

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Bimbijāliya

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[249. Bimbijāliya¹]

The Victor Padumuttara,
Self-Become One, the Chief Person,
explaining the Four [Noble] Truths,
declared the path to deathlessness. (1) [2491]

At that time I [then] spread out [there]
flowers [called] *bimbijālika*²
[and] offered [them] to the Buddha,
Lord of Bipeds, the Neutral One. (2) [2492]

In the sixty-eighth aeon hence
were four [named] Kiṇṇakesara,³
wheel-turning monarchs with great strength,
possessors of the seven gems. (3) [2493]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2494]

Thus indeed Venerable Bimbijāliya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Bimbijāliya Thera is finished.

¹“*Bimbijāla*-Flower-er”

²or *Bimbajāla*, a flowering tree, Sinh. *rat karavū*, *Phyllanthus indicus* (*Euphorb.*), the Bodhi tree of Dhammadassi Buddha

³“Lotus Pollen-er” cf. RD *kiṇṇakkha-kesara* found in VvA