

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Upaḍḍhadussadāyaka

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[492. {495.}]¹ Upaddhadussadāyaka²

Named Sujāta, the follower
of Padumuttara Buddha,³
searching for a robe made of rags,
is always⁴ going⁵ [through] the trash. (1) [5279]

In the city, Hamsavatī,
I was the hireling of others.
Having given [him] half a cloth,
I saluted [him] with my head. (2) [5280]

Due to that karma done very well,
with intention and [firm] resolve,
discarding [my] human body,
I went to Tāvatiṃsa [then]. (3) [5281]

Thirty-three times the lord of gods,
I exercised divine rule [there].
Seventy-seven times I was
a king who turns the wheel [of law]. (4) [5282]

[There was also] much local rule,
innumerable by counting.
Because of giving half a cloth,
I rejoice with nothing to fear.⁶ (5) [5283]

And today [if] I am wishing,
[in] the woods or [on] a mountain,
I am covered in *khoma*-cloth:
that is the fruit of half a cloth. (6) [5284]

In the hundred thousand aeons
since I gave that donation then,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that is the fruit of half a cloth. (7) [5285]

¹Apadāna numbers provided in {fancy brackets} correspond to the BJTS edition, which contains more individual poems than does the PTS edition dictating the main numbering of this translation.

²"Half-Cloth Offerer"

³lit., "Blessed One"

⁴BJTS reads *tadā*, "then"

⁵BJTS reads *ccharatī* with the same meaning

⁶*akutobhayo*, lit., "with fear from nowhere"

My defilements are [now] burnt up;
all [new] existence is destroyed.
Like elephants with broken chains,
I am living without constraint. (8) [5286]

Being in Best Buddha's presence
was a very good thing for me.
The three knowledges are attained;
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (9) [5287]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (10) [5288]

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