontam-upasevati, Sankiyo hoti pāpasmim, avaņņo cassa rūhati.

If one not doing what is wrong
Associates with one who is,
He will be suspected of wrong,
And others will start to blame him.





SN 1.3.11 Sattajaţilasuttam Appearance is not All

King Pasenadi interrupts his interview with the Buddha to pay respect to various kinds of ascetics who are passing nearby. The Buddha cautions that outward appearance is not trustworthy, and the King admits that these are his spies.

198. Na vaṇṇarūpena naro sujāno, Na vissase ittaradassanena, Susaññatānañ-hi viyañjanena Asaññatā lokam-imaṁ caranti.

Not by outward form is a person known,

Not by seeing briefly can there be trust,

For under pretence of being restrained

The unrestrained ones will live in this world.

199. Patirūpako mattikā kuṇḍalo va, Lohaḍḍhamāso va suvaṇṇachanno, Caranti eke parivārachannā, Anto asuddhā, bahi sobhamānā.

Like a clay earring resembling one gold, Like a copper coin covered in bright gold, Some wander around with a retinue, Inside impure, but seeming to be pure.

Jā 384 Dhammadhajajātakam Deceitful Appearances

A crow pretends to be a holy ascetic who lives on air alone, but secretly eats the eggs and young of other birds when left alone. Eventually he is caught and put to death.

> 200. Vācāya sakhilo manoviduggo, Channo kūpasayo va kaņhasappo, Dhammadhajo gāmanigamesu sādhu, Dujjāno purisena bālisena.

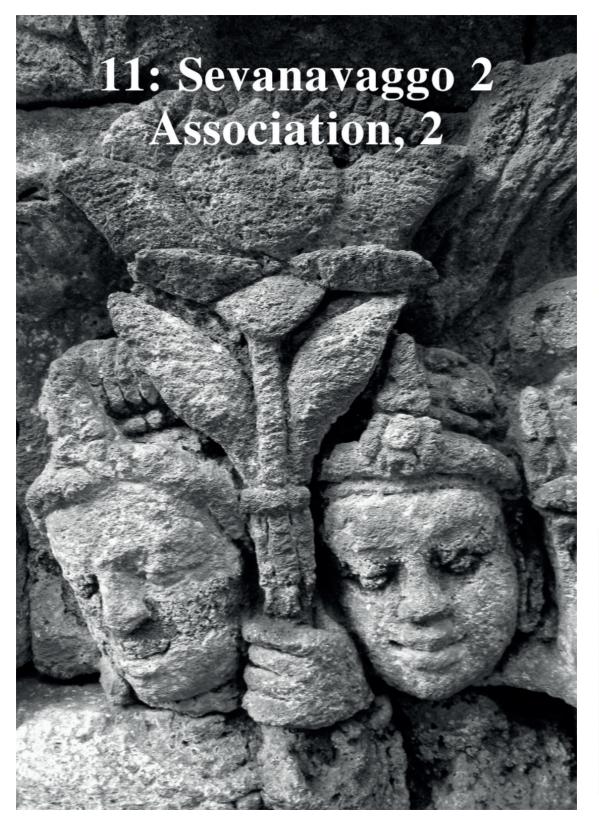
Kindly in speech, his mind hidden away, Like a black snake dwelling in a dark hole, Virtuous and righteous in the village, The foolish find him hard to recognise.

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Jā 503 Sattigumbajātakam According to Upbringing

Two parrots who are brothers are brought up differently, one in a robber-village, and one in a hermitage of the wise. When a King loses his way the first wants to kill and rob him, while the second offers him a helping hand.

201. Yam yam hi Rāja bhajati, santam vā yadi vā asam, Sīlavantam visīlam vā, vasam tasseva gacchati.

With the one he keeps company,
King, be he good or be he bad,
Virtuous or unvirtuous,
He goes under their influence.

202. Yādisam kurute mittam, yādisan-cūpasevati, So pi tādisako hoti, sahavāso hi tādiso.

With whomever he makes his friend,
With whomever he associates,
Such a person does he become,
Through living close with such a one.



203. Sevamāno sevamānam, samphuṭṭho samphusam param, Saro diddho kalāpam va alittam-upalimpati, Upalepabhayā Dhīro neva pāpasakhā siyā.

Associating with associates,
Being touched by another's touch,
A poisoned arrow soon defiles
A quiver that is undefiled,
But the Wise One is not afraid
He will be defiled by his friends.

204. Pūtimaccham kusaggena yo naro upanayhati Kusāpi pūti vāyanti, evam bālūpasevanā.

Just as one who wraps rotten fish
In sacred and sweet-smelling grass
Finds the grass will soon smell rotten,
So it is from mixing with fools.

205. Tagaram va palāsena yo naro upanayhati Pattā pi surabhi vāyanti, evam Dhīrūpasevanā.

Just as one who wraps up incense In leaves that are without a smell Will soon find the leaves smell fragrant, So it is from mixing with the Wise.



206. Tasmā pattapuṭasseva ñatvā sampākam-attano. Asante nopaseveyya, santo seveyya paṇḍito, Asanto Nirayaṁ nenti, santo pāpenti Suggatiṁ.

Having understood the result
Is the same as for a leaf-wrap
He will not mix with bad people,
But mix with good and wise people,
The bad go to the lower realms,
The good will attain to Heaven.





Dhp 206 Sakkavatthu Seeing Noble Ones

When the Buddha lies ill Sakka, the King of the Gods, comes to minister to him. The monks wonder why, and the Buddha explains how he previously answered Sakka's questions whereby he became a stream-enterer.

207. Sāhu dassanam-Arⁱyānam, sannivāso sadā sukho, Adassanena bālānam niccam-eva sukhī siyā.

Meeting with Noble Ones is good, And living with them is pleasant, Through not meeting foolish people One will forever be happy.



SN 1.1.31 Sabbhisuttam The Benefits of Associating with the Virtuous

Five gods approach the Buddha and speak one verse each on the benefits of associating with the wise, to which the Buddha adds the final verse below.

208. Sabbhi-r-eva samāsetha, sabbhi kubbetha santhavam, Satam Saddhammam-aññāya, seyyo hoti na pāpiyo.

Sit down with the virtuous,

Be close to the virtuous,

After learning the Dhamma,

From a learned person

One is better not worse.

209. Sabbhi-r-eva samāsetha, sabbhi kubbetha santhavam, Satam Saddhammam-aññāya, paññā labbhati — nāññato.

Sit down with the virtuous,
Be close to the virtuous,
After learning the Dhamma,
From a learned person
One surely gains wisdom.

210. Sabbhi-r-eva samāsetha, sabbhi kubbetha santhavam, Satam Saddhammam-aññāya, sokamajjhe na socati.

Sit down with the virtuous,

Be close to the virtuous,

After learning the Dhamma,

From a learned person

One will no longer grieve.

211. Sabbhi-r-eva samāsetha, sabbhi kubbetha santhavam, Satam Saddhammam-aññāya, ñātimajjhe virocati.

Sit down with the virtuous,
Be close to the virtuous,
After learning the Dhamma,
From a learned person
One shines among one's kin.

212. Sabbhi-r-eva samāsetha, sabbhi kubbetha santhavam, Satam Saddhammam-aññāya, sattā gacchanti Suggatim.

Sit down with the virtuous,
Be close to the virtuous,
After learning the Dhamma,
From a learned person
One attains to Heaven.



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213. Sabbhi-r-eva samāsetha, sabbhi kubbetha santhavam, Satam Saddhammam-aññāya, sattā tiṭṭhanti sātatam.

Sit down with the virtuous,
Be close to the virtuous,
After learning the Dhamma,
From a learned person
One is always steady.

214. Sabbhi-r-eva samāsetha, sabbhi kubbetha santhavam, Satam Saddhammam-aññāya, sabbadukkhā pamuccati.

Sit down with the virtuous,

Be close to the virtuous,

After learning the Dhamma,

From a learned person

One is freed from suffering.





Jā 428 Kosambijātakam Wander with the Wise or Wander Alone

A King executes a neighbouring King. The latter's son secretely becomes the King's trusted confidant, and one day, still intent on revenge, has him alone. But rather than kill him he forgives him, and the two become close friends.

215. Sace labhetha nipakam sahāyam Saddhim caram Sādhuvihāridhīram, Abhibhuyya sabbāni parissayāni, Careyya tenattamano satīmā.

If you find a good friend A Wise One who lives well, Overcome your troubles, And wander mindfully.

216. No ce labhetha nipakam sahāyam Saddhim caram Sādhuvihāridhīram, Rājā va raṭṭham vijitam pahāya, Eko care mātangarañne va nāgo.

If you don't find a friend A Wise One who lives well, Abandoning your home, One should wander alone.



217. Ekassa caritam seyyo, natthi bāle sahāyatā, Eko care na ca pāpāni kayⁱrā, Appossukko mātangaraññe va nāgo.

Wandering alone is best,
Have no friendship with fools,
One should wander alone,
Doing nothing wicked,
Like a grand elephant
In a lonely forest.





Dhp 61 Mahākassapattherasaddhivihārikavatthu No Friendship with Fools

A faithless pupil of Ven. Mahākassapa tricks a supporter into giving him food and drinks which he says are needed by the elder. Being rebuked he burns down the Elder's hut and runs away. The whole story is reported to the Buddha.

218. Carañ-ce nādhigaccheyya seyyam sadisam-attano, Ekacar yam daļham kay rā: natthi bāle sahāyatā.

If while wandering one does not find
One better or same as oneself,
One should resolve to go alone:
There can be no friendship with fools.

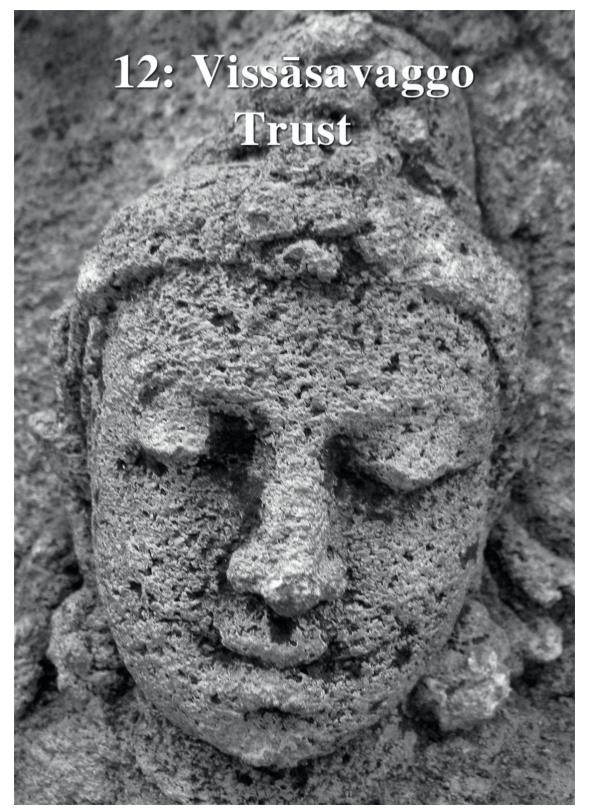


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Jā 68 Sāketajātakam Faith at First Sight

A couple who were the Bodhisatta's parents in many previous lives greet him as a son in this life, to the confusion of the monks. The Buddha explains their past relationship.

219. Yasmim mano nivisati, cittam cāpi pasīdati, Adiţṭhapubbake pose, kāmam tasmim-pi vissase.

In that one in whom he has trust, In whom his heart has devotion, Although he is unknown before, He should willingly place his trust.



Jā 93 Vissāsabhojanajātakam The Danger of Being too Trusting

A lion so scares the cows pasturing nearby that they don't give milk. The herdsman covers with poison a hare-deer the lion is fond of, the lion licks her fondly and dies.

220. Na vissase avissatthe, vissatthe pi na vissase, Vissāsā bhayam-anveti sīham va migamātukā.

Do not trust the untrustworthy, Be wary even of the trustworthy, There is danger following trust Like the lion and the hare-deer.



Jā 448 Kukkuṭajātakaṁ Do not Trust the Untrustworthy

A hawk preys on chickens until only the Bodhisatta is left. He tries to lure him out with kind words, but the Bodhisatta resists, not placing his trust in a natural enemy.

221. Nāsmase katapāpamhi, nāsmase alikavādine, Nāsmas' attatthapaññamhi, atisante pi nāsmase.

Do not trust one who is wicked, Do not trust one who speaks falsely, Do not trust one who is selfish, Or he who makes a show of peace.

222. Bhavanti heke purisā gopipāsikajātikā, Ghasanti maññe mittāni, vācāya na ca kammunā.

Some of the people are as though
Descended from thirsty cattle,
They satisfy their friends, I think,
With words, but not with their actions.



223. Sukkhañjalī paggahītā, vācāya paļiguņṭhitā, Manussapheggū nāsīde, yasmim natthi kataññutā.

Offering empty hands in homage, Concealing actions by their words, They are vile, not to be approached, In whom there is no gratitude.

224. Na hi aññaññacittānaṁ itthīnaṁ purisāna' vā Nānā ca katvā saṁsaggaṁ tādisam-pi ca nāsmase.

Do not have trust or have contact With these sorts of women or men Whose minds are fickle, unsteady, And are always ready to change.

225. Anarⁱyakammam okkantam, athetam sabbaghātinam, Nisitam va paṭicchannam, tādisam-pi ca nāsmase.

Do not trust the unreliable
Who fall into ignoble deeds,
They would murder all and sundry,
Their swords are sheathed and covered.



226. Mittarūpenidhekacce sākhallena acetasā, Vividhehi upāyehi, tādisam-pi ca nāsmase.

Do not place your trust in such as
Only appear to be your friends,
Having smooth words and various means,
They have no intention to act.

227. Āmisam vā dhanam vā pi yattha passati tādiso, Dubbhim karoti dummedho tañ-ca hantvāna, gacchati.

Where such a one sees gain or wealth,
After treacherously slaughtering
The foolish one, he will depart.





Jā 521 Tesakuņajātakam The Trustworthy one

A childless King adopts three birds as his children, which his courtiers scorn. To prove their worth he asks them for advice in ruling the Kingdom, and this is part of what his 'daughter' says.

228. Yo ca tam Tāta rakkheyya, dhanam yañ-ceva te siyā, Sūto va ratham sanganhe, so te kiccāni kāraye.

He who will guard you well, Father, And will also guard all your wealth, Like a charioteer his chariot, He will see to all his duties.

229. Susangahitantajano sayam vittam avekkhiya, Nidhiñ-ca inadānañ-ca na kare parapattiyā.

He will see to guarding one's wealth
He will treat the people kindly,
Regarding your treasure and debts
He will not depend on others.

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230. Sayam āyam vayam jaññā, sayam jaññā katākatam, Niggaņhe niggahāraham, paggaņhe paggahāraham.

Your profit and loss he should know, And what you have done and not done, He should punish those who deserve it, And support those who are worthy.





Jā 508 Pañcapaṇḍitajātakaṁ Keeping a Secret

The Bodhisatta councils the King not to reveal his secrets to anyone, but others hostile to him say that revealing to a wife, a friend, a brother, a son, or a mother is acceptable. Later the Bodhisatta reveals the secrets that they have told to such, showing their unreliablity. Then he repeats his wise advice.

231. Guyhassa hi guyham-eva sādhu, Na hi guyhassa pasattham-āvikammam, Anipphādāya saheyya Dhīro, Nipphannatho yathāsukham bhaṇeyya.

The hiding of secrets is good indeed,
The revealing of secrets is wicked,
The Wise is patient while it is undone,
When done he can speak whatever he likes.

232. Na guyham-attham vivareyya, Rakkheyya nam yathā nidhim, Na hi pātukato sādhu guyho attho pajānatā.

One should not reveal a secret,
One should guard it like buried treasure,
Therefore those who know a secret
Surely do not make it manifest.

233. Thiyā guyham na samseyya amittassa ca Paṇḍito, Yo cāmisena samhīro, hadayattheno ca yo naro.

The Wise should not tell a secret

To a woman, or to a foe,

To one who is overcome by gain,

Or to one whose heart is stolen.

234. Guyham-attham-asambuddham sambodhayati yo naro, Mantabhedabhayā tassa dāsabhūto titikkhati.

That one who makes known a secret,

Something which was unknown before,

Fearing a broken confidence,

Will have to endure slavery.

235. Yāvanto purisassattham guyham jānanti mantinam, Tāvanto tassa ubbegā, tasmā guyham na vissaje.

As far as one knows a secret
And a confidential matter,
That far does he have fear, therefore
A secret should not be revealed.



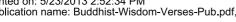
236. Vivicca bhāseyya divā rahassam, Rattim giram nātivelam pamunce, Upassutīkā hi suņanti mantam, Tasmā manto khippam-upeti bhedam.

In the day, one should speak in seclusion,
At night for a long time one should not speak,
Eavesdroppers listen for confidences,
Therefore a confidence is quickly broken.





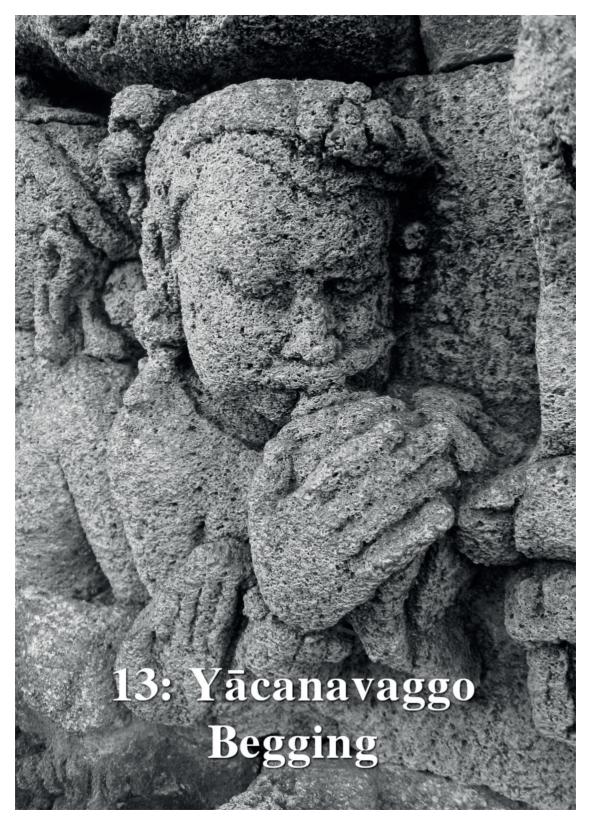
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Jā 253 Maņikaņţhajātakam The Result of too Much Begging

A dragon falls in love with a hermit and embraces him to his distress. To frighten him away the hermit begs for the dragon's jewel three times.

237. "Mamannapānam vipulam uļāram Uppajjatim assa maņissa hetu."

"I will have rich drink and food aplenty Arising by reason of your jewel."

> "Tam te na dassam atiyācako 'si, Na cāpi te assamam āgamissam.

238. Susū yathā sakkharadhotapāṇī, Tāsesi maṁ selaṁ yācamāno, Taṁ te na dassaṁ atiyācako 'si, Na cāpi te assamaṁ āgamissaṁ."

"I will not give to you, you beg too much,
Nor will I come back to your hermitage.
Like a youth with a clean sword in his hand,
You scare me, by begging for my jewel,
I will not give to you, you beg too much,
Nor will I come back to your hermitage."



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239. Na tam yāce yassa piyam jigimse,Desso hoti atiyācanāya.Nāgo maņim yācito brāhmaņena,Adassanam yeva tad-ajjhagāmā.

You should not beg from one whose love you want,
Begging too much is disagreeable.
The brāhman begged for the dragon's jewel,
He went from there and was never seen again.





Jā 323 Brahmadattajātakam Begging brings Tears

A hermit is invited by a King to stay in his park. For twelve years he desires a pair of shoes and a leaf umbrella but is too ashamed to ask. Eventually he asks, receives, and goes on his way.

