

THE PALIVERSE PROJECT

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08. Verses of the Elder Monks

Homage to the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Perfectly Enlightened One

In the Minor Collection

Verses of the Elder Monks

Introductory Verses

Like lions roaring, fanged ones in a mountain cave;
Listen to the verses of those with developed selves, conveying meaning.

According to their names, according to their clans, according to their dwelling
in the teaching;
According to their inclinations, the wise ones dwelt untiringly.

Having seen with insight here and there, having touched the imperishable
state;
Reviewing the end of what was done, they spoke this meaning.

1. The Book of the Ones

1. The First Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Subhūti

- 1.** "My hut is thatched, pleasant, sheltered from the wind, rain, O sky, as you please;
My mind is well concentrated, liberated, I dwell ardent, rain, O sky."

Thus the Venerable Elder Subhūti spoke this verse.

2. Verses of the Elder Mahākoṭṭhika

- 2.** "Calmed, abstaining, speaking with wisdom, unagitated;
He shakes off evil qualities, as the wind shakes leaves from a tree."

Thus the Venerable Elder Mahākoṭṭhika spoke this verse.

3. Verses of the Elder Kaṅkhārevata

- 3.** "See this wisdom of the Truth-finders, like a fire blazing in the night;
They become givers of light, givers of vision, who remove the uncertainty of
those who have come."

Thus the Venerable Elder Kaṅkhārevata spoke this verse.

4. Verses of the Elder Puṇṇa

- 4.** "One should associate only with the virtuous, with the wise who see the meaning;
The meaning that is great, profound, difficult to see, subtle, minute;
The wise attain it, the diligent, the discerning."

Thus the Venerable Elder Puṇṇa, son of Mantāṇī, spoke this verse.

5. Verses of the Elder Dabba

- 5.** "He who was hard to tame, tamed by self-control, wise, contented, one who has crossed over uncertainty;
Victorious, free from fear indeed, wise, he attained final Nibbāna, of established self."

Thus the Venerable Elder Dabba spoke this verse.

6. Verses of the Elder Sītavaniya

- 6.** "The monk who approached the Cool Grove, alone, contented, with concentrated mind;
Victorious, free from horripilation, guarding mindfulness of the body, resolute."

Thus the Venerable Elder Sītavaniyo spoke this verse.

7. Verses of the Elder Bhalliya

- 7.** "Whoever drove away the army of the King of Death, as a great flood a very weak reed bridge;
Victorious, free from fear indeed, tamed, he attained final Nibbāna, of established self."

Thus the Venerable Elder Bhalliya spoke this verse.

8. Verses of the Elder Vīra

- 8.** "He who was hard to tame, tamed by self-control, a hero, contented, one who has crossed over uncertainty;
Victorious, free from horripilation, a hero, he attained final Nibbāna, of established self."

Thus the Venerable Elder Vīra spoke this verse.

9. Verses of the Elder Pilindavaccha

- 9.** "Welcome, not ill-come, this was not ill-counselled by me;
Among the well-analysed teachings, I have approached that which is foremost."

Thus the Venerable Elder Pilindavaccha spoke this verse.

10. Verses of the Elder Puṇṇamāsa

- 10.** "He removed longing here or beyond, who has attained the highest knowledge,

calmed, self-controlled;
Untainted by all phenomena, having known the rise and fall of the world."

Thus the Venerable Elder Puṇṇamāsa spoke this verse.

The first chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Subhūti, Koṭṭhika the Elder, Kaṅkhārevata the authorized;
Mantāṇiputta and Dabba, and Sītavaniyo and Bhalliya;
Vīra and Pilindavaccha, and Puṇṇamāsa the dispeller of darkness.

2. The Second Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Cūḷavaccha

- 11.** "The monk full of gladness, in the Teaching proclaimed by the Buddha;
He would attain the peaceful state, the stilling of activities, happiness."

... The Elder Cūḷavaccha etc.

2. Verses of the Elder Mahāvaccha

- 12.** "Strong in wisdom, endowed with morality, concentrated, delighting in
meditative absorption, mindful;
Eating food for its purpose, one without lust here should await the time."

... The Elder Mahāvaccha etc.

3. Verses of the Elder Vanavaccha

- 13.** "Cloud-coloured blue, beautiful, with cool waters, bearing purity;
Covered with red insects, those rocks delight me."

