

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Telamakkhiya

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[262. Telamakkhiya¹]

When Siddhattha, the Blessed One,
the Bull Among Men passed away,²
for all time I smeared oil upon
the railing at his Bodhi [tree]. (1) [2545]

In the ninety-four aeons since
I smeared oil [on the railing] then,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that is the fruit of smearing [oil]. (2) [2546]

In the twenty-fourth aeon hence
I'm the ruler³ named Succhchavi,⁴
a wheel-turning king with great strength,
possessor of the seven gems. (3) [2547]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances;
six special knowledges mastered:
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2548]

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

¹"Oil-Smeared"

²lit., "reached nirvana"

³lit., "kṣatriyan"

⁴"Having Lovely Skin," used in D (iii.159) and J (v.215; vi.269) according to RD