

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Bhājanadāyaka

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[232. Bhājanadāyaka¹]

In the city, Bandumatī,
I was a potter at that time.
For a long time I protected²
vessels for the monks' Assembly.³ (1) [2428]

In the ninety-one aeons since
I protected [the monks'] vessels,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
the fruit of [protecting] vessels. (2) [2429]

In the fifty-third aeon hence
was [one] named Anantajāli,⁴
a wheel-turning king with great strength,
possessor of the seven gems. (3) [2430]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2431]

Thus indeed Venerable Bhājanadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.
The legend of Bhājanadāyaka Thera is finished.

¹"Vessel Donor"

²*anupālesij*. One would prefer the meaning "I made" or "I provided," but this is the Pāli.

³*bhikkhusaṅgha*

⁴"Unlimited Nets" (taking *jālin* from *jāla*; or "Unlimited Armor," taking *jālin* from *jālikā*?)