... The Elder Vanavaccha etc.

4. Verses of the Novice Sīvaka

- 14.** "My preceptor said to me, 'Let us go from here, Sīvaka;'
My body dwells in the village, my mind has gone to the forest;
Even lying down I go, there is no attachment for one who understands."

... The Novice Sīvaka etc.

5. Verses of the Elder Kuṇḍadhāna

- 15.** "One should cut off five, give up five, and further develop five;
A monk who has gone beyond five attachments is called a crosser of the
mental floods."

... The Elder Kuṇḍadhāna etc.

6. Verses of the Elder Belaṭṭhasīsa

- 16.** "Just as a good thoroughbred, a horned plough-turner,
Goes with little difficulty, so nights and days for me
Go with little difficulty, having attained spiritual happiness."

... The Elder Belaṭṭhasīsa etc.

7. Verses of the Elder Dāsaka

- 17.** "When one is torpid and gluttonous, a sleeper who lies tossing about;
Like a great hog fed on fodder, the fool enters the womb again and again."

... The Elder Dāsaka etc.

8. Verses of the Elder Siṅgālapitu

- 18.** "There was an heir of the Buddha, a monk in the Bhesakaḷā Grove;
With the perception of bones alone, he pervaded this earth;
I imagine he will quickly abandon sensual lust."

... The Elder Siṅgālapitā etc.

9. Verses of the Elder Kula

- 19.** "Irrigators lead water, fletchers straighten the arrow;
Carpenters straighten wood, the virtuous tame themselves."

... The Elder Kula etc.

10. Verses of the Elder Ajita

- 20.** "There is no fear for me in death, there is no attachment to life;
I shall lay down this body, fully aware and mindful."

... The Elder Ajita etc.

The second chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Cūḷavaccha and Mahāvacccha, and Vanavaccha and Sīvaka;
Kuṇḍadhāna and Belaṭṭhi, and Dāsaka and beyond that;
The Elder Siṅgālapitika, and Kula and Ajita - these are ten.

3. The Third Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Nigrodha

- 21.** "I do not fear the fear, our Teacher is skilled in the Deathless;
Where fear does not persist, by that path the monks go."

... The Elder Nigrodha etc.

2. Verses of the Elder Cittaka

- 22.** "Blue, with beautiful necks, crested, the peacocks cry out in the karamba

trees;
They, delighted by the cool wind, awaken the one sleeping, meditating."

... The Elder Cittaka etc.

3. Verses of the Elder Gosāla

- 23.** "I indeed, at the bamboo thicket, having eaten the milk-rice with honey;
Meditating favourably on the rise and fall of the aggregates;
I shall return to the mountain slope, developing seclusion."

... The Elder Gosāla etc.

4. Verses of the Elder Sugandha

- 24.** "Gone forth for less than a year, see the excellence of the Teaching as
Teaching;
The three true knowledges have been attained, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled."

... The Elder Sugandha etc.

5. Verses of the Elder Nandiya

- 25.** "Whose mind is constantly radiant with light, gone to fruition;
Having assaulted such a monk, Dark One, you undergo suffering."

... The Elder Nandiya...

6. Verses of the Elder Abhaya

- 26.** "Having heard the well-spoken speech of the Buddha, the Kinsman of the Sun;
I penetrated indeed the subtle, as the tip of a hair with an arrow."

... The Elder Abhaya...

7. Verses of the Elder Lomasakaṅgiya

- 27.** "Dabba grass, kusa grass, thorny shrubs, usīra root, and muñja reed -
I shall push aside with my chest, developing seclusion."

... The Elder Lomasakaṅgiya...

8. Verses of the Elder Jambugāmikaputta

- 28.** "Are you not attached to robes, are you not delighting in ornaments;
Are you emitting the odour consisting of morality, not like other people?"

... The Elder Jambugāmikaputta...

9. Verses of the Elder Hārīta

- 29.** "Straightening oneself, as a fletcher does an arrow;
Having made the mind straight, break ignorance, Hārīta."

... The Elder Hārita...

10. Verses of the Elder Uttiya

- 30.** "When illness arose in me, mindfulness arose in me;
Illness has arisen in me, this is not the time for me to be negligent."

... The Elder Uttiya...