240. Dvayam yācanako, Rāja Brahmadatta, nigacchati Alābham dhanalābham vā, evam dhammā hi yācanā.

Begging for two things, O King, He will find loss or gain of wealth, Such is the nature of begging.

241. "Yācanam rodanam," āhu Pañcālānam Rathesabha, "Yo yācanam paccakkhāti," tam-āhu "paṭirodanam.

242. Mā-m-addasamsu rodantam, Pañcālā, susamāgatā, Tuvam vā paṭirodantam, tasmā icchām' aham raho."

"Beggers weep," he said to the King,
"When refused he also weeps.

Let them not see my tears, I thought,
Or you weep – thus I hide away."



Jā 403 Aṭṭhisenajātakaṁ Silent Begging

The King, pleased with a sage (the Bodhisatta), offers him anything from his Kingdom down, but the sage remains silent. The following dialogue ensues.

243. "Ye me aham na jānāmi, Aṭṭhisena, vaṇibbake, Te mam saṅgamma yācanti; kasmā mam tvam na yācasi."

> "Those poor people I do not know, Atthisena, gather and beg, Why is it that you do not beg?"

244. "Yācako appiyo hoti, yācam adadam-appiyo, Tasmāham tam na yācāmi, mā me viddesanā ahu."

> "A begger is not loved, one not Giving to begging is not loved, Thus I beg not – be not angry."

245. "Yo ve yācanajīvāno, kāle yācam na yācati, Parañ-ca puññā dhamseti, attanā pi na jīvati.

"He who lives by way of begging, And who begs not at begging time, Destroys the merits of others, And himself does not live happily.

246. Yo ca yācanajīvāno, kāle yācam hi yācati, Parañ-ca puññam labbheti, attanā pi ca jīvati.

He who lives by way of begging,
And who then begs at begging time,
Causes others to gain merit,
And himself will live happily.

247. Na ve dessanti sappaññā, disvā yācakam-āgataṁ, Brahmacāri piyo me 'si varataṁ bhaññam-icchasi."

Those with wisdom are not angry
After seeing a begger come,
My dear and spiritual friend
Speak and ask for a boon from me."

248. "Na ve yācanti sappaññā, Dhīro veditum-ar^ahati, Uddissa Arⁱyā tiṭṭhanti, esā Arⁱyāna' yācanā."

"Those who have wisdom do not beg, This the Wise One must surely know, The Noble simply stand for alms, Such is the Noble Ones' begging."



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Jā 478 Dūtajātakam Asking the Right Person at the Right Time

A student desiring to repay his teacher disregards others and waits until the King comes and asks him what he needs, as only the King has the power to solve his problem.

249. Sace te dukkham uppajje, Kāsīnam Raṭṭhavaḍḍhana, Mā kho no tassa akkhāhi yo tam dukkhā na mocaye.

If suffering has arisen,

Benefactor of Kāsi,

Do not tell it to the one who

Cannot free you from your suffering.

250. Yo tassa dukkhajātassa ekantam-api bhāgato Vippamoceyya Dhammena: kāmaṁ tassa pavedaye.

He who can free you from even
A small portion of the suffering,
In accordance with the Dhamma:
To him, if you wish, you should speak.

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251. Yo attano dukkham-anānupuṭṭho, Pavedaye jantu akālarūpe, Ānandino tassa bhavantyamittā, Hitesino tassa dukkhī bhavanti.

He who, though not asked his suffering, Speaks to people at the wrong time, Should know his foes take joy in that, Those who wish him well will suffer.

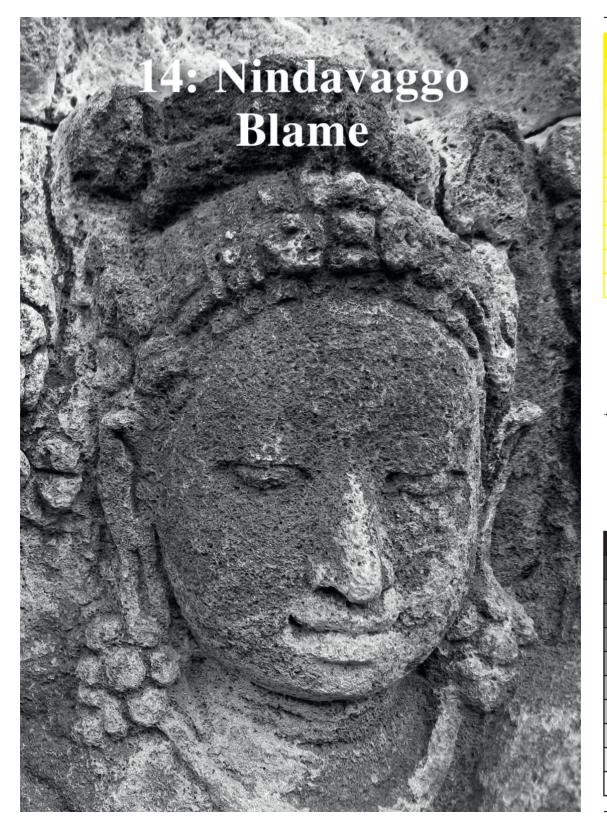
252. Kālañ-ca ñatvāna tathāvidhassa, Medhāvinaṁ ekamanaṁ viditvā, Akkheyya tippāni parassa Dhīro, Saṇhaṁ giraṁ atthavatiṁ pamuñce.

After understanding the right time, Knowing his benefactor's mind, The Wise One will relate his pains, Gently looking for a favour.

253. Sace ca jaññā avisayham-attano: "Nāyaṁ nīti mayha' sukhāgamāya," Eko pi tippāni saheyya Dhīro, Saccaṁ hirottappam-apekkhamāno.

But knowing it's not possible, and
It will not lead to happiness,
The Wise One will bear up his pains,
Desiring truth and good conscience.











AN 8.5 Pathamalokadhammasuttam The Eight Worldly Things

The Buddha explains the eight worldly conditions to the monks and summarises them with a verse.

254. Lābho alābho ayaso yaso ca, Nindā pasamsā ca sukhañ-ca dukkham: Ete aniccā manujesu dhammā, Asassatā vipariņāmadhammā.

Gain and loss, fame and infamy, Blame, praise, happiness, suffering: These are impermanent, passing, Having a changeable nature.





Dhp 227-8 Atula-upāsakavatthu Blameworthy

The lay-disciple Atula goes to see Revata, who speaks not, Sāriputta, who speaks at length, and Ānanda who speaks moderately; but he is upset with them all. Finally he goes to the Buddha who explains it thus.

255. Porāṇam-etam, Atula, netam ajjatanām-iva: Nindanti tuṇhim-āsīnam, nindanti bahubhāṇinam, Mitabhāṇim-pi nindanti, natthi loke anindito.

This is ancient wisdom, my friend,
This is not something that is new:
They blame the one who is silent,
The one who talks a lot, and the
One who talks in moderation,
There is no one who is not blamed.

256. Na cāhu na ca bhavissati, na cetarahi vijjati Ekantam nindito poso, ekantam vā pasamsito.

> There was not and there will not be, And at present there is not found Someone totally blameworthy, Or one totally praiseworthy.

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Dhp 81 Lakuntakabhaddiyattheravatthu Unperturbed

The Elder Lakuntaka Bhaddiya was a dwarf who attained arahantship. Novices and others used to tease him, but he remained unmoved. The Buddha explained why.

257. Selo yathā ekaghano vātena na samīrati, Evam nindāpasamsāsu na samiñjanti Paṇḍitā.

> Just as solid rock is Not shaken by the wind, So the Wise are unmoved By either blame or praise.





Ud 3.3 Yasojasuttam Unshaken by Pleasure and Pain

The monk Yasoja and 500 other monks who are visiting the Buddha are very noisy so he sends them away. They put forth extra effort during the Rains retreat and become Arahats, after which the Buddha sends for them again.

258. Yassa jito kāmakaṇṭako, Akkoso ca vadho ca bandhanañ-ca, Pabbato va so ṭhito anejo, Sukhadukkhesu na vedhatī sa bhikkhu.

He who overcomes sense desire, Scolding, slaying, and other bonds, He who stands still like a mountain, Is unshaken by pleasure or pain.



AN 5.48 Alabbhanīyaṭhānasuttam The Wise do not Tremble

The Buddha explains there are five things that cannot be obtained: for those having the nature of ageing, sickness, dying, wasting and destruction that there should be none of these things is impossible. The Noble disciple knows this and does not grieve.

259. Na socanāya paridevanāya, Atthodha laddhā api appako pi. Socantam-enam dukhitam viditvā, Paccatthikā attamanā bhayanti.

In grief and lamentation there is no
Profit and not even a little gain.
Through seeing your grieving and suffering
Your opponents are surely uplifted.

260. Yato ca kho Paṇḍito āpadāsu, Na vedhatī atthavinicchayaññū, Paccatthikāssa dukhitā bhavanti, Disvā mukham avikāram purāṇam.

But whenever the Wise One trembles not, Showing good sense regarding misfortune, His opponents will become afflicted, Seeing that his appearance is unchanged.

261. Jappena mantena subhāsitena, Anuppadānena paveņiyā vā, Yathā yathā yattha labhetha atthaṁ, Tathā tathā tattha parakkameyya.

Through praise or charms or speaking well,
Through giving or through tradition,
Whatever things he finds are good,
Is where he should make his effort.

262. Sace pajāneyya: alabbhaneyyo Mayā vā aññena vā esa attho. Asocamāno adhivāsayeyya, Kammaṁ daļhaṁ kinti karomi dāni.

It is good to understand what cannot
Be obtained by oneself or another.
Without grieving he should endure, knowing:
I will now do whatever is required.



Jā 351 Maņikuņḍalajātakam Transient Wealth

The Bodhisatta is a King whose Capital is overrun by another King. He refuses to fight as it would involve maining and killing. The conquering King wonders why he does not struggle, and the Bodhisatta speaks the following verses, after which the other departs.

263. Pubbeva maccam vijahanti bhogā, Macco vā te pubbataram jahāti. Asassatā bhogino, Kāmakāmi, Tasmā na socām' aham sokakāle.

Soon mortals will be parted from their wealth,
Or perhaps they abandon it sooner.
I know that wealth will not last forever,
Therefore I grieve not at a grievious time.

264. Udeti āpūrati veti cando, Attham tapetvāna paleti sūriyo. Viditā mayā sattuka lokadhammā, Tasmā na socām' aham sokakāle.

The moon becomes full, and then wanes again,

The sun after blazing will set again,

I know this is the nature of the world,

Therefore I grieve not at a grievious time.

Jā 461 Dasarathajātakam Understanding Nature one Grieves Not

The Bodhisatta, along with his brother and sister, is exiled in the Himālayas. While there he learns that his father the King has died, yet understanding the way of nature he does not grieve.

265. Yam na sakkā nam pāletum posena lapatam bahum, Sa kissa Viñnū medhāvī attānam-upatāpaye?

When a person cannot preserve Himself, even with great weeping, Why should a Wise and sensible Person torment himself with grief?

266. Daharā ca hi ye vuddhā, ye bālā ye ca Paṇḍitā. Aḍḍhā ceva daļiddā ca – sabbe maccuparāyaṇā.

For both the young and old, The foolish and the Wise, The wealthy and the poor – Will have their end in death.



267. Phalānam-iva pakkānam niccam papatatā bhayam, Evam jātāna' maccānam niccam maranato bhayam.

Just as for mature fruit there is Always the danger of falling, So for those who are living there Is always the danger of death.

268. Sāyam-eke na dissanti pāto diṭṭhā bahujjanā, Pāto eke na dissanti sāyaṁ diṭṭhā bahujjanā.

Many people seen in the morning, Are not seen in the evening time, Many people seen in the evening, Are not seen in the morning time.

269. Paridevayamāno ce, kiñcid-attham udabbahe Sammūļho himsam-attānam, kayⁱrā cetam Vicakkhaņo.

If through lamentation the one
Who is besotted could remove
Suffering and hurt for himself,
The Wise One would lament as well.



270. Kiso vivaṇṇo bhavati hiṁsam-attānam-attano, Na tena petā pālenti, niratthā paridevanā.

Though he has afflicted himself, And has become quite lean and pale, The dead cannot be helped by that, No good comes from lamentation.

271. Yathā saraṇam-ādittam vārinā parinibbaye, Evam-pi dhīro sutavā medhāvī Paṇḍito naro Khippam-uppatitam sokam, vāto tūlam va dhamsaye.

Just as a burning house can be
Extinguished with water, just so
The learned and Wise person quickly
Extinguishes all of his griefs,
Like the wind dispersing cotton.

272. Eko va macco acceti, eko va jāyate kule, Samyogaparamā tveva sambhogā sabbapāṇinam.

> Although all people are attached To their family and their friends, When they die, they are reborn with Another family and friends.



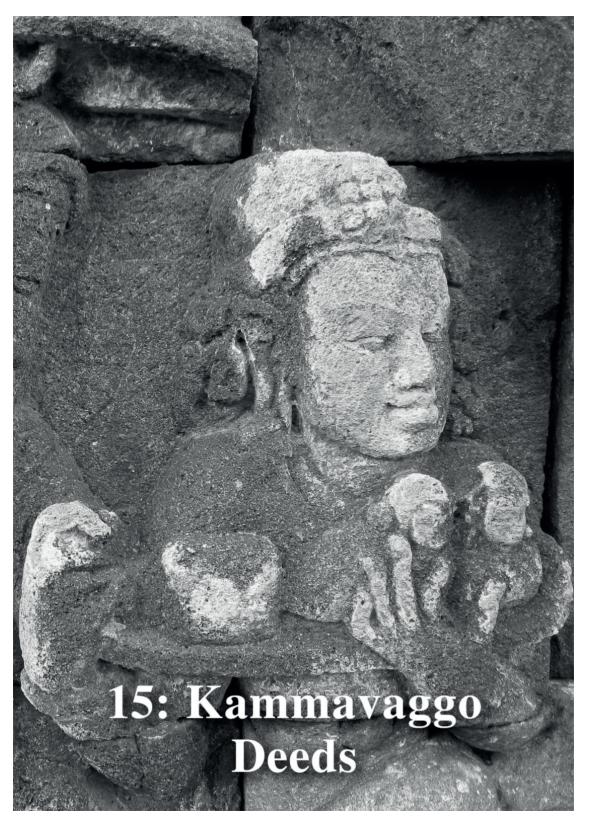
273. Tasmā hi dhīrassa bahussutassa, Sampassato lokam-imam parañ-ca, Aññāya Dhammam hadayam manañ-ca, Sokā mahantā pi na tāpayanti.

Therefore the strong and learned one, Seeing both this world and the next, Who knows the Dhamma in his heart, Will not be tormented by grief.













Dhp 127 Suppabuddhasakyavatthu Deeds and their Results

Three different groups of monks see a crow die, a woman drowned and themselves buried alive on their way to the Buddha. They decide to ask him why it happened, and he explains there is nowhere to escape from the results of bad actions.

274. Na antalikkhe, na samuddamajjhe, Na pabbatānam vivaram pavissa: Na vijjatī so jagatippadeso, Yatthaṭṭhito mucceyya pāpakammā.

Neither in the sky, nor in the ocean,
Nor after entering a mountain cleft:
There is no place found on this earth where one
Is free from the results of wicked deeds.

SN 1.3.15 Dutiyasangāmasuttam The Revolution of Deeds

King Pasenadi defeats King Ajātasattu in battle, takes his four-fold army from him, and, showing mercy, releases him with his life.

275. Hantā labhati hantāram, jetāram labhate jayam, Akkosako ca akkosam, rosetārañ-ca rosako, Atha kammavivaṭṭena, so vilutto vilumpati.

The killer finds one who kills him,

The victor will find a victor,

The abuser an abuser,

The wrathful finds one full of wrath,

So too as deeds return to one,

The robber will find himself robbed.



Dhp 125 Kokasunakhaluddakavatthu Offending the Inoffensive

A hunter blames a monk for his failure to catch game and he sets his dogs on him, chasing him up a tree. The monk's robe falls over the hunter and the dogs devour him instead.

276. So appaduṭṭhassa narassa dussati, Suddhassa posassa anaṅgaṇassa, Tam-eva bālaṁ pacceti pāpaṁ, Sukhumo rajo paṭivātaṁ va khitto.

He offends against the inoffensive,
A purified and passionless person,
That wicked deed will return to the fool,
Like fine dust that is thrown against the wind.



Dhp 137-140 Mahāmoggallānattheravatthu The Fruit of Unjust Punishment

Being fooled by his wife a young man, who was faithfully performing his duty before, murders his parents.

277. Yo daṇḍena adaṇḍesu appaduṭṭhesu dussati, Dasannam-aññataraṁ ṭhānaṁ khippam-eva nigacchati:

He who offends with punishment
One who is quite inoffensive,
One who does not punish others,
Will quickly fall into one of ten states:

278. Vedanam pharusam, jānim, sarīrassa ca bhedanam, Garukam vāpi ābādham, cittakkhepam va pāpuņe,

Harsh feelings and loss of his wealth,
And the break up of his body,
Or maybe heavy affliction,
Or perhaps he will loose his mind,



279. Rājato vā upassaggam, abbhakkhānam va dāruņam. Parikkhayam va nātīnam, bhogānam va pabhanguram,

There may be some danger from Kings,
Or slander that is terrible,
He may suffer from loss of kin,
Or from the destruction of wealth,

280. Atha vāssa agārāni aggi ḍahati pāvako, Kāyassa bhedā duppañño Nirayam so upapajjati.

> Then his houses will be consumed By fire, and then at the break-up Of the body that foolish one Will arise in the Lower Realms.





Dhp 121 Asaññataparikkhārabhikkhuvatthu Do not Despise Wickedness

A monk refuses to look after his requisities, thinking them not worth the trouble. The Buddha admonishes him.

281. Māpamañnetha pāpassa: Na mam tam āgamissati, Udabindunipātena udakumbho pi pūrati, Bālo pūrati pāpassa, thokam thokam-pi ācinam.

He should not despise wickedness
Thinking: It will not come to me,
Through the falling of water drops
The water-pot is quickly filled,
The fool, gathering gradually,
Soon becomes full of wickedness.





Dhp 69 Uppalavaṇṇattherīvatthu The Ripening of Wickedness

A cousin of the nun Uppalavaṇṇā hides in her forest dwelling and rapes her when she returns. This is told to the Buddha.

282. Madhuvā maññati bālo, yāva pāpam na paccati, Yadā ca paccati pāpam, bālo dukkham nigacchati.

The fool thinks it sweet, as long as
His wickedness does not ripen,
But when his wickedness ripens,
Then the fool falls into suffering.





Dhp 71 Ahipetavatthu Deeds do not Ripen at Once

A man burns down the hut of a Paccekabuddha and eventually is reborn as a snake-ghost, burning the whole length of his long body. He is seen by Mahāmoggallāna, who relates it to the Buddha.

283. Na hi pāpam katam kammam, sajju khīram va muccati, Pahantam bālam-anveti, bhasmacchanno va pāvako.

> A wicked deed that has been done, Like milk does not turn all at once, Rather it will stay with the fool, Smouldering under the ashes.



Dhp 123 Mahādhanavāṇijavatthu Avoiding Wickedness

A merchant sets out with 500 wagons but learns there are thieves ahead and thieves behind, and so stays put in a village. This is told to the Buddha who draws the lesson therefrom.

284. Vāṇijo va bhayam maggam, appasattho mahaddhano, Visam jīvitukāmo va, pāpāni parivajjaye.

As merchants on a fearful path,
With few friends and great wealth, as one
Loving life would avoid poison,
So should one avoid wicked deeds.



SN 1.2.22 Khemasuttam Experiencing the Results of Deeds

285. Caranti bālā dummedhā amitteneva attanā, Karontā pāpakam kammam yam hoti kaṭukapphalam.

> Foolish, unintelligent folk Behave like their own enemies, Doing deeds full of wickedness That have painful consequences.

