

# **Legends of the Buddhist Saints**

*Apadānapāli*

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# Javahansaka

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**[267. Javahaṇṣaka<sup>1</sup>]**

On CChandabhāgā River's bank  
I was a forester back then.  
I saw the Buddha, Siddhattha,  
traveling across the sky [there]. (1) [2565]

Raising my hands pressed together,  
gazing upon the Sage so Great,  
bringing pleasure to [my] own heart  
I gave the Leader reverence. (2) [2566]

In the ninety-four aeons since  
I revered the Bull Among Men,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that is the fruit of reverence. (3) [2567]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2568]

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

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<sup>1</sup>"Speedy Swan-er," apparently an allusion to the Buddha's movement across the sky, the witnessing of which serves as this monk's foundational good deed.