The third chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Nigrodha, Cittaka the elder, Gosāla the elder, Sugandha;
Nandiya, Abhaya the elder, the elder Lomasakaṅgiya;
Jambugāmikaputta, and Hārita, Uttiyo the sage.

4. The Fourth Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Gahvaratīriya

- 31.** "Touched by gadflies and mosquitoes, in the forest in a great wood;
Like an elephant at the head of battle, mindful, one should endure there."

... The Elder Gahvaratīriya...

2. Verses of the Elder Suppiya

- 32.** "The ageless by one who is ageing, peace by one who is burning;
I would exchange for the supreme peace, the unsurpassed freedom from
bondage."

... The Elder Suppiya...

3. Verses of the Elder Sopāka

- 33.** "Just as towards an only son, a dear one, one would be caring;
So towards all living beings, everywhere one should be caring."

... The Elder Sopāka...

4. Verses of the Elder Posiya

- 34.** "These women are excellent when not approached, always, for one who
knows;
Having come from the forest to the village, from there he entered the house;
From there having risen he departed, without addressing them, Posiya."

... The Elder Posiya...

5. Verses of the Elder Sāmaññaṅkāni

- 35.** "One who seeks happiness obtains happiness by practising that, and he attains
fame, and his glory increases;
Whoever develops the noble eightfold path, straight and upright, for the

attainment of the Deathless."

... The Elder Sāmaññakāni...

6. Verses of the Elder Kumāputta

- 36.** "Good is learning, good is conduct, good is always dwelling without a home;
Questioning about meaning, acting respectfully, this is asceticism for one who
owns nothing."

... The Elder Kumāputta...

7. Verses of the Elder Kumāputtasahāyaka

- 37.** "They go to various countries, wandering about unrestrained;
And they fail in concentration, what will travelling the country do?
Therefore, having removed rivalry, one should meditate without being led."

... The Elder who was the friend of the Elder Kumāputta...

8. Verses of the Elder Gavampati

- 38.** "He who by supernormal power stopped the Sarabhu, he is Gavampati,
unattached, without longing;
To him who has gone beyond all attachments, the great sage, the gods pay
homage, the one who has gone beyond existence."

... The Elder Gavampati...

9. Verses of the Elder Tissa

- 39.** "As if struck by a spear, as if burning on the head;
For the abandoning of sensual lust, a mindful monk should wander forth."

... The Elder Tissa...

10. The Verses of the Elder Vaḍḍhamāna

- 40.** "As if struck by a spear, as if burning on the head;
For the abandoning of lust for existence, a mindful monk should wander forth."

... The Elder Vaḍḍhamāna...

The fourth chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Gahvaratīriya, Suppiya, Sopāka and Posiya;
Sāmaññakāni, Kumāputta, Kumāputtasahāyaka;
Gavampati, the Elder Tissa, Vaḍḍhamāna of great fame.

5. The Fifth Chapter

1. The Verses of the Elder Sirivaḍḍha

- 41.** "Lightnings fall upon the cleft, of Vebhāra and of Paṇḍava;
And gone to the mountain cave he meditates, the son of the incomparable
such one."

... The Elder Sirivaḍḍha...

2. The Verses of the Elder Khadiravaniya

- 42.** "Cālā, Upacālā, Sīsūpacālā, do you indeed dwell mindful?
One like a hair-splitter has come to you."

... The Elder Khadiravaniyo...

3. The Verses of the Elder Sumaṅgala

- 43.** "Well freed, well freed indeed, I am well freed from three crooked things;
From sickles by me, from ploughs by me, from small hoes by me.

Even if they are right here, right here, still enough, enough;
Meditate, Sumaṅgala, meditate, Sumaṅgala, dwell diligent, Sumaṅgala."

... The Elder Sumaṅgala...

4. The Verses of the Elder Sānu

- 44.** "They weep for the dead, mother, or for one living who is not seen;
Seeing me living, mother, why do you weep for me, mother?"

... The Elder Sānu...

5. The Verses of the Elder Ramaṇīyavihāri

- 45.** "Just as a good thoroughbred, having stumbled, stands firm again;
So too one accomplished in vision, a disciple of the Perfectly Enlightened One."

... The Elder Ramaṇīyavihārī...

6. The Verses of the Elder Samiddhi

- 46.** "Through faith I have gone forth, from home into homelessness;
Mindfulness and wisdom have been developed in me, and my mind is well
concentrated;
Make whatever forms you wish, you will never disturb me."