286. Na tam kammam katam sādhu, yam katvā anutappati, Yassa assumukho rodam vipākam paţisevati.

> That deed is not a deed well done, Which having done he will regret, For he cries with a tearful face When the result returns to him.

287. Tañ-ca kammaṁ kataṁ sādhu, yaṁ katvā nānutappati, Yassa patīto sumano vipākaṁ paṭisevati.

But that deed is a deed well done, which
Having done he will not regret,
He is delighted and happy
When the result returns to him.

288. Paṭikacceva taṁ kayⁱrā, yaṁ jaññā hitam-attano, Na sākaṭikacintāya Mantā Dhīro parakkame.

Cautiously he will do his deeds, Knowing what benefits himself, Not with thoughts wrongly directed Should the Wise One make his effort.

289. Yathā sākaṭiko mattam samam hitvā mahāpatham, Visamam maggam-āruyha, akkhacchinno 'vajhāyati,

For the drunken carter who has Abandoned the even highway And mounted an uneven road, Will brood on his broken axle,

290. Evam Dhammā apakkamma, adhammam-anuvattiya, Mando Maccumukham patto, akkhacchinno va jhāyati.

So too the one who leaves the Dhamma,
And follows what is not Dhamma,
Falls into Death's mouth, like the one
Brooding on his broken axle.



Dhp 246-7 Pañca-Upāsakavatthu The Result of not Keeping the Precepts

Laymen are arguing as to which of the precepts is hardest to keep. The Buddha tells them they all are hard, but explains further.

291. Yo pāṇam-atipāteti, musāvādañ-ca bhāsati, Loke adinnaṁ ādiyati, paradārañ-ca gacchati,

292. Surāmerayapānañ-ca yo naro anuyuñjati, Idhevam-eso lokasmim, mūlam khaṇati attano.

He who kills a living being,
And speaks a word that is not true,
Who takes from what is not given,
And who goes to another's wife,
That person who is devoted
To drinking liquor, beer and wines,
Digs up his own root in the world.



Dhp 16 Dhammika-Upāsakavatthu Rejoicing Here and Hereafter

A layman who has long been a supporter lies dying and the monks go to chant for him. Seeing celestial chariots coming to take him away he asks them to wait until the monks finish chanting, but the monks think he is asking them to stop and go away. Later the Buddha explains.

293. Idha modati, pecca modati, Katapuñño ubhayattha modati, So modati, so pamodati, Disvā kammavisuddhim-attano.

Here he rejoices, after death he rejoices, The meritorious one rejoices both times, He surely rejoices, he greatly rejoices, After seeing the purity of his own deeds.



SN 1.3.4 Piyasuttam Holding Oneself Dear

King Pasenadi reflects that if one holds oneself dear he would not engage in what is wrong but do what is right. The Buddha concurs.

294. Attānañ-ce piyam jaññā na nam pāpena samyuje, Na hi tam sulabham hoti sukham dukkatakārinā.

If one holds oneself dear one should

Not engage in a wicked deed,

For joy is not easily gained

By those who do that which is wrong.





Jā 382 Sirikālakaņņijātakam Fortune and Misfortune

Two Goddesses, who cannot decide precedence, vie with each other for lying on a virtuous householder's couch. The one who is even more virtuous than the householder wins.

295. Attanā kurute lakkhim, alakkhim kurutattanā, Na hi lakkhim alakkhim vā añño aññassa kārako.

By oneself is one's fortune made, Misfortune is made by oneself, No one can make for another Their fortune or their misfortune.



Jā 537 Mahāsutasomajātakam Consequences of Indulgence and Duty

Yet more verses by which the Bodhisatta eventually persuades the man-eating King to give up his bad habit.

296. Yo ve Piyam me ti piyānurakkhī, Attam niramkacca, piyāni sevati, Soṇḍo va pitvā visamissapānam, Teneva so hoti dukkhī parattha.

He who, being attached to what he craves,
And disregards his true self-interest,
Like a drunkard who has drunk some poison,
Will be the one who suffers hereafter.

297. Yo cīdha saṅkhāya piyāni hitvā, Kicchena pi sevati Arⁱyadhammaṁ, Dukhito va pitvāna yathosadhāni, Teneva so hoti sukhī parattha.

He who, having abandoned what he likes, And with difficulty does the right thing, Like one sick who has drunk the medicine, Hereafter will be the one who rejoices.

Jā 386 Kharaputtajātakam Protecting Life First

A King is willing to give up a charm to his wife even though it will cost his life. The Bodhisatta as Sakka, in the form of a goat, persuades him not to be so foolish.

298. Na ve Piyam me ti Janinda tādiso, Attam nirankatvā piyāni sevati. Attā va seyyo: paramā va seyyo? Labbhā piyā ocitatthena pacchā.

O King, do not think: It is dear to me, You should not do what is pleasing to you. Understanding one's own interest is best, Later one gains what is truly pleasing.



Dhp 163 Sanghabhedaparisakkanavatthu Good is hard to Do

Devadatta causes a split in the Community and informs Ānanda. The Buddha explains how easy it is to do what is wrong.

299. Sukarāni asādhūni, attano ahitāni ca, Yaṁ ve hitañ-ca sādhuñ-ca taṁ ve paramadukkaraṁ.

Easily done are things not good,
Unbeneficial for oneself,
But that which is beneficial
Is exceedingly hard to do.





Ud 5.8 Ānandasuttaṁ The Good Easily Do Good

Devadatta causes a split in the Community and informs Ānanda. The Buddha explains how easy it is to do what is wrong.

300. Sukaram sādhunā sādhu, sādhu pāpena dukkaram. Pāpam pāpena sukaram, pāpam-ar yehi dukkaram.

> Done with ease by the good is good, But the bad find good hard to do, Bad is done by the bad with ease, But the good find bad hard to do.

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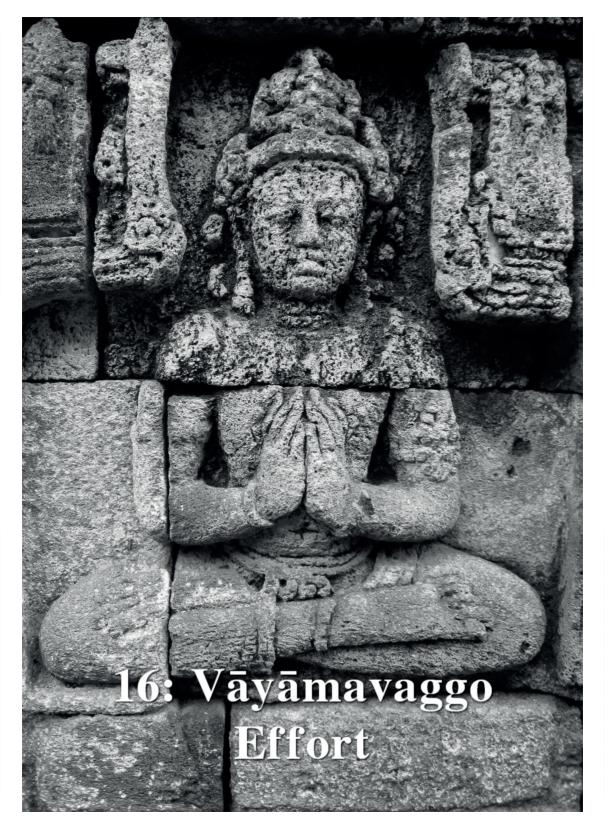






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Jā 539 Mahājanakajātakam Never give up Hope

A King, while enjoying the royal festivities, reflects on how he strove when he was lost in the ocean, never giving up hope of claiming his throne.

301. Vāyametheva Puriso, na nibbindeyya Paṇḍito, Passāmi voham attānam yathā iccham tathā ahu.

A Wise Person should endeavour, Never wearying, this I see, He is one who has good desire.

302. Vāyametheva Puriso, na nibbindeyya Paṇḍito, Passāmi voham attānam, udakā thalam-ubbhatam.

A Wise Person should endeavour, Never wearying, this I see, Like one pulled from water to land.





303. Dukkhūpanīto pi Naro Sapañño, Āsaṁ na chindeyya sukhāgamāya, Bahū hi phassā ahitā hitā ca, Avitakkitā Maccum-upabbajanti.

The Wise Person brought into suffering,
Will not cut off his hope of happiness,
There are many contacts, both good and bad,
But without a thought they go to meet Death.





SN 1.2.8 Tāyanasuttam Wrong-Doing and the Well-done

This is the teaching of the Godly Son (Devaputta) Tāyana, which was confirmed by the Buddha, and recommended to the monks.

304. Kayⁱrā ce kayirāthenam, daļham-enam parakkame, Sithilo hi paribbājo bhiyyo ākirate rajam.

If he would do what should be done,
He should be firm in his effort,
For the wanderer who is lax
Creates lots of impurity.

305. Akatam dukkatam seyyo, pacchā tappati dukkatam, Katañ-ca sukatam seyyo, yam katvā nānutappati.

Better undone is wrong-doing,
Wrong-doing one later regrets.
Better done is what is well-done,
Which when done one does not regret.





MN 131 Bhaddekarattasuttam The Need to Act Today

One of the verses spoken by the Buddha that were later analysed by the Buddha and, in separate discourses, by three of his monks.

306. Ajjeva kiccam-ātappam, ko jaññā? maraṇam suve, Na hi no saṅgaram tena mahāsenena Maccunā.

> Today exertion should be made, Who knows? maybe death tomorrow, There is no bribing of Death and His great armies with promises.





Iti 78 Dhātusosandanasuttam Shunning the Indolent

The Buddha teaches how like attracts like: if one mixes with the indolent one becomes lazy; if one mixes with the energetic, one will make a good effort.

307. Parittam dārum-āruyha yathā sīde mahaṇṇave, Evam kusītam-āgamma sādhujīvī pi sīdati, Tasmā tam parivajjeyya kusītam hīnavīriyam.

Like one who is on a small raft
Risks sinking in the great ocean,
So owing to the indolent
The one who lives well risks sinking,
Therefore shun the indolent one
That one who has no energy.



Jā 71 Varaņajātakam Doing one's Duties on Time

A brāhman student sleeps under a tree when he is supposed to be collecting wood. Being woken up he quickly climbs the tree and grabs some green wood. The following day the cook cannot cook with it, everyone is delayed, and they miss their lunch.

308. Yo pubbe karaṇīyāni, pacchā so kātum-icchati, Varuṇakaṭṭhabhañjo va, sa pacchā anutappati.

One who in the past had duties,
And later still hasn't done them,
Like the one who broke the tree branch
He will regret it in the future.



DN 31 Sigālasuttam He who Does his Duty

More advice to Sigāla on how to put aside his comfort and do his duty.

309. Atisītam ati-unham, atisāyam-idam ahu, Iti vissatthakammante, atthā accenti, mānave.

It is too cold, it is too hot,
It is too late, is what they say,
Speaking like this, they leave off work,
Until the chance has passed them by.

310. Yodha sītañ-ca uṇhañ-ca tiṇā bhiyyo na maññati, Karaṁ purisakiccāni, sa pacchā na vihāyati.

The person who gives no more thought
To cold and to heat than to grass,
The person who does his duty,
Does not undergo loss later.

Jā 49 Nakkhattajātakam Taking one's Opportunity

A marriage has been arranged, but an angry ascetic prevents one party from going, saying it is not auspicious. When they go the next day the girl has already been married off to another.

311. Nakkhattam paṭimānentam attho bālam upaccagā, Attho atthassa nakkhattam, kim karissanti tārakā?

While waiting on your lucky stars
Good things will pass the foolish by,
Goodness itself is fortunate,
What can constellations achieve?



Jā 4 Cullaseţţhijātakam Rags to Riches

A young man, starting with a dead mouse, is careful in his trading and in making friends, and so by and by he makes his fortune.

312. Appakena pi medhāvī pābhatena Vicakkhaņo, Samuṭṭhāpeti attānaṁ, aṇuṁ aggiṁ va sandhamaṁ.

Even with a little, a Wise One,
By virtue of a good present,
Can raise himself up much higher,
Like a small wind can raise a fire.





Jā 284 Sirijātakam Fortune sides with the Meritorious

A wood-collector has the chance of good luck, but looses it to an elephant-trainer, who by evening is raised to King of the country.

313. Yam ussukā saṅgharanti alakkhikā bahum dhanam, Sippavanto asippā ca, lakkhī va tāni bhuñjare.

Whatever effort the unlucky
Make in accumulating wealth,
Endowed with a craft or without,
The fortunate ones will enjoy.

314. Sabbattha katapuññassa, aticcaññeva pāṇino, Uppajjanti bahū bhogā, appanāyatanesu pi.

For the one who has great merit, Overcomes all other people, And great riches arise, even When making but little effort.



Jā 152 Sigālajātakam Acting without Consideration

A pack of lions, wanting to avenge the insult on their sister, pounce on what looks like a jackal, but it is in fact only a reflection. They all die apart from the Bodhisatta who understands the situation and speaks these words.

315. Asamekkhitakammantam turitābhinipātinam, Tāni kammāni tappenti, unham vajjhohitam mukhe.

Those who undertake work without
Consideration fall away,
They regret those works, like they would
Something hot crammed into the mouth.



Jā 505 Somanassajātakam Inconsiderate and Considerate Action

A false ascetic is scolded by a Prince for his loose ways. The ascetic lies to the King and tries to get the Prince killed, but he defends himself successfully before retiring to the Himālayas.

316. Anisamma katam kammam, anavatthāya cintitam, Bhesajjasseva vebhango, vipāko hoti pāpako.

Deeds done inconsiderately,
Without balanced, measured thinking,
As with a failure in treatment,
The result is bound to be bad.

317. Nisamma ca katam kammam, sammāvatthāya cintitam, Bhesajjasseva sampatti, vipāko hoti bhadrako.

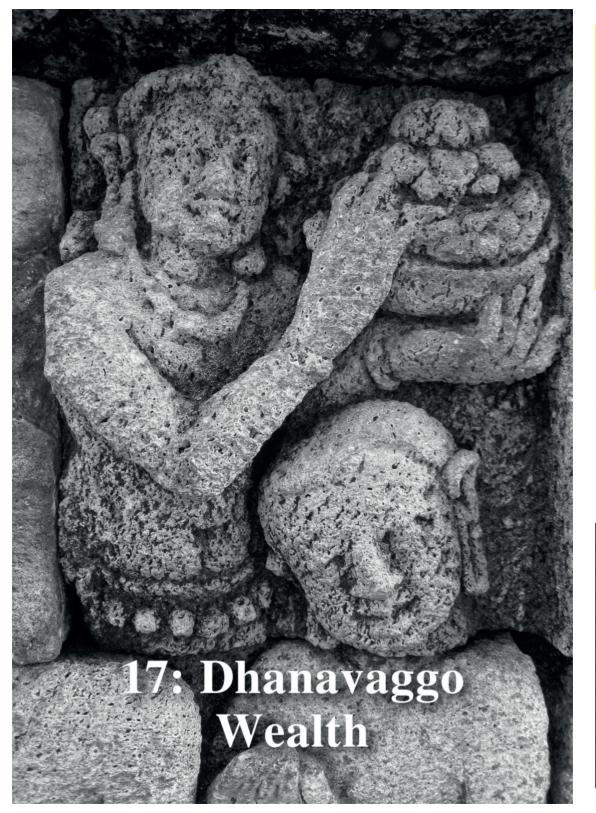
A deed done considerately,
With good and balanced thinking,
As with success in treatment,
The result is bound to be good.



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Jā 322 Daddabhajātakam The Wise do not Panic

A hare hears the noise of a fruit falling and thinking it omens the end of the world he starts to run which panics all the other animals who also flee. The Bodhisatta finds out the cause and calms them down.

318. Beluvam patitam sutvā daddabhan-ti saso javi, Sasassa vacanam sutvā santattā migavāhinī.

Hearing the sound of the fruit fall
The scared hare ran away afraid,
Having heard the cry of the hare
Many animals were alarmed.

319. Appatvā padaviñnāṇam, paraghosānusārino, Panādaparamā bālā te honti parapattiyā.

Without having cognised the truth,
They listened to another's word,
Those fools surely relied upon
The great noise made by another.



320. Ye ca sīlena sampannā, paññāyūpasame ratā, Ārakā viratā dhīrā, na honti parapattiyā.

> But those endowed with strong virtue, Who take delight in wisdom's calm, The ones who are firm keep away, They don't rely upon others.





Jā 204 Vīrakajātakam Keeping to one's own Habitat

A city crow named Saviṭṭhaka (Devadatta) has to leave his home and finds a water crow to serve. Thinking he can swim like his master he attempts to dive for fish, but dies in the attempt.

321. Udakathalacarassa pakkhino, Niccam āmakamacchabhojino: Tassānukaram Saviţţhako Sevāle paligunţhito mato.

That bird at home on water and on land, Who constantly enjoys fresh fish to eat:

Through imitating him the city crow
Died caught up in the lakeside weeds.



Jā 335 Jambukajātakam Knowing one's Strengths

A jackal (Devadatta) who lives on the food left over by a Lion decides to act like a lion himself and against all good advice attacks an elephant, only to be slaughtered on the spot.

322. Asīho sīhamānena, yo attānam vikubbati, Koṭṭhū va gajam-āsajja, seti bhūmyā anutthunam.

The one who, though not a lion,
Assumes the pride of a lion,
Like the jackal and elephant,
Will end up groaning on the floor.

323. Yasassino uttamapuggalassa, Sañjātakhandhassa mahabbalassa, Asamekkhiyā thāmabalūpapattim, Sa seti nāgena hato va jambuko.

He may be famous, considered supreme, He may have bodily power and strength, But being hasty he will be slaughtered By the powerful, just like the jackal.

324. Yo cīdha kammam kurute pamāya, Thāmabbalam attani samviditvā, Jappena mantena subhāsitena, Parikkhavā so vipulam jināti.

But having the measure of his deeds here, Understanding his own power and strength, Listening to good advice, well-spoken, Being discrete, he will succeed.





Jā 345 Gajakumbhajātakam Acting at the Right Time and Speed

A King is very slothful so the Bodhisatta shows him a tortoise and explains its characteristics. The King understands the lesson and reforms his ways.

325. Yo dandhakāle tarati, taraņīye ca dandhati, Sukkhapaṇṇaṁ va akkamma, atthaṁ bhañjati attano.

Being quick when he should take care, Taking care when he should be quick, He will destroy his own welfare Like a leaf trodden under foot.

326. Yo dandhakāle dandheti, taraņīye ca tārayi, Sasīva rattim vibhajam, tassattho paripūrati.

Taking care when he should take care, Being quick when he should be quick, He will fulfil his own welfare Like the moon that will soon be full.



Jā 183 Vālodakajātakam Sobreity

Horses that have been in battle are given fine wine but remain sober; while the strained leftovers are fed to the donkeys - who all become drunk on it.

> 327. Vālodakam apparasam nihīnam, Pitvā mado jāyati gadrabhānam. Imañ-ca pitvāna rasam paṇītam Mado na sañjāyati sindhavānam.

Having drunk this despicable liquor,
The donkeys became intoxicated.
Whereas after drinking this fine liquor
Thoroughbred horses were not affected.

328. Appam pivitvāna nihīnajacco So majjatī tena Janinda puṭṭho. Dhorayhasīlīo ca, kulamhi jāto, Na majjatī aggarasam pivitvā.

After drinking something poor the low man Will soon become drunk, O Leader of Men.

But the virtuous one, after drinking

Even the best liquor does not get drunk.

Jā 291 Bhadraghaṭajātakam Protecting Good Fortune

A worthless fellow is given a jar that will provide him with all he needs, but being dissolute he uses it to get drunk, breaks it and is reduced to poverty once again.

329. Sabbakāmadadam kumbham, kuṭam laddhāna' dhuttako, Yāva so anupāleti, tāva so sukham-edhati.

A fool received a water-pot,
Which gave everything he wished for,
While he looked after it, he was
Successful in his happiness.

