

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Gosāsanikkhepa

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[295. Gosānikkhepa¹]

I laid down golden sandalwood²
for exiting the ashram door.
I now enjoy my own karma:
that is the fruit of past karma. (1) [2691]

Thoroughbreds, those fast like the wind,
horses from Sindh, fast vehicles:
I am enjoying all of that:
that is the fruit of sandalwood. (2) [2692]

O! my deed,³ an ultimate deed,
done well in a fine arena.
None but deeds done for the monks⁴
has the slightest bit of value (3) [2693]

In the ninety-four aeons since
I laid down that sandalwood [there],
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that's the fruit of laying down [wood]. (4) [2694]

In the seventy-fifth aeon
hence was a greatly powerful
wheel-turner who had mighty strength,
whose name was Suppatiṭṭhita.⁵ (5) [2695]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [2696]

Thus indeed Venerable Gosānikkhepa Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Gosānikkhepa Thera is finished.

¹“Laid Down Golden Sandalwood”

²lit., “golden [colored] sandalwood was spread out by me”

³*kāraṇ*

⁴*sangha*

⁵“Well-Established”