... The Elder Samiddhi...

7. The Verses of the Elder Ujjaya

- 47.** "Homage to you, Buddha, hero, you are free everywhere;
Dwelling in your teaching, I dwell without mental corruptions."

... The Elder Ujjaya...

8. The Verses of the Elder Saṅjaya

- 48.** "Since I went forth, from home into homelessness;
I do not know of any thought, ignoble, connected with hate."

... The Elder Sañjaya...

9. The Verses of the Elder Rāmaṇeyyaka

- 49.** "Amidst the resounding of the quails' 'ciha ciha', and by the cries of the squirrels;
My mind does not tremble at that, for I am delighted in solitude."

... The Elder Rāmaṇeyyaka...

10. The Verses of the Elder Vimala

- 50.** "The earth is sprinkled and the wind blows, lightning moves across the sky;
Applied thoughts subside, my mind is well concentrated."

... The Elder Vimala...

The fifth chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Sirīvaḍḍha, Revata the elder, Sumaṅgala, the one named Sānu;
Ramaṇīyavihārī, and Samiddhi, Ujjaya, Sañjaya;
Rāmaṇeyya and that elder, Vimala and Raṇaṇjaha.

6. The Sixth Chapter

1. The Verses of the Elder Godhika

- 51.** "The sky rains like a beautiful song, my hut is thatched, pleasant, sheltered
from the wind;
My mind is well concentrated, so if you wish, rain, O sky."

... The Elder Godhika...

2. The Verses of the Elder Subāhu

- 52.** "The sky rains like a beautiful song, my hut is thatched, pleasant, sheltered
from the wind;
My mind is well concentrated on the body, so if you wish, rain, O sky."

... The Elder Subāhu...

3. Verses of the Elder Valli

- 53.** "The sky rains like a beautiful song, my hut is thatched, pleasant, sheltered
from the wind;
Therein I dwell diligent, so if you wish, rain, O sky."

... The Elder Valliyo...

4. Verses of the Elder Uttiya

- 54.** "The sky rains like a beautiful song, my hut is thatched, pleasant, sheltered from the wind;
Therein I dwell without a companion, so if you wish, rain, O sky."

... The Elder Uttiya...

5. Verses of the Elder Añjanavaniya

- 55.** "Having made a sofa into a hut, having plunged into the Añjana forest;
The three true knowledges have been attained, the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

... The Elder Añjanavaniyo...

6. Verses of the Elder Kuṭivihāri

- 56.** "Who is in the hut? A monk is in the hut, without lust, with well-concentrated mind;
Thus know, friend, your hut was not made in vain."

... The Elder Hut-dweller...

7. Verses of the Second Elder Kuṭivihāri

- 57.** "This was an old hut, you desire another new hut;
Discard the longing for a hut, monk, a new hut again is painful."

... The Second Elder Hut-dweller...

8. Verses of the Elder Ramaṇīyakuṭika

- 58.** "Delightful is my hut, offerings given in faith, charming;
I have no need for maidens, those who have need, go there, women."

... The Elder Ramaṇīyakuṭika...

9. Verses of the Elder Kosalavihāri

- 59.** "Through faith I have gone forth, in the forest my hut was made;
Diligent and ardent, fully aware, mindful."

... The Elder Kosala-dweller...

10. Verses of the Elder Sīvali

- 60.** "Those thoughts of mine succeeded, for which purpose I entered the hut;
Seeking true knowledge and liberation, I abandoned the underlying tendency to conceit."

... The Elder Sīvali...

The sixth chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Godhika and Subāhu, Valliyo, Uttiyo the sage;
The elder Añjanavaniyo, two hut-dwellers;
And Ramaṇīyakuṭika, Sīvalī named after Kosala.

7. The Seventh Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Vappa

- 61.** "The seer sees the seeing one, and sees the non-seeing one;
The non-seeing one does not see the non-seeing one, nor does he see the seeing one."

... The Elder Vappa...

2. Verses of the Elder Vajjiputta

- 62.** "Alone we dwell in the forest, like a log thrown away in the woods;
Many envy me, as those doomed to hell envy those going to heaven."

... The Elder Vajjiputta...