330. Yadā matto ca ditto ca pamādā kumbham-abbhidā, Tadā naggo ca pottho ca, pacchā bālo vihaññati.

But when he got drunk and heedless
He dropped and broke that water-pot,
Then naked and miserable,
He afterwards suffered hardship.



331. Evam-eva yo dhanam laddhā, amattā paribhuñjati, Pacchā tappati dummedho, kuṭam bhinno va dhuttako.

Just so, the one who receives wealth,

But uses it without measure,

That fool suffers greatly later,

Like the scoundrel who broke the jar.





Jā 48 Vedabbhajātakam Wrong Means

A brāhman called Vedabbha is captured by thieves and brings down a shower of jewels to pay his ransom, but he is killed, and the thieves fight over the treasure until they also are all killed.

332. Anupāyena yo attham icchati so vihaññati, Cetā hanimsu Vedabbham, sabbe te vyasanam-ajjhagū.

> He who by the wrong means wishes For his welfare suffers hardship, The thieves killed the young man, And they all came to destruction.



Jā 39 Nandajātakam Arrogance is a Give-Away

A servant knows where his late Master's treasure was hidden, but when he takes the Son to the place he becomes arrogant because of his knowledge, abuses him and refuses to reveal it. The Bodhisatta explains.

333. Maññe sovaṇṇayo rāsi, soṇṇamālā ca Nandako Yattha dāso āmajāto ṭhito thullāni gajjati!

I think the gold-store is buried Where Nandaka, the servant born To a slave, stands and loudly roars!



SN 1.3.19 Pathama-aputtakasuttam The Reward of Using Wealth Wisely

A rich merchant dies after living like a pauper. The Buddha explains that when a man of low character obtains wealth he is unable to enjoy it.

334. Amanussaṭṭhāne udakaṁ va sītaṁ Tad-apeyyamānaṁ parisosameti, Evaṁ dhanaṁ kāpuriso labhitvā Nevattanā bhuñjati no dadāti.

Just as cool water in an empty place Will evaporate without being drunk, So the wealthy but despicable man Won't use it himself, nor give to others.

335. Dhīro ca viññū adhigamma bhoge, Yo bhuñjatī kiccakaro ca hoti, So ñātisaṅghaṁ nisabho bharitvā, Anindito Saggam-upeti ṭhānaṁ.

But the Wise One, having obtained riches, Both enjoys his wealth, and does his duties, The blameless men supports his relatives, And later goes to a Heavenly state.

Jā 390 Mayhakajātakam Wealth that goes to Waste

Out of greed a man kills his brother's son. The brother who is the Bodhisatta exhorts him with these words.

336. Sakuṇo Mayhako nāma, girisānudarīcaro, Pakkam pipphalim-āruyha, Mayham mayhan!-ti kandati.

There is a selfish bird named Mine,
Who lives in a mountain-cave,
Having landed on a fig-tree,
He cries out loud: This is mine, mine!

337. Tassevam vilapantassa dijasanghā samāgatā, Bhutvāna pipphalim yanti, vilapatveva so dijo.

A great flock of birds assembled Round him while he was lamenting, And while that bird was lamenting, They are the figs, and went away.



338. Evam-eva idhekacco, sangharitvā bahum dhanam, Nevattano na natīnam yathodhim paṭipajjati.

> So it is for some people here, They collect a great deal of wealth, But they do not spend those riches On themselves or their relatives.

339. Na so acchādanam bhattam na mālam na vilepanam Anubhoti sakim kiñci, na saṅgaṇhāti ñātake.

Neither clothing, food or ointments

Does he ever enjoy himself,

Nor does he treat his relatives.

340. Tassevam vilapantassa, Mayham mayhan!-ti rakkhato, Rājāno atha vā corā, dāyādā ye ca appiyā, Dhanam-ādāya gacchanti, vilapatveva so naro.

This is mine, mine! he cries out loud,
But while he is still lamenting,
Either kings, thieves, or those disliked,
Take his wealth and then go away,
Leaving that man to his lament.



341. Dhīro bhoge adhigamma, saṅgaṇhāti ca ñātake, Tena so kittiṁ pappoti, pecca Sagge pamodati.

The Wise, having gathered riches,
Treat themselves and their relatives,
By that they will attain renown,
And later rejoice in Heaven.





AN 7.5 Sankhittadhanasuttam Seven True Treasures

A short discourse listing the seven true treasures.

342. Saddhādhanam sīladhanam, hiri-ottappiyam dhanam, Sutadhanañ-ca cāgo ca paññā: 'me sattamam dhanam.

The treasures of good conscience, faith, Virtue, learning, giving, wisdom: These are the seven real treasures.

343. Yassa ete dhanā atthi, itthiyā purisassa vā, Adaļiddo ti tam āhu, amogham tassa jīvitam.

Whoever has these real treasures, Whether female or male, is not poor, Their life is surely not futile.

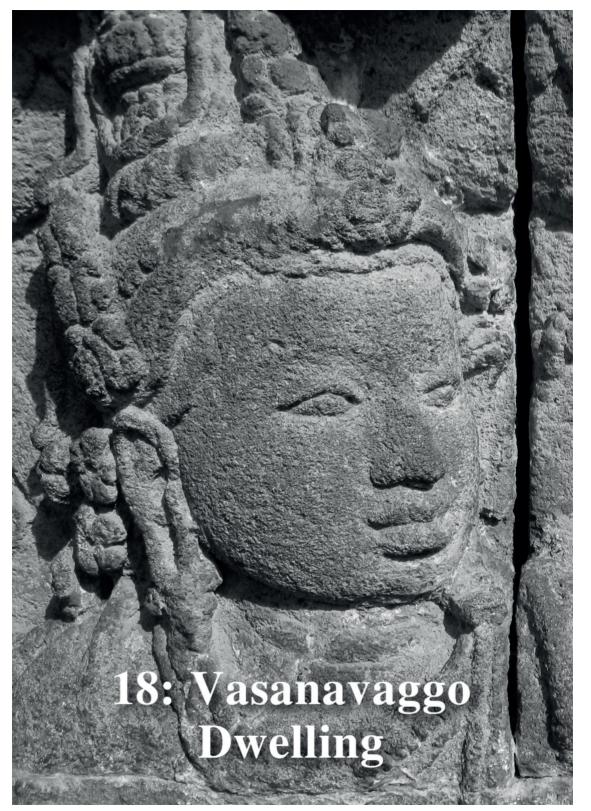


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Jā 103 Verījātakam Live not with Enemies

The Bodhisatta escapes some robbers and reflects on this back at home.

344. Yattha verī nivisati, na vase tattha Paṇḍito, Ekarattaṁ dvirattaṁ vā dukkhaṁ vasati verisu.

Wherever enemies reside,
There the Wise do not like to live,
Those who even for a short time
Dwell amongst enemies suffer.



Jā 379 Nerujātakam Wise Discrimination

Two golden geese fly to Mount Neru and find to their surprise that even crows glowed golden in its shadow, and determine not to live in such an undiscriminating place.

345. Amānanā yattha siyā santānam vā vimānanā, Hīnasammānanā vā pi, na tattha vasatim vase.

In that place where good people find
Disrespect, little respect, or
Respect indiscriminately,
You most certainly should not dwell.

346. Yatthālaso ca dakkho ca, sūro bhīru ca pūjiyā, Na tattha santo vasanti, avisesakare nare.

> Where both the lazy and clever, Heroes and cowards are worshipped, There the good do not dwell, because Everyone is treated alike.



Jā 178 Kacchapajātakam Non-Attachment to Home

A turtle stays behind in the mud when a drought threatens and is killed by someone digging there. As he dies he utters these words.

347. Janittam me bhavittam me, iti panke avassayim, Tam mam panko ajjhabhavi, yathā dubbalakam tathā.

Here is the place of my birth and Where I grew up, I lived on this mud, And on this mud I will now die, Just like one who is defenceless.

348. Taṁ taṁ vadāmi, Bhaggava, suṇohi vacanaṁ mama: Gāme vā yadi vāraññe, sukhaṁ yatrādhigacchati,

349. Tam janittam bhavittan-ca purisassa pajanato Yamhi jīve tamhi gacche, na niketahato siyā.

This, I say, listen to my word:

Whether in the villages or wilds –

Wherever he finds happiness –

Although knowing his place of birth,

He should live wherever he can,

Without attachment to his home.

Jā 304 Daddarajātakam Having Forbearance when Unknown

Two nāgas are exiled from their rich home and have to live on a dunghill where they are abused. The elder speaks these cautionary words.

350. Sakā raṭṭhā pabbājito, aññaṁ janapadaṁ gato, Mahantaṁ koṭṭhaṁ kay¹rātha duruttānaṁ nidhetave.

Being exiled from his kingdom,
And entering another country,
He should make much room in his heart
For the abuse he will endure.

351. Yattha posam na jānanti, jātiyā vinayena vā, Na tattha mānam kayⁱrātha, vasam-aññātake jane.

In that place where they know him not –
Neither his birth or his virtue –
He should not be proud or haughty
As he dwells unknown with strangers.



352. Videsavāsam vasato, jātavedasamena pi, Khamitabbam sapaññena, api dāsassa tajjitam.

While dwelling in a foreign land, He should dwell like a light, If he is wise he ought to be Patient, having a servant's care.





Jā 168 Sakuṇagghijātakaṁ The Strength of Being on Home Grounds

A quail fools a hawk into attacking him on his home ground and dodges aside at the last moment leaving the hawk to plunge to his death.

353. Seno balasā patamāno lāpam gocaraṭhāyinam, Sahasā ajjhappatto va, maraṇam tenupāgami.

> A hawk diving with force On a quail in its home, Approached with violence, And died because of that.

354. Soham nayena sampanno, pettike gocare rato, Apetasattu modāmi, sampassam attham-attano.

Having devised a clever plan, I delight in my parents' grounds, Now rid of my foe I rejoice, Considering my own welfare.

Jā 32 Naccajātakam Immodesty

The King of the Golden Mallards holds a festival so his daughter can pick a spouse. She likes the peacock best - until he exposes himself while dancing in joy.

355. Rudam manuññam rucirā ca piṭṭhi, Veļurⁱyavaṇṇūpanibhā ca gīvā. Vyāmamattāni ca pekhuṇāni: Naccena te dhītaram no dadāmi.

You have a pleasing voice, a brilliant back,
A neck coloured like lapis lazuli.
You have tail-feathers a fathom in length:
But because of your indiscrete dancing,
I cannot give you my precious daughter.



Jā 59 Bherivādajātakam Excess leads to Loss

A drummer earns money at a festival, but his son through too much drumming attracts thieves who beat and rob them.

356. Dhame dhame nātidhame, atidhantam hi pāpakam, Dhantena hi satam laddham, atidhantena nāsitam.

Play, play, but don't play too much, for Only the bad play in excess, Through playing a hundred was gained, And through excess playing was lost.





Jā 116 Dubbacajātakam Knowing Proper Limits

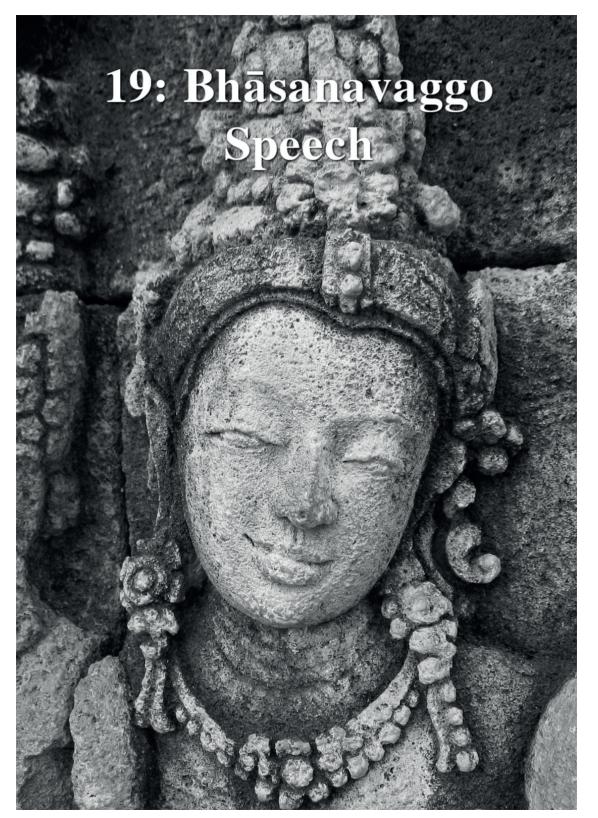
An acrobat knows the four-javelin dance, but when he is drunk one day, despite being warned by his pupil, he tries to extend it to five, and is impaled.

357. Atikaram-akar' Ācarⁱya, mayham-petam na ruccati, Catutthe laṅghayitvāna, pañca-m-āyasi āvuto.

> Too much you tried to do, Teacher, Such as was against my wishes, Having jumped over four javelins, On the fifth one you were impaled.











Jā 98 Kūṭavāṇijajātakam Deception

A merchant named Superwise tries to cheat his partner (named Wise) by having his Father pose as a Tree-Deva. Wise sets fire to the tree, and out scampers the Father.

358. Sādhu kho Paṇḍito nāma, na tveva Atipaṇḍito, Atipaṇḍitena puttena, manamhi upakūḷito.

Good is the name that Wise has got,
But not the name of Superwise,
Through my foolish son Superwise,
I am roasted to a cinder.





Jā 331 Kokālikajātakam Correct and Timely Speech

A young cuckoo is being fostered by a crow but gives his identity away when he cries out. The crow kills him and throws him out of the nest.

359. Yo ve kāle asampatte, ativelam pabhāsati, Evam so nihato seti, kokilāyi va atrajo.

> He who talks for too long And talks at the wrong time, Like the cuckoo's fledgling, He is quickly destroyed.

360. Na hi sattham sunisitam, visam halāhalām-iva, Evam nikaṭṭhe pāteti vācā dubbhāsitā yathā.

> Neither a sharpened sword, Nor can deadly poison, Destroy quite as quickly As badly spoken words.



361. Tasmā kāle akāle vā vācam rakkheyya Paṇḍito, Nātivelam pabhāseyya, api attasamamhi vā.

The Wise protect their words
At the right and wrong time,
And will not talk too long,
Even to their equals.

362. Yo ca kāle mitam bhāse matipubbo Vicakkhaņo, Sabbe amitte tarati, Supaņņo uragam iva.

The Wise speak suitably
And in a measured way,
Having thought aforehand,
And thus defeat their foes
As bird overcomes snake.





SN 1.6.9 Tudubrahmasuttam The Dangers of Wrong Speech

The High Divinity Tudu approaches Ven. Kokālika and advises him to have respect for the two Chief Disciples, but he is rebuked by the Venerable who is intent on blaming them.

363. Purisassa hi jātassa, kuṭhārī jāyate mukhe, Yāya chindati attānam bālo, dubbhāsitam bhaṇam.

> When a man is born in this world, There is a hatchet in his mouth, With that the fool cuts himself up, Speaking what is badly spoken.

364. Yo nindīyam pasamsati, Tam vā nindati yo pasamsiyo, Vicināti mukhena so kalim, Kalinā tena sukham na vindati.

He who praises the blameworthy, And he who blames the praiseworthy, Piles up bad fortune with his tongue, And therefore finds no happiness.

SN 1.8.5 Subhāsitasuttam The Qualities of Good Speech

The Buddha explains the four qualities that make for good speech, and summarises them with a verse, which is followed by another improvised by Ven. Vangīsa, who was considered the foremost disciple in extemporary composition.

365. Subhāsitam uttamam-āhu santo, Dhammam bhaṇe nādhammam – tam dutiyam, Piyam bhaṇe nāppiyam – tam tatiyam, Saccam bhaṇe nālikam – tam catuttham.

What is well spoken is the first
Quality of speech that is good,
Speaking on Dhamma is second,
Speaking with pleasant voice is third,
Speaking with truth in mind is fourth.

366. Tam-eva vācam bhāseyya yāyattānam na tāpaye, Pare ca na vihimseyya – sā ve vācā subhāsitā.

> He should only speak a good word Which will not cause him torment, And does no harm to another – Those words are truly well spoken.

Jā 88 Sārambhajātakam Speaking Kindly

A bull wishes to repay his master and has him wage a bet he can draw a 100 wagons. But when the time comes the master scolds him, and he doesn't make an effort. Later the master speaks kindly and the bull draws the wagons, earning his master a fortune.

367. Kalyāṇim-eva muñceyya, na hi muñceyya pāpikam, Mokkho kalyāṇiyā sādhu, mutvā tappati pāpikam.

He should speak those words that are good,
He should not speak words that are bad,
He who has spoken well is good,
But speaking badly he suffers.



Jā 537 Mahāsutasomajātakam Truth is the Sweetest Thing

The Bodhisatta gives and keeps his word to return to a man-eating King, who is threatening to eat him. In part of the dialogue which follows the Bodhisatta preaches on the virtue of keeping to one's word.

368. Ye kecime atthi rasā Pathavyā, Saccam tesam sādhutaram rasānam, Sacce ṭhitā samaṇabrāhmaṇā ca, Taranti jātimaraṇassa pāram.

Of whatever kinds of tastes there are on the Earth
Truth is the sweetest and the best of all.
Know that monks and priests steady in the truth,
Cross to the further side of birth and death.



SN 1.8.5 Subhāsitasuttam Truth is Immortal

Ven. Vaṅgīsa speaks another verse inspired by a teaching of the Buddha about truth.

369. Saccam ve amatā vācā, esa Dhammo sanantano, Sacce atthe ca Dhamme ca, āhu santo patiţţhitā.

Truth consists of immortal words,

This good Dhamma is eternal,

Well-established is truth, goodness

And Dhamma, say those who are good.





Jā 320 Succajajātakam Only Promise what can be Done

A Queen asks the King if the mountain they see ahead were made of gold would he give her some. He says he would not.

370. Yam hi kayⁱrā tam hi vade, yam na kayⁱrā na tam vade, Akarontam bhāsamānam parijānanti Paṇḍitā.

When it can be done then speak up,
When it cannot be done speak not,
Not doing after promising
The Wise know is speaking falsely.





Jā 499 Sivijātakam Keeping One's Promises

King Sivi is very generous and resolves to give even his body parts away if asked. Sakka decides to test him and dressed as a brāhman asks for his eye to which the King agrees; the townsfolk try to persuade him to change his mind, and this is part of his reply.

371. Yo ve Dassan-ti vatvāna, adāne kurute mano, Bhūmyā so patitam pāsam gīvāyam paṭimuñcati.

He who, having said he will give, Makes up his mind not to give it, Fastens his own neck in a snare That has fallen down on the ground.

372. Yo ve Dassan-ti vatvāna, adāne kurute mano, Pāpā pāpataro hoti, sampatto Yamasādhanam.

He who, having said he will give, Makes up his mind not to give it, Is the most wicked of wicked, He falls into Yama's armies.

Jā 422 Cetiyajātakam The Results of Lying

Despite being warned of the dire consequences a King of old, desiring to raise a younger brother above an older one, tells a lie, and not only looses his magical powers, but is swallowed up by the Earth when he repeats it.

373. Aļikam bhāsamānassa apakkamanti devatā, Pūtikañ-ca mukham vā ti, sakaṭṭhānā ca dhamsati, Yo jānam pucchito pañham aññathā nam viyākare.

When speaking a lie or falsehood
The gods depart and go away,
The mouth becomes putrid and foul,
And he destroys his own position,
This happens to that person who,
When asked, answers with something false.

374. Akāle vassati tassa, kāle tassa na vassati, Yo jānaṁ pucchito pañhaṁ aññathā naṁ viyākare.

It rains for him at the wrong time,
And doesn't rain at the right time,
This happens to that person who,
When asked, answers with something false.

375. Jivhā tassa dvidhā hoti, uragasseva Disampati, Yo jānam pucchito pañham, aññathā nam viyākare.

The one endowed with a forked tongue,
O King, is likened to a snake,
This happens to that person who,
When asked, answers with something false.