3. Verses of the Elder Pakkha

- 63.** "Those who have passed away fall, and the fallen, the greedy, come back again;
The function done, delighted in the delightful, through happiness, happiness is attained."

... The Elder Pakkha...

4. Verses of the Elder Vimalakoṇḍañña

- 64.** "Arisen from her named after the tree, born from the white-bannered one;
The pride-abandoner, by the banner itself, overcame the great banner."

... The Elder Vimalakoṇḍañña...

5. Verses of the Elder Ukkhepakatavaccha

- 65.** "For Ukkhepakatavaccha, accumulated over many rains retreats;
That he speaks to householders, well seated, with great gladness."

... The Elder Ukkhepakatavaccha...

6. Verses of the Elder Meghiya

- 66.** "The great hero, who has gone beyond all phenomena, instructed me;
Having heard his Teaching, I dwelt near him, mindful;
The three true knowledges have been attained, the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

... The Elder Meghiya...

7. Verses of the Elder Ekadhammasavaniya

- 67.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, all existences have been uprooted;
The cycle of birth and wandering is eliminated, there is now no more rebirth."

... The Elder Ekadhammasavaniya...

8. Verses of the Elder Ekudāniya

- 68.** "For one of higher mind, not negligent, a sage training in the paths of wisdom;
Sorrows do not exist for such a one, who is at peace, always mindful."

... The Elder Ekudāniya...

9. Verses of the Elder Channa

- 69.** "Having heard the Teaching of great flavour from the Great One, taught by the one endowed with the excellence of omniscient knowledge;
I entered upon the path for the attainment of the Deathless, he is skilled in the path to freedom from bondage."

... The Elder Channa...

10. Verses of the Elder Puṇṇa

- 70.** "Morality here is the highest, but the wise one is the best;
Among human beings and gods, victory comes from morality and wisdom."

... The Elder Puṇṇa...

The seventh chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Vappa and Vajjiputta, Pakkha and Vimalakoṇḍañña;
Ukkhepakatavaccha and Meghiya, Ekadhammika;
Ekudāniya and Channa, the Elder Puṇṇa and Mahabbala.

8. The Eighth Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Vacchapāla

- 71.** "For one who sees the very subtle and refined meaning, skilled in wisdom, of humble conduct;
For one who has cultivated mature virtue, Nibbāna is indeed not difficult to attain."

... The Elder Vacchapāla...

2. Verses of the Elder Ātuma

- 72.** "Just as a young bamboo shoot with grown top, becomes hard to remove when branches have grown;

So I, before a wife was brought, approve of me, I have gone forth now."

... The Elder Ātuma...

3. Verses of the Elder Māṇava

- 73.** "Having seen one aged and one afflicted with disease, and having seen one dead, gone to the exhaustion of life;
From there I, having gone forth, went forth into homelessness, having abandoned sensual pleasures that are delightful."

... The Elder Māṇava...

4. Verses of the Elder Suyāmana

- 74.** "Sensual desire and anger, and sloth and torpor for a monk;
Restlessness and sceptical doubt, all these are not found in him."

... The Elder Suyāmana...

5. Verses of the Elder Susārada

- 75.** "Good is the seeing of those well-established, uncertainty is cut off, full understanding grows;
They make even a fool wise, therefore good is the meeting of the good."

... The Elder Susārada...

6. Verses of the Elder Piyañjaha

- 76.** "Among those rising up, one should descend; among those descending, one should rise up;
One should dwell among those not dwelling, among those delighting, one should not delight."

... The Elder Piyañjaha...

7. Verses of the Elder Hatthāroha's Son

- 77.** "This mind formerly wandered on a journey, wherever it wished, wherever it desired, as it pleased;
That today I shall restrain wisely, like a goad-holder a furious elephant."

... The Elder Hatthārohaputta...

8. Verses of the Elder Meṇḍasira

- 78.** Through the round of many births I wandered, not finding;
For me who was born to suffering, the mass of suffering has failed."

... The Elder Meṇḍasira...

9. Verses of the Elder Rakkhita

- 79.** "All lust has been abandoned by me, all hate has been uprooted;
All delusion has departed from me, I have become cool, quenched."

... The Elder Rakkhita...

10. Verses of the Elder Ugga

- 80.** "Whatever action was done by me, whether little or much;
All this is utterly eliminated, there is now no more rebirth."

... The Elder Ugga...

The eighth chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Vacchapāla the elder, Ātuma the young man, the sage;
Suyāmana, Susārada, the elder Piyañjaha;
Ārohaputta, Meṇḍasira, Rakkhita, and the one named Ugga.

9. The Ninth Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Samitigutta

- 81.** "Whatever evil was done by me, formerly in other births;
Right here that is to be experienced, no other site is found."

... The Elder Samitigutta...

2. Verses of the Elder Kassapa

- 82.** "Wherever there is plenty of food, safety and freedom from fear;
Go there, dear son, do not be overcome by sorrow."

... The Elder Kassapa...

3. Verses of the Elder Sīha

- 83.** "Dwell diligent, Sīha, unwearied day and night;
Develop the wholesome mental state, quickly give up the body."

... The Elder Sīha...

4. Verses of the Elder Nīta

- 84.** "Having slept the whole night, delighting in company by day;
When indeed will the imprudent one make an end of suffering?"

... The Elder Nīta...

5. Verses of the Elder Sunāga

- 85.** "Skilled in the sign of consciousness, having understood the flavour of
solitude;
Meditating, prudent, mindful, one would attain spiritual happiness."

... The Elder Sunāga...

6. Verses of the Elder Nāgita

- 86.** "Outside of here, among the various teachers of other doctrines, there is no path leading to Nibbāna as this one;
Thus the Blessed One instructs the Community, the Teacher himself shows as if in the palm of his hand."

... The Elder Nāgita...

7. Verses of the Elder Paviṭṭha

- 87.** "The aggregates have been seen as they really are, all existences have been destroyed;
The cycle of birth and wandering is eliminated, there is now no more rebirth."

... The Elder Paviṭṭha...

8. Verses of the Elder Ajjuna

- 88.** "I was indeed able to lift myself from the water to dry land;
Being swept along as if by a great flood, I penetrated the truths."

... The Elder Ajjuna...

9. The Verses of the Elder Devasabha (the First)

- 89.** "Crossed over the mud and marsh, the abysses avoided;
Freed from mental floods and mental knots, all conceits destroyed."

... The Elder Devasabha...

10. Verses of the Elder Sāmidatta

- 90.** "The five aggregates are fully understood, they remain with their roots cut off;
The cycle of birth and wandering is eliminated, there is now no more rebirth."

... The Elder Sāmidatta...

The ninth chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

The Elder Samitigutta, and Kassapa named after the lion;
Nīta, Sunāga, Nāgita, Paviṭṭha, Ajjuna the sage;
And the Elder Devasabha, Sāmidatta and Mahabbala.

10. The Tenth Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Paripuṇṇaka

- 91.** "Not so esteemed is the hundred-flavoured food, the divine food, which I have enjoyed today;
The Teaching taught by Gotama, the Buddha, the one of unlimited vision."

2. Verses of the Elder Vijaya

- 92.** "One whose mental corruptions are utterly eliminated, and who is independent regarding food;
Emptiness and signless, deliverance is whose resort;
Like birds in space, his track is hard to trace."

... The Elder Vijaya...

3. Verses of the Elder Eraka

- 93.** "Sensual pleasures are painful, Eraka, sensual pleasures are not pleasant, Eraka;
Whoever desires sensual pleasures, he desires suffering, Eraka;
Whoever does not desire sensual pleasures, he does not desire suffering, Eraka."

... The Elder Eraka...

4. Verses of the Elder Mettaji

- 94.** "Homage to that Blessed One, the glorious son of the Sakyans;
By him who has attained the highest, the highest teaching was well expounded."

... The Elder Mettaji...

5. Verses of the Elder Cakkhupāla

- 95.** "I am blind, my eyes are destroyed, having entered upon the wilderness road;
Even lying down I will go, not with an evil companion."

... The Elder Cakkhupāla...

6. Verses of the Elder Khaṇḍasumana

- 96.** "Having given up one flower, for eighty ten million years;
Having enjoyed myself in the heavens, by the remainder I am quenched."

... The Elder Khaṇḍasumana...

7. Verses of the Elder Tissa

- 97.** "Having abandoned the golden plate of a hundred palas, with a hundred streaks,
I took up a clay bowl - this is my second consecration."

... The Elder Tissa...