376. Jivhā tassa na bhavati, macchasseva Disampati, Yo jānam pucchito pañham, aññathā nam viyākare.

The one not endowed with a tongue,
O King, is likened to a fish,
This happens to that person who,
When asked, answers with something false.

377. Thiyo na tassa jāyanti, na pumā jāyare kule, Yo jānam pucchito pañham, aññathā nam viyākare.

To him females will not be born,
And nor will males be born to him,
This happens to that person who,
When asked, answers with something false.



378. Puttā tassa na bhavanti, pakkamanti disodisam, Yo jānam pucchito pañham, aññathā nam viyākare.

To him there will be no children,
Or they will move away from him,
This happens to that person who,
When asked, answers with something false.





Dhp 176 Ciñcamāṇavikāvatthu The Liar is capable of all Wrong-Doing

Ciñca Māṇavikā falsely accuses the Buddha of impregnating her. The gods help reveal the lie, and Ciñca falls into the Avīci hell.

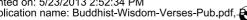
379. Ekam dhammam atītassa, musāvādissa jantuno, Vitiņņaparalokassa, natthi pāpam akāriyam.

> For the person who transgresses One thing, that of speaking falsely, Who has abandoned the next world, There is no bad thing left undone.





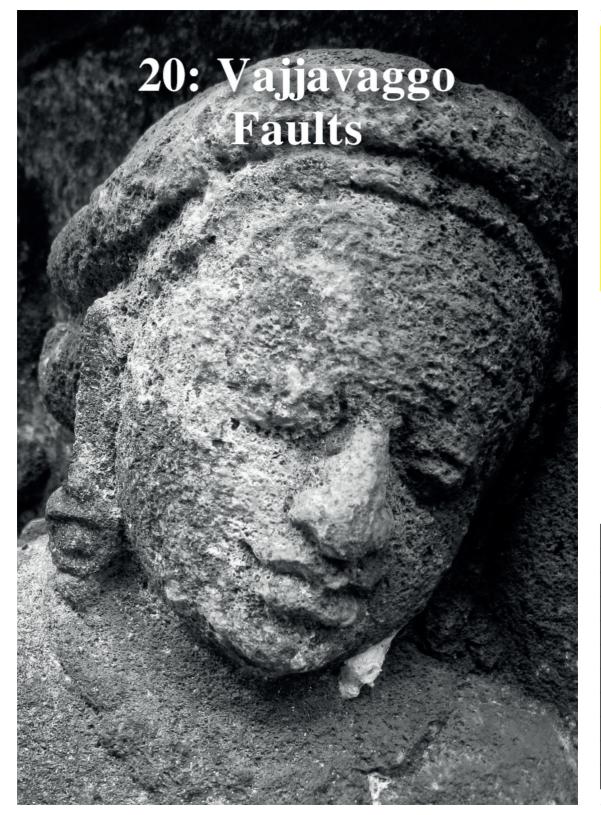
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SN 1.1.35 Ujjhānasaññisuttaṁ The Buddha has no Faults

A group of gods who constantly perceive offense speak offensively to the Buddha, implying that he is not without fault. This is part of the exchange.

380. "Kassaccayā na vijjanti, kassa natthi apāgatam, Ko na sammoham-āpādi, ko 'dha Dhīro sadā sato?"

> "In whom are no faults found at all, In whom is there no deviance, Who does not foster delusion, Who is Wise, and always mindful?"

381. "Tathāgatassa Buddhassa, sabbabhūtānukampino, Tassaccayā na vijjanti, tassa natthi apāgatam, So na sammoham-āpādi, so 'dha Dhīro sadā sato."

"The Realised One, the Buddha,
Who has great compassion for all,
In him no faults are found at all,
In him there is no deviance,
He does not foster delusion,
He is Wise, and always mindful."



Jā 392 Bhisapupphajātakam A Small Wickedness appears Great to the Pure of Heart

A monk is reproved by a Godly daughter for smelling a lotus flower. He asks why she does not reprove someone who cuts down the lotuses instead. They do not accept reproof, she says, and adds the following.

382. Anaṅgaṇassa posassa, niccaṁ sucigavesino, Vāḷaggamattaṁ pāpassa abbhāmattaṁ va khāyati.

> For the one without defilements, Who always seeks for purity, Even a little wickedness Appears as large as the heavens.



Dhp 252 Meṇḍakaseṭṭhivatthu Seeing one's own Faults

A merchant goes to see the Buddha when he is passing through, but the outside ascetics try to persuade him not to by telling him falsely that he teaches there is no result of actions.

383. Sudassam vajjam-aññesam, attano pana duddasam, Paresam hi so vajjāni opuņāti yathā bhusam, Attano pana chādeti, kalim va kitavā saṭho.

Easy to see is another's fault,
But one's own fault is hard to see,
For he sifts other peoples' faults
Like they were chaff or husks of corn,
But he will conceal his own faults,
Like a cheat will conceal defeat.



Dhp 253 Ujjhānasaññittheravatthu The Fate of a Fault-Finder

A monk is always finding fault with the others, so they ask the Buddha about it. This is his admonition.

384. Paravajjānupassissa, niccam ujjhānasaññino, Āsavā tassa vaḍḍhanti, ārā so āsavakkhayā.

> He who looks for another's faults, Who is an abject complainer, For him the pollutants increase, He is far from their destruction.





Dhp 50 Pāveyyakājīvakavatthu Looking to one's own Deeds

When a lay-disciple invites the Buddha for a meal an ascetic she supports abuses both her and the Buddha, who tells her not to worry about what the ascetic is doing or saying, but to look to herself.

385. Na paresam vilomāni, na paresam katākatam Attano va avekkheyya, katāni akatāni ca.

Not the wrong of others, or what Others have done or have not done One should consider, but what has Been done and not done by oneself.



Jā 522 Sarabhaṅgajātakaṁ Patience with Rough Speech

Sakka and other gods come to consult with the Bodhisatta. He asks questions and these are the replies.

386. Kodham vadhitvā na kadāci socati, Makkhappahānam isayo vaṇṇayanti, Sabbesam vuttam pharusam khametha, Etam khantim uttamam-āhu santo.

Having destroyed anger one does not grieve,
Abandoning ingratitude sages praise,
He should be patient with harsh and rough speech,
Good people say: This patience is supreme.

387. Bhayā hi seṭṭhassa vaco khametha, Sārambhahetu pana sādisassa, Yo cīdha hīnassa vaco khametha, Etaṁ khantiṁ uttamam-āhu santo.

Through fear be patient with superiors,
Through fear of quarelling towards equals,
But being patient with inferiors,
Good people say: This patience is supreme.

388. Katham vijaññā catu-m-attharūpam Seṭṭham sarikkham atha vā pi hīnam? Virūparūpena caranti santo, Tasmā hi sabbesavaco khametha.

But how can we know from appearances
He is superior, equal, lower?
The good sometimes appear to be ugly,
Therefore best be patient with everyone.

389. Na hetam-attham mahatī pi senā Sarājikā yujjhamānā labhetha, Yam khantimā Sappuriso labhetha, Khantī balassūpasamanti verā.

No King or army receive such honour, Even while waging war on the battlefield, As the patient and Good Person receives, Being patient towards their enemies.



SN 1.11.4 Vepacittisuttam The Strength of Patience

The gods defeat the demons, and their leader Vepacitti is brought before Sakka, whom he abuses. Sakka remains calm, and the following conversation takes place between him and Mātali, his charioteer.

390. "Bhayā nu Maghavā Sakka, dubbalyā no titikkhasi, Sunanto pharusam vācam sammukhā Vepacittino?" ti

"Is it through fear, O Sakka, Or through weakness that you forebear, Listening to the demon's harsh words When you are together face to face?"

391. "Nāham bhayā na dubbalyā khamāmi Vepacittino, Kathañ-hi mādiso Viññū bālena paṭisamyuje." ti

"It is not through fear or weakness
That I'm patient with the demon,
How can a Wise One such as I
Engage in argument with fools?"

392. "Bhiyyo bālā pabhijjeyyum no cassa paṭisedhako, Tasmā bhusena daṇḍena Dhīro bālam nisedhaye." ti

"Fools will show no more interest If you will not have them constrained, Therefore the Wise One will surely Restrain them with great punishment."

393. "Etad-eva aham maññe bālassa paṭisedhanam: Param saṅkupitam ñatvā, yo sato upasammatī." ti

"After consideration I think This is the way to constrain fools: If you know the other is angry, Remain mindful and very calm."

394. "Etad-eva titikkhāya, vajjam passāmi, Vāsava, Yadā nam mañnati bālo: Bhayā myāyam titikkhati, Ajjhāruhati dummedho, go va bhiyyo palāyinan."-ti

"Through forebearance like this, Sakka, I see a great fault, for when the fool Believes: He forebears out of fear, The fool rises up like a bull."



395. "Kāmam mañnatu vā mā vā: Bhayā myāyam titikkhati, Sad-atthaparamā atthā, khantyā bhiyyo na vijjati.

> "If he wants he can think like this, Or not: He forebears out of fear, Because out of all benefits, Nothing is better than patience.

396. Yo have balavā santo, dubbalassa titikkhati, Tam-āhu paramaṁ khantiṁ: niccaṁ khamati dubbalo.

The one who, though he has great strength,
Is forebearing towards the weak,
Has the greatest patience, 'tis said:
For the weak are always patient.

397. Abalan-tam balam āhu, yassa bālabalam balam, Balassa Dhammaguttassa, paţivattā na vijjati.

They say strength is really weakness,
When that strength is the strength of fools,
But the strength of the Righteous One,
There is no one to contradict.



398. Tasseva tena pāpiyo, yo kuddham paţikujjhati, Kuddham appaţikujjhanto, sangāmam jeti dujjayam.

By this he makes it worse, the one
Who gets angry at the angry,
But the one who is unangered,
He wins a difficult battle.

399. Ubhinnam-attham carati attano ca parassa ca, Param sankupitam ñatvā, yo sato upasammati.

> That one lives for the true benefit Of both himself and the other, Who, knowing others are angry, Remains mindful and very calm.

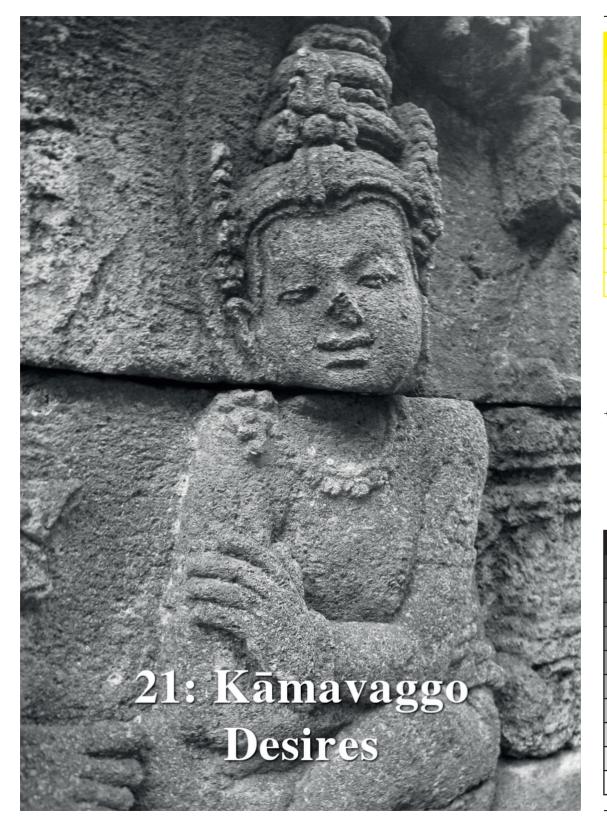
400. Ubhinnam tikicchantānam attano ca parassa ca. Janā maññanti: Bālo ti, ye Dhammassa akovidā." ti

He is treating with medicine
Both himself and the other one.
Those who think: This one is a fool,
Are unskilled in the True Dhamma."

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21: Desires

Jā 136 Suvaṇṇahaṁsajātakaṁ The Result of Greed

A golden goose goes occasionally and gives his former family one of his golden feathers and they grow rich. But greed overcomes his former wife and she plucks him. The feathers though, when stolen, are gold no more, and they sink back into poverty.

401. Yam laddham tena tuṭṭhabbam, atilobho hi pāpako, Hamsarājam gahetvāna, suvaṇṇā parihāyatha.

Be content with what is received, Only the wicked have great greed, Because of grabbing the Goose-King, You must loose the golden feathers.



21: Desires

Jā 228 Kāmanītajātakam Wisdom is the only Cure for Greed

A King receives Sakka (the Bodhisatta) disguised as a young brāhman, who promises to help him conquer three cities. But the King is so mean he doesn't even offer him lodging. In the morning the brāhman is nowhere to be found and the King falls sick thinking of his loss. Sakka preaches to him as the only way to cure his illness of greed.

402. Kaṇhāhi daṭṭhassa karonti heke, Amanussavaddhassa karonti Paṇḍitā. Na kāmanītassa karoti koci, Okkantasukkassa hi kā tikicchā?

Some there are who can cure the cobra's bite, And the Wise can cure possession by ghosts. But no one can cure one led by desire, What treatment can there be for the impure?



21: Desires

Dhp 216 Aññatarabrāhmaṇavatthu Craving brings on Grief and Fear

A brāhman farmer wishing for his fields to prosper decides to make the Buddha his partner. Just before the crop is brought in floods wash it all away.

403. Taṇhāya jāyatī soko, taṇhāya jāyatī bhayaṁ, Taṇhāya vippamuttassa natthi soko, kuto bhayaṁ?

Grief is created by craving,
From craving fear is created,
For he who is free from craving
There can be no grief, how then fear?



Jā 467 Kāmajātakam Desires are never Satisfied

A brāhman farmer wishing for his fields to prosper decides to make the Buddha his partner. Just before the crop is brought in floods wash it all away.

404. Kāmam kāmayamānassa tassa ce tam samijjhati Addhā pītimano hoti, laddhā macco yad-icchati.

If the one with desire succeeds
In gaining the desires he craves
He certainly will be joyful,
For he gains what a man desires.

405. Kāmaṁ kāmayamānassa tassa ce taṁ samijjhati, Tato naṁ aparaṁ kāme, ghamme taṇhaṁ va vindati.

If the one with desire succeeds
In gaining the desires he craves
Then he will have further desires,
Just as there is thirst when it's hot.

406. Gavam va singino singam vaddhamānassa vaddhati, Evam mandassa posassa bālassa avijānato Bhiyyo tanhā pipāsā ca vaddhamānassa vaddhati.

> Just as the two horns of a bull Develop while he is growing, Even so for the foolish one, The one without understanding, His thirst and craving develop While they are being satisfied.

407. Pathavyā sāliyavakam, gavassam dāsaporisam, Datvā pi nālam-ekassa, iti vidvā, samam care.

Even having been given all
The cows, barley and slaves on Earth,
It is not enough for that one,
Understanding this, live in peace.

408. Rājā pasayha pathavim vijitvā Sasāgarantam mahim-āvasanto, Oram samuddassa atittarūpo, Pāram samuddassa pi patthaye 'tha.

A King, having conquered the whole Of Earth, up to the ocean's edge, Will still cross over the ocean, Because he will wish for what is On the other side of the seas.



409. Yāva anussaram kāme manasā, titti nājjhagā, Tato nivattā paṭikamma disvā, Te ve tittā ye paññāya tittā.

As long as his mind has desires
He will not feel satisfaction,
Seeing the cure he stops desire,
He is satisfied through wisdom.

410. Paññāya tittinam seṭṭham, na so kāmehi tappati, Paññāya tittam purisam, tanhā na kurute vasam.

Best is wisdom's satisfaction,
Not the suffering of desires,
The one satisfied by wisdom,
Does not have any more craving.

411. Apacinetheva kāmāni appicchassa, alolupo, Samuddamatto puriso, na so kāmehi tappati.

For he who is not covetous,

Does away with all his desires,

That person is like the ocean,

He does not suffer through desires.

412. Rathakāro va cammassa parikantam upāhanam, Yam yam cajati kāmānam tam tam sampajjate sukham. Sabbañ-ce sukham-iccheyya, sabbe kāme pariccaje.

> Just as the cobbler cuts the skin So it fits the shoe he's making, With the giving up of desires True happiness can be attained. Wishing for complete happiness, He should abandon all desire.





Jā 14 Vātamigajātakam The Snare of Taste

A gardener named Sañjaya entices a deer into the palace through lining his grass with honey.

413. Na kiratthi rasehi pāpiyo, Āvāsehi va santhavehi vā. Vātamigam gehanissitam, Vasam-ānesi rasehi Sanjayo.

There is nothing worse than taste is, For our relatives and our friends. The wind-deer from his jungle home, Was brought under control by taste.





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Jā 346 Kesavajātakam Confidence is the Taste Supreme

A teacher falls ill while being looked after by the King of Bāraṇāsī and none of his doctors can cure him. He goes to the Himālayas where he is cared for by his beloved pupil, the Bodhisatta, and gets better with his loving care.

414. Sādum vā yadi vāsādum, appam vā yadi vā bahum, Vissattho yattha bhunjeyya, vissāsaparamā rasā.

> Whether of good taste or bad taste, Whether there is little or much, Wherever the faithful one eats, He finds faith is the taste supreme.



SN 1.3.13 Doṇapākasuttam Knowing the Measure

King Pasenadi eats too much and is always uncomfortable; the Buddha speaks this verse, which the King has an attendant remember and repeat to him when he eats.

415. Manujassa sadā satīmato, Mattam jānato laddhabhojane, Tanukassa bhavanti vedanā, Saṇikam jīrati, āyupālayam.

For the person who is always mindful, Knowing the measure in regard to food, His unpleasant feelings become fewer, Slowly he ages, protecting his life.



SN 1.1.10 Araññasuttam Neither Grieving nor Yearning

A short dialogue between a god, who speaks first, and the Buddha in Jeta's Wood.

416. "Araññe viharantānam, santānam brahmacārinam, Ekabhattam bhuñjamānānam, kena vaṇṇo pasīdatī?" ti

"Those who are living in the wilds,
Who are peaceful and spiritual,
Eating only one meal a day,
Why are their complexions so clear?"

417. "Atītam nānusocanti, nappajappanti 'nāgatam, Paccuppannena yāpenti, tena vaṇṇo pasīdati.

"They do not grieve over the past,
Nor do they yearn for the future,
They live in the present moment,
Therefore their complexions are clear.



418. Anāgatappajappāya, atītassānusocanā, Etena bālā sussanti, naļo va harito luto." ti

It is through grief over the past,
And through yearning for the future,
That fools dry up, like a green reed
That has been mowed down in the field."



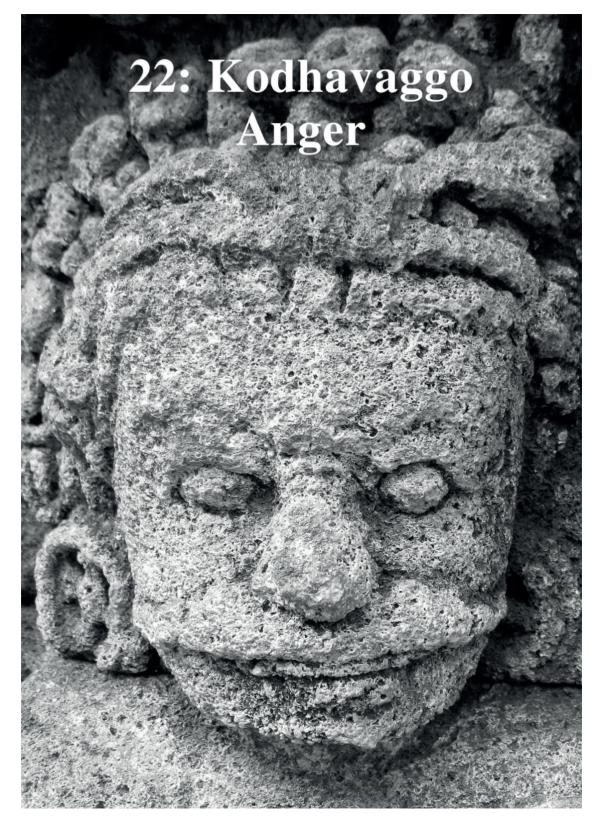


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SN 1.7.1 Dhanañjānīsuttam Burning Away Anger

When the wife of a brāhman slips she calls out praise of the Buddha, which angers her husband. He sets out to question and refute the Buddha, but he converts, ordains and soon becomes a Worthy One.

419. Kodham jhatvā sukham seti, kodham jhatvā na socati, Kodhassa visamūlassa madhuraggassa, brāhmaņa, Vadham Arⁱyā pasamsanti, tam hi jhatvā na socati.

Having destroyed anger one lives at peace,
Having destroyed anger one does not grieve,
The complete destruction of all anger
From its root to tip, the Noble Ones praise,
Having burnt it away one does not grieve.



Jā 443 Cullabodhijātakam Anger Burns

A King takes away an ascetic's former wife, but the ascetic (the Bodhisatta) doesn't get angry, and the wife refuses the King's advances. The King enquires as to why the ascetic doesn't get angry.

420. Kaṭṭhasmiṁ matthamānasmiṁ pāvako nāma jāyati, Tam-eva kaṭṭhaṁ ḍahati yasmā so jāyate gini.

Fire surely arises
In firewood when kindled,
Because of the firewood
There arises a fire.

421. Evam mandassa posassa bālassa avijānato, Sārambhā jāyate kodho, so pi teneva ḍayhati.

Even so the foolish
Have anger arising
From reckless behaviour,
And by that they are burnt.



422. Aggīva tiṇakaṭṭhasmim kodho yassa pavaḍḍhati, Nihīyati tassa yaso, kāļapakkhe va candimā.

When anger increases
Like fire in leaves and wood,
Their repute diminishes,
Like the moon on the wane.

423. Anijjho dhūmaketūva, kodho yassūpasammati, Āpūrati tassa yaso, sukkapakkhe va candimā.

When anger decreases
Like fire that is dampened,
Their repute increases,
Like the moon when waxing.





AN 7.64 Kodhanasuttam The Dangers of Anger

The Buddha explains the things that foes wish upon each other, and then speaks some verses about the dangers of getting angry.

424. Kodhasammadasammatto, āyasakyam nigacchati, Ñātimittā suhajjā ca parivajjenti kodhanam.

Drunk with pride and anger, They will gain disrepute. Relatives, also friends, Shun one who is angry.

425. Anatthajanano kodho, kodho cittappakopano, Bhayam-antarato jātam tam jano nāvabujjhati.

Anger is the cause of loss, Anger troubles the mind, They do not understand It arises from fear.



426. Kuddho attham na jānāti, kuddho Dhammam na passati, Andhantamam tadā hoti, yam kodho sahate naram.

> When angry, they know not Goodness or the Dhamma, Then, blinded by darkness, They are soon overcome.





Jā 400 Dabbhapupphajātakam Quarreling leads to Loss

Two otters catch a huge carp but can't decide how to divide it. They ask a jackal to arbitrate. He gives the tail to one, the head to another and runs off with the rest.

427. Vivādena kisā honti, vivādena dhanakkhayā, Jīnā uddā vivādena – bhuñja Māyāvi rohitam.

Through quarrels people become lean,
Through quarrels their wealth wastes away,
The otters lost out through quarrels
You should eat the carp, you jackal.

428. Evam-eva manussesu vivādo yattha jāyati Dhammaṭṭham paṭidhāvanti, so hi nesam vināyako, Dhanā pi tattha jīyanti, Rājakoso pavaḍḍhati.

Just so when men start to quarrel
They find a judge, who takes over,
Their wealth will decay on the spot,
And the King's storeroom will increase.

Dhp 201 Kosalarañño Parājayavatthu The Truly Happy One

The King of Kosala is defeated three times by his nephew Ajātasattu, the King of Magadha, and takes to his bed in sorrow and despair.

429. Jayam veram pasavati, dukkham seti parājito, Upasanto sukham seti, hitvā jayaparājayam.

The victor generates a foe,
The defeated finds suffering,
The one at peace finds happiness,
Without victory or defeat.





Jā 451 Cakkavākajātakam The Benefits of Friendliness

A crow sees a ruddy goose, the Bodhisatta, and wonders why he is so handsome, thinking it must be because of his food. The goose explains it is because of good deeds that he is beautiful and the crow is ugly.

430. Yo na hanti na ghāteti, na jināti na jāpaye, Mettam so sabbabhūtesu, veram tassa na kenaci.

> He who neither kills or has kill, Conquers or makes others conquer, Having friendliness towards all, There is no enemy for him.



Dhp 5 Kāļayakkhinīvatthu Hatred overcome by Love

A barren woman brings home a young woman for her husband, but everytime the young wife conceives the barren wife contrives an abortion. Through life after life they consume each other's children, until brought to the Buddha.

431. Na hi verena verāni sammantīdha kudācanam, Averena ca sammanti, esa Dhammo sanantano.

Not by hatred does hatred cease, Never does such a thing occur, It only ceases through kindness, This good Dhamma is eternal.



Dhp 291 Kukkuṭa-aṇḍakhādikāvatthu No Happiness through Hatred

A young girl steals a hen's eggs, and thereafter through 500 existences they destroy each other's offspring.

432. Paradukkhūpadānena attano sukham-icchati, Verasamsaggasamsattho, verā so na parimuccati.

Those who seek happiness themselves
By causing suffering for others,
Are closely bound up with hatred –
They are not free from that hatred.





Dhp 130 Chabbaggiyabhikkhuvatthu Comparing Oneself with Others

The group of six monks chase off and attack the group of seventeen monks and take their rooms, which left the latter screaming.

433. Sabbe tasanti daṇḍassa, sabbesaṁ jīvitaṁ piyaṁ, Attānaṁ upamaṁ katvā, na haneyya na ghātaye.

All creatures tremble when punished,
Because all creatures love their life,
Comparing oneself with others,
You should not kill or have them killed.





Jā 33 Sammodamānajātakam The Results of Unity and Division

Quails, led by the Bodhisatta, manage to foil a hunter by flying off together with their heads in the net, until one day they argue and the hunter catches them all.

434. Sammodamānā gacchanti jālam-ādāya pakkhino, Yadā te vivadissanti tadā ehinti me vasam.

Joyously the birds fly away
Carrying the net together,
But when they begin to quarrel
They will come into my power.

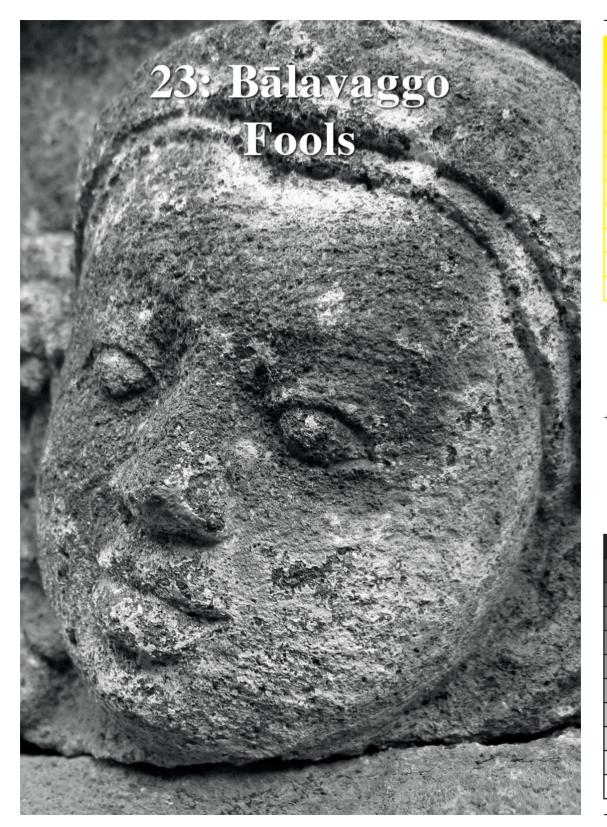


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Dhp 64 Udāyittheravatthu Fools cannot Learn

A monk lives with the Buddha, but when questioned by visiting monks it is found he does not know even the fundamentals of the teaching. They tell this to the Buddha.

435. Yāvajīvam-pi ce bālo Paṇḍitaṁ payⁱrupāsati, Na so Dhammaṁ vijānāti, dabbī sūparasaṁ yathā.

Even if for his whole life long
A fool attends on someone Wise,
He may not know Dhamma, just as
The spoon knows not the taste of food.



Dhp 63 Gaṇṭhibhedakacoravatthu The Fool who knows he's a Fool

Two thieves go to listen to the Dhamma. One of them attains path and fruit, the other manages to undo a knot in someone's clothes and steal some pennies.

436. Yo bālo maññati bālyam, Paṇḍito vāpi tena so, Bālo ca paṇḍitamānī, sa ve bālo ti vuccati.

Fools who know that they are foolish,
Are at least wise in that matter,
Fools who are proud of their wisdom,
Are said to be foolish indeed.



Dhp 72 Saṭṭhikūṭasahassapetavatthu Learning only hurts a Fool

A young man learns the art of stone-throwing, but uses it to kill a Paccekabuddha; he is reborn in Avīci hell, and later as a ghost who is constantly having his head crushed by sixty-thousand sledgehammers.

437. Yāvad-eva anatthāya ñattam bālassa jāyati, Hanti bālassa sukkamsam, muddham-assa vipātayam.

> Knowledge arises for a fool To his own great disadvantage, It destroys the fool's merit-store, And it will destroy his wisdom.



Jā 122 Dummedhajātakam Fame brings the Unintelligent to Ruin

A king (Devadatta) is jealous of his elephant (the Bodhisatta) and tries to have it fall to its death. The elephant leaves for another Kingdom.

438. Yasam laddhāna' dummedho, anattham carati attano, Attano ca paresañ-ca himsāya paṭipajjati.

When a foolish one achieves fame,
It's not at all for his welfare,
He enters on a path leading
To harm for himself and others.





Jā 46 Ārāmadūsakajātakam Good done by the Fool causes Ruin

A King wants to enjoy himself at a festival and asks some monkeys to water his saplings. They agree, but not having much water, pull each one up first to measure the water needed. All the trees die.

439. Na ve anatthakusalena atthacarⁱyā sukhāvahā, Hāpeti atthaṁ dummedho, kapi ārāmiko yathā.

Not with the unskilful do those Who are skilful find happiness, The foolish one ruins what is good, Just like the monkeys in the park.



Jā 45 Rohiņijātakam Fools do more Bad than Good

A maid is asked by her Mother to clear the mosquitoes from her body. She does so with a pestle, killing her Mother at the same time.

440. Seyyo amitto medhāvī yañ-ce bālānukampako, Passa Rohiņikam jammim, Mātaram hantvāna, socati.

Worse than an intelligent foe
Is a fool who has compassion,
Look at the servant Rohinī:
Having killed her Mother, she grieved.





Jā 480 Akittijātakam Never Seeing a Fool is Best

The Bodhisatta is an ascetic who lives far from the haunts of men, when Sakka offers him a boon, this is part of what he asks for.

441. Bālam na passe na suņe, na ca bālena samvase, Bālen' allāpasallāpam na kare, na ca rocaye.

> May I not see or hear a fool, May I not reside with a fool, May I not hold talk with a fool, Nor find any pleasure in him.

442. Anayam nayati dummedho, adhurāya niyuñjati, Dunnayo seyyaso hoti, sammā vutto pakuppati, Vinayam so na jānāti, sādhu tassa adassanam.

The foolish one brings misfortune,
Being quite irresponsible,
The best he does is badly judged,
He is angry when spoken to,
And he does not know discipline,
It is good not to meet with him.



Jā 522 Sarabhaṅgajātakaṁ The Truly Wise Man

Sakka asks the Bodhisatta who is the truly wise man.

443. Gambhīrapañhaṁ manasā vicintayaṁ, Nāccāhitaṁ kamma' karoti luddaṁ, Kālāgataṁ atthapadaṁ na riñcati: Tathāvidhaṁ paññavantaṁ, vadanti.

The one who can enquire deeply into things, Who does not commit bad or cruel deeds, Who does not neglect truth that is timely: Such a person, they say, has great wisdom.



Sn 3.11 Nālakasuttam Fools are Noisy

The Buddha explains to Nālaka the things conducive to becoming a sage, one of which is not being talkative.

444. Yad-ūnakam tam saṇati, yam pūram santam-eva tam, Aḍḍhakumbhūpamo bālo, rahado pūro va Paṇḍito.

What is empty makes a great noise,
What is full is quiet indeed,
The fool is like a pot half-full,
The Wise One is like a full lake.





Jā 202 Keļisīlajātakam Wisdom brings Respect

A King makes fun of his elders so Sakka (the Bodhisatta) makes fun of him to teach him a lesson.

445. Hamsā koncā mayūrā ca, hatthiyo pasadā migā, Sabbe sīhassa bhāyanti, natthi kāyasmi' tulyatā.

Geese and herons and peacocks too,
Elephants and the spotted deer,
All respect the lion, although they
Are different in many ways.

446. Evam-eva manussesu daharo ce pi paññavā, So hi tattha mahā hoti, neva bālo sarīravā.

Even so amongst men a boy
Is respected if he be wise,
But though he is big in body,
A fool is never respected.



Jā 522 Sarabhaṅgajātakaṁ Wisdom is Best say the Good

When asked by Sakka what is the highest virtue this was the Bodhisatta's reply.

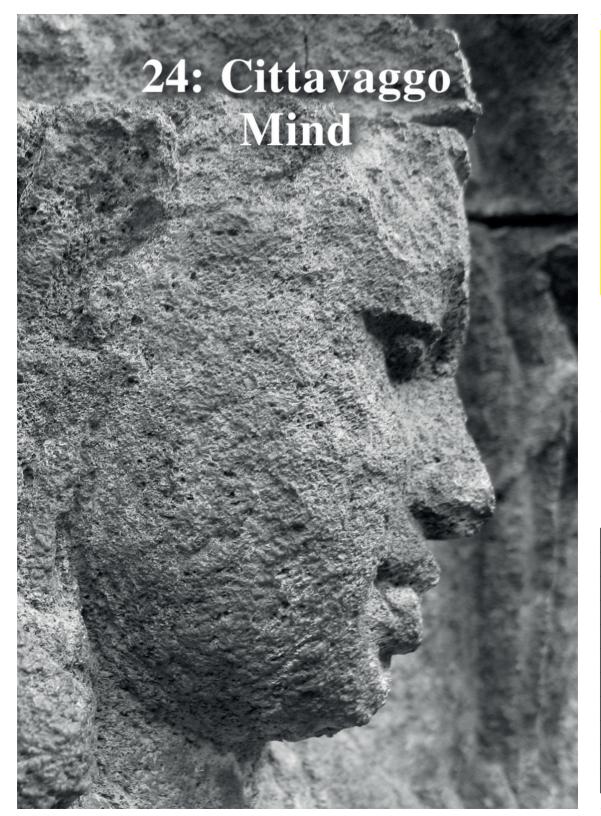
447. Paññā hi seṭṭhā kusalā vadanti, Nakkhattarājā-r-iva tārakānam, Sīlam sirim cāpi satañ-ca Dhammo, Anvāyikā paññavato bhavanti.

Wisdom is best, is what the skilful say, Even as the Moon is best amongst stars, Virtue, glory, mindfulness, and Dhamma, All are connected to those who are wise.













SN 1.1.62 Cittasuttam The Authority of the Mind

Asked three questions by a god, this is how the Buddha responds.

448. Cittena nīyati loko, cittena parikassati, Cittassa ekadhammassa sabbe va vasam-anvagū.

The world is led on by the mind,

By the mind it is swept away,

All follow the authority

Of one thing: the mind and its thoughts.



Dhp 42 Nandagopālakavatthu The Dangers of a Badly-Directed Mind

A herdsman offers alms to the Buddha and his disciples for seven days, and soon afterwards is killed by a hunter. The commentary notes that no explanation was given as to why this was so as the monks did not ask.

449. Diso disam yan-tam kayⁱrā, verī vā pana verinam, Micchāpaṇihitam cittam pāpiyo nam tato kare.

A badly-directed mind might
Be worse for oneself than that which
Enemies do to enemies,
Or mortal foes do to their foes.



Dhp 43 Soreyyattheravatthu The Benefits of a Well-Directed Mind

A man develops lust for an Arahant and is instantly changed into a woman. Later he asks for forgiveness and he changes back into a man!

450. Na taṁ Mātā Pitā kayⁱrā aññe vā pi ca ñātakā, Sammāpaṇihitaṁ cittaṁ seyyaso naṁ tato kare.

> Mother, Father and other kin Might do a greal deal for him, but A wholesome, well-directed mind, Will do more than they are able.





Jā 185 Anabhiratijātakam An Unagitated Mind sees Clearly

A teacher's mind is overcome by worldly affairs and he begins to forget his teaching. The Bodhisatta advises him thus.

451. Yathodake āvile appasanne,
Na passatī sippisambukam macchagumbam,
Evam āvile hi citte,
Na passatī attadattham parattham.

Just as in agitated water, one
Cannot see oyster shells or schools of fish,
So in an agitated mind, one's own
Or another's welfare cannot be seen.

452. Yathodake acche vippasanne, Yo passatī sippi ca macchagumbam, Evam anāvile hi citte, So passatī attadattham parattham.

Just as in clear, undisturbed water, one
Can see both oysters and a swarm of fish,
So in an unagitated mind, one's
Own and another's welfare can be seen.

Ud 4.4 Junhasuttam The Unwavering Mind is Free from Pain

A passing yakkha hits Ven. Sāriputta on the head with a mighty blow, which he hardly feels, but afterwards the yakkha falls into hell.

453. Yassa selūpamam cittam, thitam nānupakampati, Virattam rajanīyesu, kopaneyye na kuppati, Yassevam bhāvitam cittam, kuto tam dukkham-essati.

For those whose minds are like a rock,
Steady, secure, not wavering,
And not easily excited,
Not easily agitated,
For those whose minds are developed,
How will suffering come upon them?



Jā 118 Vaṭṭakajātakaṁ The Fruit of Careful Thought

A quail (the Bodhisatta) is caught by a fowler but refuses to take food and no one will buy him. When examined by the fowler he manages to fly away.

454. Nācintayanto puriso visesam-adhigacchati, Cintitassa phalam passa: muttosmi' vadhabandhanā.

The unthinking person does not
Attain any distinction, but look
At the fruit of those who can think:
They are free from bondage and death.



Jā 6 Devadhammajātakam True Godliness

A demon will only release people he has captured if they know what is true godliness. The Bodhisatta is captured, answers correctly and is released, as are his brothers, and the demon renounces his evil ways.

455. Hiri-ottappasampannā, sukkadhammasamāhitā, Santo Sappurisā loke devadhammā ti vuccare.

Those endowed with a good conscience,
Those endowed with great purity,
Those virtuous and Good People
Are said to have godly nature.



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Jā 423 Indriyajātakam Equanimity

An ascetic falls in love with a courtesan and is admonished by his brother.

456. Dakkham gahapatim sādhu, samvibhajjañ-ca bhojanam, Ahāso atthalābhesu, atthavyāpatti avyatho.

Being able is good,
Sharing one's food is good,
Be modest about gains,
And be calm when they fail.



Jā 545 Vidhurajātakam A Follower of the Path

The Bodhisatta is captured by a yakkha who has been convinced to tear out his heart and give it to a nāga queen. He offers to teach the Dhamma of Good People before he dies. The nāga agrees and this is the exchange.

457. "Yātānuyāyī ca bhavāhi, māṇava, Allañ-ca pāṇiṁ parivajjayassu. Mā cassu mittesu kadāci dubbhi, Mā ca vasaṁ asatīnaṁ nigacche."

"Young man, please follow good customs,
And avoid burning the clean hand.
Do nothing to deceive your friends,
Do not be moved by bad women."

458. "Katham nu yātam anuyāyi hoti? Allañ-ca pāṇim dahate katham so? Asatī ca kā, ko pana mittadubbho, Akkhāhi me pucchito etam-attham."

"How do we follow good customs?

And just how is the clean hand burned?

Who is a very bad woman?

Who is a deceiver of friends?

Answer me when questioned about this."



459. "Asanthutam no pi ca diṭṭhapubbam, Yo āsanenāpi nimantayeyya, Tasseva attham puriso kareyya, Yātānuyāyī ti tam-āhu Paṇḍitā.

"He who would invite to a seat Even a stranger unseen before, He who works for his own welfare, Is one who follows good customs.

460. Yassekarattim-pi ghare vaseyya, Yatthannapānam puriso labhetha, Na tassa pāpam manasā pi cetaye, Adubbhapāṇim dahate mittadubbho.

For he who spends a night as guest, Let him receive good food and drinks, You should not think bad about him, He who scorches an honest hand Is a great deceiver of friends.

461. Puṇṇam-pi cemaṁ pathaviṁ dhanena, Dajjitthiyā puriso sammatāya, Laddhā khaṇaṁ atimaññeyya tam-pi, Tāsaṁ vasaṁ asatīnaṁ na gacche.

Let a man give the whole earth's wealth

To the woman he will marry,

Even so, she might despise him –

By bad women do not be moved.

462. Evam kho yātam anuyāyi hoti, Allañ-ca pāṇim dahate punevam, Asatī ca sā, so pana mittadubbho. So Dhammiko hoti pahass' adhammam."

Like this we follow good customs,
In this way the clean hand is burned,
This is a very bad woman,
This is a deceiver of friends.
He who lives his life by Dhamma
Must give up what is not Dhamma."





Jā 332 Rathalaṭṭhijātakam Those who are Not Good

A King judges a case without considering both sides and his councillor, the Bodhisatta, reproves him.

463. Alaso gihī kāmabhogī na sādhu, Asaññato pabbajito na sādhu, Rājā na sādhu anisammakārī, Yo paṇḍito kodhano taṁ na sādhu.

A lazy, sensual layman is not good, An unrestrained monk is also not good, An inconsiderate King is not good, He who is wise but angry is not good.



Jā 431 Hāritajātakam The Four Great Powers

A sage who has great attainments is beguiled by the sight of a naked Queen and falls into wrong thereby losing his attainments. When questioned by the King he cannot lie, and admits he was overcome by defilements.

464. Cattārome, Mahārāja, loke atibalā bhusā, Rāgo doso mado moho, yattha paññā na gādhati.

There are four very strong powers,
Great King, that are found in the world,
Passion, hatred, pride, delusion,
Where true wisdom finds no footing.

465. Medhāvinam-pi himsanti Isim Dhammaguņe ratam Vitakkā pāpakā, Rāja, subhā rāgūpasamhitā.

The intelligent Sage, who takes
Delight in the Dhamma's virtue,
Is harmed by wicked thoughts, O King,
And by the passion for beauty.

Jā 107 Sālittakajātakam Craft brings Reward

A King hires a disabled man who is skilled in shooting pellets to fill up the belly of his talkative Family Priest, who thereby learns his lesson. The King gives him a village in each of the four directions.

466. Sādhu kho sippakam nāma, api yādisa' kīdisam, Passa khañjappahārena – laddhā gāmā catuddisā.

Having a craft is good,

See the disabled man

Who shot the pellets –

He received four villages!

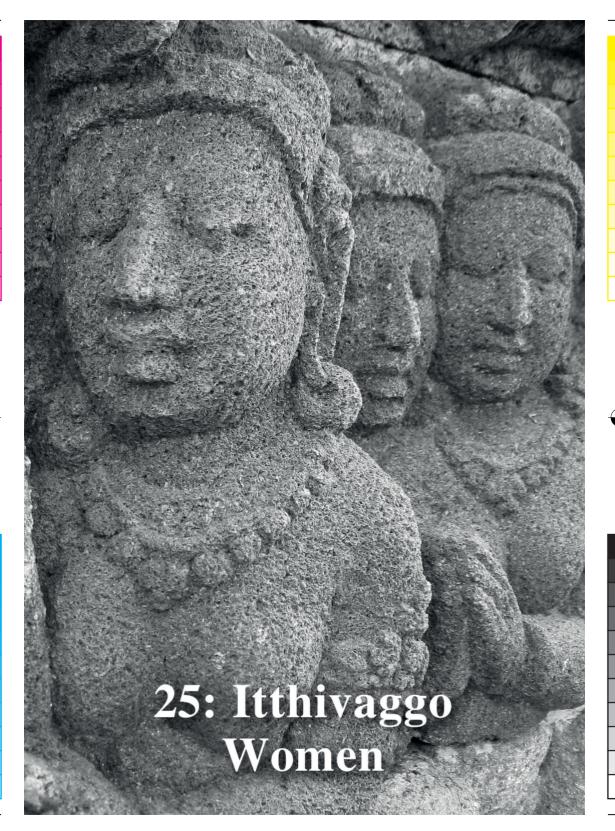


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Jā 108 Bāhiyajātakam Good Training

A women eases herself modestly in public which greatly impresses the King, and he decides to make her his wife.

467. Sikkheyya sikkhitabbāni, santi sacchandino janā. Bāhiyā hi suhannena, Rājānam-abhirādhayi.

She should train herself, even though
People can be very wilful,
The stranger's modesty during
Her toilet satisfied the King.





Jā 489 Surucijātakam The Gods visit the Virtuous

The Bodhisatta is a childless King and he asks his Queen to pray for a son. Sakka hears her prayer and goes to question her about her virtues. Hearing her answers he readily grants her request.

468. Itthiyo jīvalokasmim yā honti samacārinī. Medhāvini sīlavatī, sassudevā patibbatā.

There are women living at peace, Who are intelligent, virtuous, Respecting their Mothers-in-Law, Truly faithful to their husbands.

469. Tādisāya sumedhāya, sucikammāya nāriyā, Devā dassanam-āyanti mānusiyā amānusā.

Gods and other divine beings

Like to meet and help those women

Who are wise, intelligent,

And pure in all the deeds they do.



Jā 547 Vessantarajātakam Wives and Husbands

The Bodhisatta is banished to the forest when the people decide he is over-generous with the wealth of the Kingdom. His wife goes along with him, and this is part of what she says.

470. Naggā nadī anudakā, naggam raṭṭham Arājakam, Itthīpi vidhavā naggā, yassāpi dasabhātaro.

Stripped are rivers without water, And a kingdom without a King, Bereft is a widowed woman, Even though she has ten brothers.

471. Dhajo Rathassa paññāṇam, dhūmo paññāṇam-aggino, Rājā Rathassa paññāṇam, bhattā paññāṇam-itthiyā.

Flags are a sign of a Kingdom, And the sign of a fire is smoke, Kings are the sign of a Kingdom, Husbands are the sign of women.



472. Yā daliddī daliddassa, aḍḍhā aḍḍhassa kittimā, Taṁ ve devā pasaṁsanti, dukkaraṁ hi karoti sā.

She who is famed for being poor With the poor, and rich with the rich, The very gods themselves do praise, She does that which is difficult.

473. Sāmikam anubandhissam, sadā kāsāyavāsinī, Pathavyāpi abhijjantyā vedhavyam kaṭukitthiyā.

I follow after my husband,
I will wear the robe that is dyed,
Ruling the Earth as a widow
Would be very painful indeed.

474. Katham nu tāsam hadayam sukharā vata itthiyo, Yā sāmike dukkhitamhi, sukham-icchanti attano?

How is the heart of those women So very hard and unyielding, Who, when their husbands are suffering, Seek only their own happiness?



475. Nikkhamante Mahārāje Sivīnam Raṭṭhavaḍḍhane, Tam-aham anubandhissam, sabbakāmadado hi me.

When the Great King of the Sivis,
The Benefactor, does go forth,
I will follow along with him,
For he gives all the love I need.





AN 5.33 Uggahasuttam A Wife's Duties

The householder Uggaha invites the Buddha for a meal and asks him to give advice to his daughters who are going to their husbands' homes to live.

476. Yo nam bharati sabbadā, niccam ātāpi ussuko, Sabbakāmaharam posam: bhattāram nātimaññati.

She should not despise her husband
Who supports her in every way,
Always being energetic,
That man who brings her all pleasure.

477. Na cāpi sotthi bhattāram icchācārena rosaye. Bhattū ca garuno sabbe paṭipūjeti Paṇḍitā.

Nor should the good woman make her Husband angry through her desires. The Wise Lady worships all those Whom her husband holds in respect.



478. Uṭṭhāyikā analasā, saṅgahītaparijjanā, Bhattū manāpaṁ carati, sambhataṁ anurakkhati.

Exerting herself, not lazy,
Treating his attendants kindly,
She is pleasing to her husband,
And carefully protects his stores.

479. Yā evam vattatī nārī, bhattuchandavasānugā, Manāpā nāma te devā, yattha sā upapajjati.

That woman who lives in this way,
Obedient to her husband,
Is surely pleasing to the gods,
Wheresoever she is reborn.





AN 7.63 Sattabhariyāsuttam The Seven Types of Wife

The Buddha describes the seven types of wife that are found in the world, and what their destiny is.

480. Paduṭṭhacittā ahitānukampinī,
Aññesu rattā atimaññate patim,
Dhanena kītassa, vadhāya ussukā,
Yā evarūpā purisassa bharⁱyā:
Vadhakā ca bharⁱyā ti ca sā pavuccati.

Corrupt, without pity or compassion,
Passionate and despising her husband,
Bought with wealth, bent on murder,
The wife of a man who acts in this way:
A murdering wife is what she is called.

481. Yam itthiyā vindati sāmiko dhanam, Sippam vaṇijjañ-ca kasim adiṭṭhaham, Appam-pi tasmā apahātum-icchati, Yā evarūpā purisassa bharⁱyā, Corī ca bharⁱyā ti ca sā pavuccati.

That woman who enjoys her husband's wealth,
Gained by his craft, his trading or farming,
She who wants to steal even a little,
The wife of a man who acts in this way:
A pillaging wife is what she is called.



482. Akammakāmā alasā mahagghasā,
Pharusā ca caṇḍī, duruttavādinī,
Uṭṭhāyakānaṁ abhibhuyya vattati,
Yā evarūpā purisassa bharⁱyā,
Ayyā ca bharⁱyā ti ca sā pavuccati.

Not liking work, lazy, but eating much, Rough and violent, one who speaks badly, Who has great power over her husband, The wife of a man who acts in this way: A mistress and wife is what she is called.

483. Yā sabbadā hoti hitānukampinī, Mātā va puttam anurakkhate patim, Tato dhanam sambhatam-assa rakkhati, Yā evarūpā purisassa bharⁱyā, Mātā ca bharⁱyā ti ca sā pavuccati.

That one who has pity and compassion,
Who, like a Mother, protects her husband,
Who protects the wealth that has been stored up,
The wife of a man who acts in this way:
A Motherly wife is what she is called.

484. Yathā pi jeṭṭhā bhaginī kaniṭṭhā,
Sagāravā hoti sakamhi sāmike,
Hirīmanā bhattuvasānuvattinī,
Yā evarūpā purisassa bharⁱyā
Bhaginī ca bharⁱyā ti ca sā pavuccati.

As an elder sister is respected,
She has respect for her lord and master,
Careful, obedient to her husband,
The wife of a man who acts in this way:
A sisterly wife is what she is called.

485. Yā cīdha disvāna patim pamodati, Sakhī sakhāram va cirassam-āgatam, Koleyyakā sīlavatī patibbatā, Yā evarūpā purisassa bharⁱyā, Sakhī ca bharⁱyā ti ca sā pavuccati.

She who takes joy in seeing her husband,
Like friends seeing friends after a long time,
Well-bred, virtuous, a devoted wife,
The wife of a man who acts in this way:
A friend and a wife is what she is called.



486. Akkuddhasantā vadhadaṇḍatajjitā, Aduṭṭhacittā, patino titikkhati, Akkodhanā bhattuvasānuvattinī, Yā evarūpā purisassa bharⁱyā, Dāsī ca bharⁱyā ti ca sā pavuccati.

Unangered, not in fear of punishment,
Having an uncorrupt mind, and patient,
Having no anger towards her husband,
The wife of a man who acts in this way:
A handmaid and wife is what she is called.

487. Yā cīdha bharⁱyā vadhakā ti vuccati, Corī ca ayyā ti ca yā pavuccati, Dussīlarūpā pharusā anādarā, Kāyassa bhedā Nirayaṁ vajanti tā.

Now she who is called a murdering wife, And the one called a thief and a mistress, Unvirtuous, rough and disrespectful, At death will go to the Nether Regions.



488. Yā cīdha Mātā bhaginī sakhī ca, Dāsī ca bharⁱyā ti ca sā pavuccati, Sīle ṭhitā nācirarattasaṁvutā, Kāyassa bhedā Sugatiṁ vajanti tā.

Now she who is called a Mother, sister, A friendly, or a handmaidenly wife, Virtuous, steady, restrained in actions, At death will go to the Celestial Realms.





AN 4.53 Paṭhamasaṁvāsasuttaṁ Four Types of Couples

The Buddha explains the four ways in which a husband and wife may live together.

489. Ubho ca honti dussīlā, kadar yā paribhāsakā, Te honti jānipatayo chavā sam vāsam -āgatā.

Both of them are unvirtuous,

Being miserly, abusive,

Dwelling together in this way

Wife and husband are both wretched.

490. Sāmiko hoti dussīlo, kadar yo paribhāsako, Bhar yā sīlavatī hoti, vadaññū vītamaccharā, Sāpi devī samvasati, chavena patinā saha.

The husband is unvirtuous,
Being miserly, abusive,
The wife is virtuous and true,
Being bountiful, unselfish,
She is living like a goddess,
Along with her wretched husband.

491. Sāmiko sīlavā hoti, vadaññū vītamaccharo, Bhariyā hoti dussīlā, kadarⁱyā paribhāsikā, Sāpi chavā samvasati, devena patinā saha.

The husband is virtuous,
Being bountiful, unselfish,
The wife though is unvirtuous,
Being miserly, abusive,
She lives like a wretched woman,
Along with her god-like husband.

492. Ubho saddhā vadaññū ca, saññatā Dhammajīvino, Te honti jānipatayo aññam-aññaṁ piyaṁvadā.

> Both are faithful and bountiful, Restrained and living by Dhamma, Together the wife and husband Have kind words for one another.

493. Atthāsam pacurā honti, phāsakam upajāyati, Amittā dummanā honti ubhinnam samasīlinam.

They will have abundant riches,
And live together easily,
Their foes are depressed with these two,
Because they have the same virtues.



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494. Idha Dhammam caritvāna, samasīlabbatā ubho, Nandino devalokasmim modanti kāmakāmino.

Having both lived by the Dhamma,Having the same virtue and vows,They rejoice in pleasures obtainedIn the realms of divine beings.





Jā 545 Vidhurajātakam The Ideal Householder

A King is about to lose the Bodhisatta, his wise minister, before he goes he asks him about the life of a householder.

495. Na sādhāraṇadārassa, na bhuñje sādum-ekako, Na seve lokāyatikam netam paññāya vaddhanam.

> He should not share another's wife, Nor eat his food and sweets alone, He should not practice sophistry That does not increase his wisdom.

496. Sīlavā vattasampanno, appamatto vicakkhaņo, Nivātavutti atthaddho, surato sakhilo mudu.

Being virtuous, duteous, Heedful, wise, humble, unselfish, Devoted, kindly, and gentle.



497. Saṅgahetā ca mittānaṁ, saṁvibhāgī vidhānavā, Tappeyya annapānena sadā samaṇabrāhmaṇe.

Being a maker of good friends,
Sharing, being considerate,
Being one who will satisfy
Monks and priests with food and with drinks.

498. Dhammakāmo sutādhāro, bhaveyya paripucchako, Sakkaccam pay rupāseyya sīlavante bahussute.

He may be a Dhamma-lover, And a preserver of learning, Who often attends with respect On the virtuous and learned.

499. Gharam-āvasamānassa gahaṭṭhassa sakaṁ gharaṁ, Khemā vutti siyā evaṁ, evaṁ nu assa saṅgaho.

For a layman living at home,
Dwelling in his very own house,
There will in this way be safety,
Like this he will have good fortune,



500. Avyāpajjhā siyā evam, saccavādī ca māṇavo, Asmā lokā param lokam, evam pecca na socati.

He will be free from oppression,
That young man who speaks only truth,
Passing from this world to the next,
He will be one who does not grieve.

The Fifth Hundred



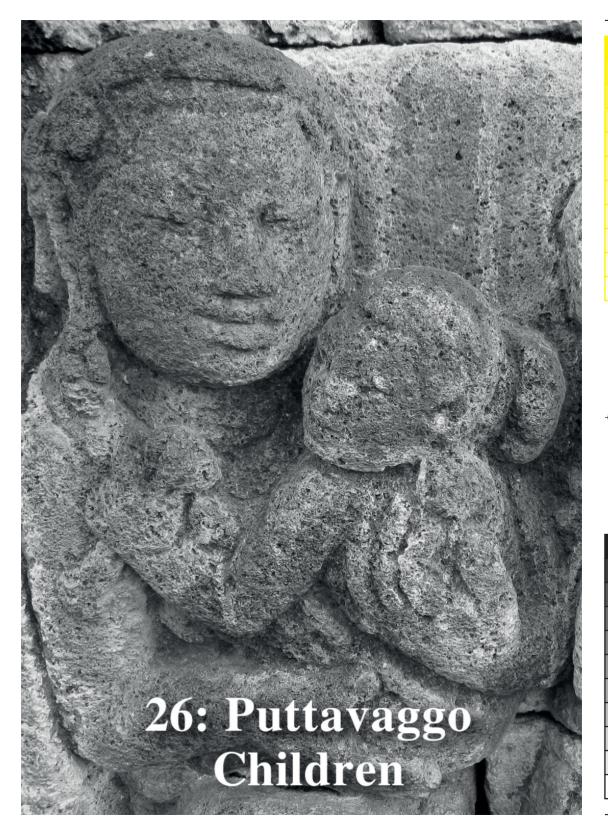


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AN 3.31 Sabrahmakasuttam Respect for Mother and Father

The Buddha explains why parents should be respected and by what names they are known, and summarises it with a verse.

501. 'Brahmā' ti Mātāpitaro, 'pubbācarⁱyā' ti vuccare, Āhuṇeyyā ca puttānam pajāya anukampakā.

> Mother and Father are like gods, They are our very first teachers, As they are kind to their children They are worthy of offerings.

502. Tasmā hi ne namasseyya sakkareyyātha Paṇḍito Annena atha pānena vatthena; sayanena ca, Ucchādanena nhāpanena, pādānaṁ dhovanena ca.

> Therefore the Wise will worship them And respect them with gifts of clothes, Food and drink; with a sleeping place, With massage, bathing, and washing.



503. Tāya nam paricar yāya Mātāpitusu Paṇḍito, Idheva nam pasamsanti, pecca Sagge pamodati.

The Wise, because they look after
Both their Mothers and their Fathers,
Will be praised right here and now,
And later rejoice in Heaven.





Iti 74 Puttasuttam The Three Types of Children

The Buddha explains the three types of children that are found in the world.

504. Atijātam anujātam puttam-icchanti Paṇḍitā, Avajātam na icchanti, so hoti kulagandhano,

The Wise desire a child that is
Superior or just the same,
But not for one inferior,
Who will break up the family,

505. Ete kho puttā lokasmim; ye bhavanti upāsakā Saddhā sīlena sampannā, vadaññū vītamaccharā, Cando va abbhanā mutto parisāsu virocare.

These are the various children;
Laymen with faith and with virtue,
Being bountiful, unselfish,
Will shine bright amongst the people
Like the moon released from the clouds.



AN 5.39 Puttasuttam Good Children

The Buddha explains the five reasons parents want a child.

506. Pañca ṭhānāni sampassam puttam icchanti Paṇḍitā: Bhato vā no bharissati, kiccam vā no karissati,

Considering these five reasons

The Wise wish for a child, thinking:

Supported he will support us,

He will do his duties for us,

507. Kulavamso ciram tiṭṭhe, dāyajjam paṭipajjati, Atha vā pana petānam dakkhiṇam anupadassati.

He will maintain his heritage,
And practice according to wealth,
Also he will make offerings
To relatives who pass away.



508. Țhānānetāni sampassam puttam icchanti Paṇḍitā, Tasmā santo Sappurisā kataññū katavedino,

Considering these five reasons
The Wise wish for a child, therefore
Truly Good People are grateful
And obliging to their parents,

509. Bharanti Mātāpitaro, pubbe katam-anussaram, Karonti nesam kiccāni, yathā tam pubbakārinam.

They support Mother and Father, Remembering what they have done, They perform their duties for them, As was done for them in the past.

510. Ovādakārī bhataposī, kulavamsam ahāpayam, Saddho sīlena sampanno, putto hoti pasamsiyo.

Listening to parents' advice,
Feeding those who supported him,
Not neglecting his heritage,
Endowed with faith and with virtue,
That child is praised and respected.



Jā 532 Soṇanandajātakam The Elder Brother's Burden

A Royal family, King, Queen and two sons renounce the world and retire to the Himālayas. The younger son wishes to look after the parents, but the elder declares his duty.

511. Mātāpitā ca Bhātā ca Bhaginī ñātibandhavā, Sabbe jeṭṭhassa te bhārā, evaṁ jānāhi Bhātara.

Mother, Father, Brothers, Sisters
And all close-bonded relations,
All burdens are for the eldest,
Please understand this, my Brother.

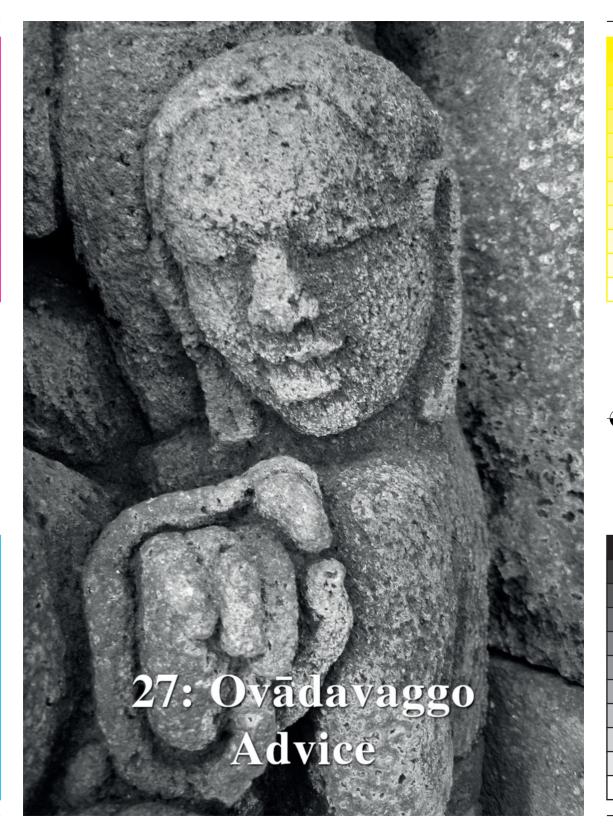


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Jā 537 Mahāsutasomajātakam Friendship with the Wise

More of the conversation with the man-eating King by which the Bodhisatta persuades him to give up his evil inclination.

512. Yasmā hi Dhammam puriso vijaññā Ye cassa kankham vinayanti santo, Tam hissa dīpañ-ca parāyaṇañ-ca, Na tena mittim jirayetha Pañño.

Because people living by Dhamma know That good people can dispel all their doubt, He will take that as refuge and support, The friendship of the Wise does not decay.



Jā 474 Ambajātakam Truth knows no Caste

A young brāhman learns a charm for producing mangoes out of season from an outcaste, the Bodhisatta, who warns him not to deny him or his charm would disappear. Nevertheless, ashamed, he does deny him, loses his charm and dies forlorn.

513. Eraṇḍā Pucimandā vā, atha vā Pāļibhaddakā, Madhum madhutthiko vinde, so hi tassa dumuttamo.

Ugly Castor, bitter Margosa
Or the beautiful Palasa,
Wherever he finds the honey,
For him that tree will be supreme.

514. Khattiyā brāhmaṇā vessā, suddā caṇḍālapukkusā, Yasmā Dhammaṁ vijāneyya, so hi tassa naruttamo.

> Noble, brāhman, merchant, farmer, The outcaste and the garbage man, From whomever he learns Dhamma, For him that man will be supreme.

Dhp 76 Rādhattheravatthu Welcoming Correction

A poor brāhman ordains with Ven. Sāriputta and proves to be amenable to correction. In no long time he attains Awakening.

515. Nidhīnam va pavattāram, yam passe vajjadassinam, Niggayhavādim medhāvim tādisam paṇḍitam bhaje, Tādisam bhajamānassa seyyo hoti na pāpiyo.

He should see one who points out faults
Like one who shows hidden treasure,
He should keep company with such
A wise one who will censure him,
By keeping company with such
It is better for him not worse.



Dhp 77 Assajipunabbasukavatthu The Good like those who Advise

Some monks are behaving badly, the Buddha sends the two Chief Disciples to reprove them; some amend their ways and some leave the Community.

516. Ovadeyyānusāseyya, asabbhā ca nivāraye, Satam hi so piyo hoti, asatam hoti appiyo.

He should give advice and instruct, He should prevent that which is wrong, He will be liked by good people, Although disliked by bad people.



Jā 43 Veļukajātakam Following Good Advice

A student, against the advice of his teacher, the Bodhisatta, keeps a viper named Bamboo as a pet. One day the snake gets angry and kills him.

517. Yo atthakāmassa hitānukampino, Ovajjamāno na karoti sāsanam, Evam so nihato seti, Veļukassa yathā Pitā.

He who does not follow the teaching
Of those who truly desire his welfare,
Will soon be destroyed, like the snake's Father.





Jā 196 Valāhassajātakam Heeding Good Advice

Some merchants are shipwrecked and seduced by demonesses (rakkhasī). The Bodhisatta is a cloudhorse and offers to carry them away. Half agree and are taken to safety, half stay behind and are devoured.

518. Ye na kāhanti ovādam narā Buddhena desitam, Vyasanam te gamissanti, rakkhasīhīva vānijā.

Those people who do not follow
Advice given by the Buddha,
Will go to their own destruction,
Like the merchants with the demons.

519. Ye ca kāhanti ovādam narā Buddhena desitam, Sotthim pāram gamissanti, valāheneva vāṇijā.

But those people who do follow
Advice given by the Buddha,
Will cross over unto safety,
Like the merchants with the cloud-horse.



Jā 376 Avāriyajātakam Giving Advice Carefully

An ascetic gives advice on controlling one's anger to a King and the King rewards him royally; he gives the same advice to a boatman and gets thumped in the mouth!

520. Yā yeva anusāsaniyā, Rājā gāmavaram adā, Tā yeva anusāsaniyā, nāviko paharī mukham.

For the advice given, a King Gave him the boon of a village,
For exactly the same advice,
The boatman hit him on the mouth.



Dhp 158 Upanandasakyaputtattheravatthu Practicing before Teaching

A monk is very good at preaching, but is greedy and doesn't follow his own advice. The Buddha reproves him.

521. Attānam-eva paṭhamam patirūpe nivesaye, Athaññam-anusāseyya, na kilisseyya Paṇḍito.

First he should establish himself
In suitable behaviour,
Then he should advise another,
The Wise should not have defilements.





Jā 37 Tittirajātakam Paying Homage to Elders

An elephant, a monkey and a partridge find out who is the elder amongst them and pay him due homage.

522. Ye vuddham-apacāyanti narā Dhammassa kovidā, Diţṭhe va dhamme pāsaṁsā, samparāye ca Suggati.

> People who are skilled in the Dhamma Pay their respects to their elders, They are praised in this very life, In the next they go to Heaven.





Jā 334 Rājovādajātakam People follow their Leaders

A King rules justly and travels incognito through his Kingdom to find out if anyone blames him. He meets the Bodhisatta, an ascetic, who explains that when the King rules justly everyone follows suit.

523. Gavam ce taramānānam jimham gacchati pungavo, Sabbā gāvī jimham yanti, nette jimham gate sati.

If a bull while crossing a stream
Goes on a crooked, rambling course,
All the cows also go crooked,
Led by one who goes crookedly.

524. Evam-eva manussesu, yo hoti seṭṭhasammato, So ce adhammam carati, pageva itarā pajā, Sabbam raṭṭham dukham seti, Rājā ce hoti adhammiko.

Even so with men, if the King,
Who is agreed upon as best,
Lives contrary to the Dhamma,
Much more so will other people,
The whole of the country suffers,
If the King does not have Dhamma.

525. Gavam ce taramānānam ujum gacchati pungavo, Sabbā gāvī ujum yanti, nette ujum gate sati.

If a bull while crossing a stream

Goes on a straight and steadfast course,

The other cows also go straight,

Being led by one who goes straight.

526. Evam-eva manussesu, yo hoti seṭṭhasammato, So ce pi Dhammaṁ carati, pageva itarā pajā, Sabbaṁ raṭṭhaṁ sukhaṁ seti, Rājā ce hoti Dhammiko.

Even so with men, if the King,
Who is agreed upon as best,
Lives in accordance with Dhamma,
Much more so will other people,
The whole country will be happy,
If the King accords with Dhamma.



Jā 472 Mahāpadumajātakam Enquiring before Punishment

The King goes to quell a disturbance at the borders leaving the Bodhisatta to rule in his absence. The Queen, his step-mother, tries and fails to seduce him. When the King returns she makes false allegations and the Bodhisatta is taken out for execution.

527. Na diṭṭhā parato dosaṁ aṇuṁthūlāni sabbaso, Issaro na paṇaye daṇḍaṁ, sāmaṁ appaṭivekkhiya.

When not seeing another's faults,
Whether they are small or are great,
The Lord should not give punishment,
Without first investigating.

528. Yo ca appaţivekkhitvā, daṇḍaṁ kubbati Khattiyo, Sakaṇṭakaṁ so gilati jaccandho va samakkhikaṁ.

That King who punishes others,
Without first investigating,
Is like a blind man who swallows
Both his food, thorns and flies alike.

529. Adaņdiyam daņdayati, daņdiyam-ca adaņdiyam, Andho va visamam maggam, na jānāti samāsamam.

He who punishes the harmless, And doesn't punish the guilty, Like a blind man on uneven path, Does not know the just and unjust.

530. Yo ca etāni ṭhānāni aṇuṁthūlāni sabbaso, Sudiṭṭhaṁ cānusāseyya, sa ve vohārikuttamo.

He who sees the reasons in things, Whether they are small or are great, He should give advice to others, He is surely the judge supreme.

531. Nekantamudunā sakkā, ekantatikhiņena vā, Attam mahante ţhapetum, tasmā ubhayam-ācare.

While not being totally soft
Or totally harsh, but able,
Setting aside his own greatness,
He can then practice correctly.



532. Paribhūto mudu hoti, atitikkho ca veravā, Etañ-ca ubhayaṁ ñatvā, anumajjhaṁ samācare.

Always soft he will be despised, Always harsh he makes enemies, But understanding both of these, He should practice the middle way.



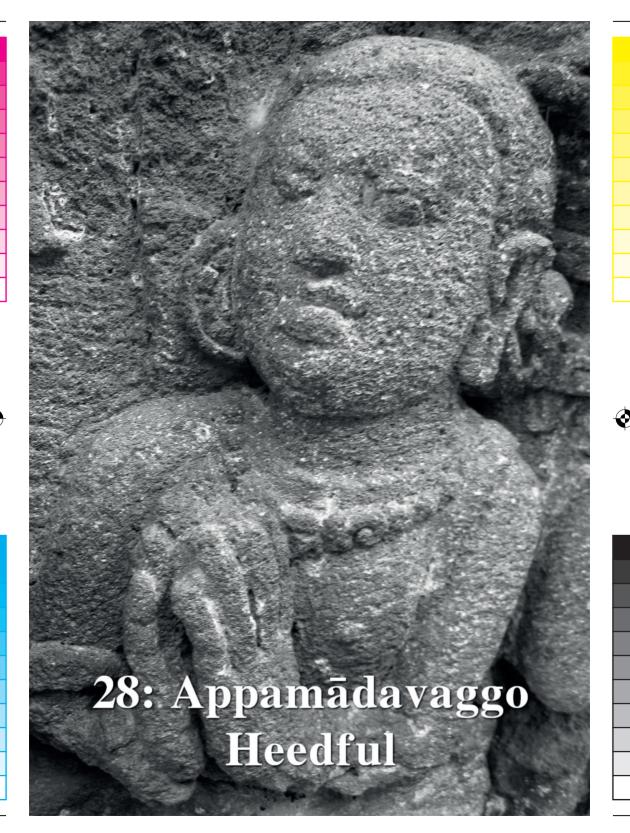


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Jā 521 Tesakuņajātakam The Power of Wisdom

A childless King adopts three birds as his children, which his courtiers scorn. To prove their worth he asks them for advice in ruling the Kingdom, and this is part of what his 'son' says.

533. Balam pañcavidham loke purisasmim mahaggate, Tattha bāhubalam nāma carimam vuccate balam,

These five-fold powers in the world
Are found in a truly great man,
And herein, bodily power
Is the least of all the powers,

534. Bhogabalañ-ca, dīghāvu, dutiyaṁ vuccate balaṁ, Amaccabalañ-ca dīghāvu, tatiyaṁ vuccate balaṁ.

The power of riches is surely, Friend, called the second power, The power of good councillors, Is said to be the third power,



535. Abhijaccabalam ce va, tam catuttham asamsayam, Yāni cetāni sabbāni adhiganhāti Pandito.

If he have the power of birth,
That is undoubtedly the fourth,
But one who is wise and learned
Surpasses all of these by far.

536. Tam balānam balaseṭṭham aggam paññābalam varam; Paññābalenupatthaddho, attham vindati Paṇḍito.

Out of these powers, the noble
Power of wisdom is the best;
Supported by wisdom's power,
The Wise One will find true welfare.

537. Paññā va sutam vinicchinī, Paññā kittisilokavaḍḍhanī, Paññāsahito naro idha Api dukkhe sukhāni vindati.

When true wisdom discriminates, Wisdom, fame and renown increase, That person endowed with wisdom Even in suffering finds happiness.



SN 1.3.1 Daharasuttam Four Deserving Respect

Questioned by King Pasenadi the Buddha claims to be Fully Awakened, but the King doubts it as he is still so young. The Buddha explains there are four things deserving respect whether young or not.

538. Bhujangamam pāvakan-ca, Khattiyan-ca yasassinam, Bhikkhun-ca sīlasampannam: sammad-eva samācare.

A crooked snake, a blazing fire,
A Noble of great, widespread fame,
A monk endowed with pure virtue:
Towards these one should behave well.



AN 5.34 Sīhasenāpatisuttam One Who Gives is Held Dear

The General Sīha pays a visit to the Buddha at Vesālī and asks him what is the visible result of giving, and the Buddha explains these four benefits.

539. Dadam piyo hoti, bhajanti nam bahū, Kittiñ-ca pappoti yaso hi vaḍḍhati, Amaṅkubhūto parisam vigāhati, Visārado hoti naro amaccharī.

A generous person is always dear,
Many people keep company with him,
He becomes well-known, his fame increases,
Confidently he enters assemblies,
That man who is mature and unselfish.

540. Tasmā hi dānāni dadanti Paṇḍitā, Vineyya maccheramalam, sukhesino, Te dīgharattam Tidive patiṭṭhitā, Devānam sahavyagatā ramanti te.

Therefore Wise people give abundant gifts, Having removed the stain of selfishness, They are established for long in Heaven, They delight in fellowship with the gods.

SN 1.1.32 Maccharisuttam Selfishness and Selflessness

Two verses by two different gods spoken before the Buddha on the subject of generosity. The Buddha commends them.

541. Yasseva bhīto na dadāti maccharī, tad-evādadato bhayam, Jighacchā ca pipāsā ca, yassa bhāyati maccharī, Tam-eva bālam phusati asmim loke paramhi ca.

> Selfish people are full of fear Because of that they do not give, But from not giving there is fear. Hunger and thirst the selfish fear, But that is just what the foolish Attain in this world and the next.

542. Appasmeke pavecchanti, bahuneke na dicchare, Appasmā dakkhiṇā dinnā, sahassena samaṁ mitā.

Some give from the little they have, Some do not give from abundance, Having given from a little, It is equal to a thousand.

MN 98 Vāseṭṭhasuttaṁ A Person is made by Deeds

Two brāhmans are discussing what really makes one a brāhman but they cannot settle the question so they go to see the Buddha, and this is part of what he said.

543. Na jaccā brāhmaņo hoti, na jaccā hoti abrāhmaņo. Kammanā brāhmaņo hoti, kammanā hoti abrāhmaņo.

One is not a brāhman by birth, Nor by birth is one not a brāhman, By one's deeds one is a brāhman, By one's deeds one is not a brāhman.

544. Kassako kammanā hoti, sippiko hoti kammanā, Vāṇijo kammanā hoti, pessiko hoti kammanā,

One is a farmer through his deeds, One is a craftsman through his deeds, One is a trader through his deeds, And a messenger through his deeds,



545. Coro pi kammanā hoti, yodhājīvo pi kammanā, Yājako kammanā hoti, Rājāpi hoti kammanā.

A robber is known through his deeds,
A mercenery through his deeds,
A begger is known through his deeds,
And a King is known through his deeds.

546. Evam-etam yathābhūtam, kammam passanti Paṇḍitā, Paṭiccasamuppādadasā, kammavipākakovidā.

Seeing this as it really is,

The Wise look at the deed, they see
Conditioned origination,

Who are skilled in deeds and results.

547. Kammanā vattate loko, kammanā vattate pajā, Kammanibandhanā sattā, rathassāņīva yāyato.

The world is kept turning by deeds, By deeds people are kept turning, Beings, bound by their deeds, roll on Like chariots on their linchpins.



SN 1.3.17 Appamādasuttam The Heedful are Happy in both Worlds

King Pasenadi asks the Buddha if there is one thing that is beneficial both for this world and the next.

548. Āyum arogiyam vaṇṇam, Saggam uccākulīnatam, Ratiyo: patthayantena uļārā aparāparā,

Long-life, health, beauty and Heaven,
A high birth, and gaining delights:
For the one who has desire to
Attain these lofty things quickly,

549. Appamādam pasamsanti puññakir yāsu Paṇḍitā, Appamatto ubho atthe adhiganhāti Paṇḍito:

The Wise always praise heedfulness
In doing meritorious deeds,
The Wise, who are always heedful,
Will soon possess both of these goods:

550. Diṭṭhe dhamme ca yo attho, yo cattho samparāyiko, Atthābhisamayā dhīro Paṇḍito ti pavuccati.

That which is good in this life now, And that which is good in the next, The firm are known as the Wise Through realisation of both.





Dhp 21 Sāmavatīvatthu The Heedful attain the Deathless

King Udena's Queen Sāmavatī and 500 of her court die in a fire started by the Uncle of her rival Māgaṇḍiyā. The King tricks Māgaṇḍiyā and sends for her relatives and has them all slaughtered. The monks ask about their respective fates.

551. Appamādo amatapadam, pamādo maccuno padam, Appamattā na mīyanti, ye pamattā yathā matā.

The heedful attain the deathless,
The heedless the state of the dead.
Those who are heedful do not die,
The heedless are already dead.

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