8. Verses of the Elder Abhaya

- 98.** "Having seen a form, mindfulness forgotten, for one attending to the dear

sign;
With a mind filled with lust one feels, and remains grasping it;
For him mental corruptions increase, leading to the root of existence."

... The Elder Abhaya...

9. Verses of the Elder Uttiya

- 99.** "Having heard a sound, mindfulness forgotten, for one attending to the dear sign;
With a mind filled with lust one feels, and remains grasping it;
For him mental corruptions increase, leading to the round of rebirths."

... The Elder Uttiya...

10. The Verses of the Elder (the Second) Devasabha

- 100.** "Accomplished in right striving, with the establishments of mindfulness as his domain;
Covered with the flowers of liberation, he will attain final nibbāna, free from mental corruptions."

... The Elder Devasabha...

The tenth chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Paripuṇṇaka and Vijaya, Eraka, Mettaji the sage;
Cakkhupāla, Khaṇḍasumana, Tissa and Abhaya likewise;
Uttiyo and the one of great wisdom, the elder Devasabha too.

11. The Eleventh Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Belaṭṭhānika

- 101.** "Having abandoned the household life, with task unaccomplished, with mouth as plough, gluttonous, lazy;
Like a great hog fed on fodder, the fool enters the womb again and again."

... The Elder Belaṭṭhāniya...

2. Verses of the Elder Setuccha

- 102.** "Deceived by conceit, becoming defiled in activities;
Disturbed by gain and loss, they do not attain concentration."

... The Elder Setuccha...

3. Verses of the Elder Bandhura

- 103.** "I have no need of this, happy, satisfied by the flavour of the Dhamma;
Having drunk the highest, the best of flavours, I will not make intimacy with poison."

... The Elder Bandhura...

4. Verses of the Elder Khitaka

- 104.** "My body is indeed light, and touched by extensive rapture and happiness;
Like cotton set in motion by the wind, my body floats, as it were."

... The Elder Khitaka...

5. Verses of the Elder Malitavambha

- 105.** "Even if dissatisfied, one should not dwell; even if delighting, one should
depart;
But never should the discerning one dwell in a dwelling that is unbeneficial."

... The Elder Malitavambha...

6. Verses of the Elder Suhemanta

- 106.** "Of a meaning with a hundred signs, bearing a hundred characteristics;
One who sees one factor is imprudent, and one who sees a hundred is wise."

... The Elder Suhemanta...

7. Verses of the Elder Dhammasava

- 107.** "Having weighed up going forth, from home into homelessness;
The three true knowledges have been attained, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled."

... The Elder Dhammasava...

8. Verses of the Elder Dhammasava's Father

- 108.** "Being one hundred and twenty years old, I went forth into homelessness;
The three true knowledges have been attained, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled."

... The Elder Dhammasava's Father...

9. Verses of the Elder Saṅgharakkhita

- 109.** "Surely this one, gone to a private place, does not attend to the teaching of the
one who has compassion for the supreme welfare;
Thus this one dwells with uncontrolled faculties, like a hind with young
offspring in the forest."

... The Elder Saṅgharakkhita...

10. Verses of the Elder Usabha

- 110.** "The trees on the mountain peaks, well grown, sprinkled by the fresh, exultant
cloud;

For one desiring seclusion, perceiving the forest, it generates more fitness for Usabha."

... The Elder Usabha...

The eleventh chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Belatṭhāniya, Setuccha, Bandhura, Khitaka the sage;
Malitavambha, Suhemanta, Dhammasava, Dhammasava's father;
And the Elder Saṅgharakkhita, and Usabha the great sage.

12. The Twelfth Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Jenta

- 111.** "Going forth is difficult indeed, houses are difficult to dwell in, the Teaching is deep, wealth is difficult to achieve;
Difficult is our livelihood with whatsoever, it is proper to constantly contemplate impermanence."

... The Elder Jenta...

2. Verses of the Elder Vacchagotta

- 112.** "I am a possessor of the threefold true knowledge, a great meditator, skilled in serenity of mind;
My own welfare has been attained, the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

... The Elder Vacchagotta...

3. Verses of the Elder Vanavaccha

- 113.** "With clear waters and broad stones, frequented by yak-tailed deer;
Covered with water moss, those rocks delight me."

... The Elder Vanavaccha etc.

4. Verses of the Elder Adhimutta

- 114.** "For one who regards bodily inertia as weighty, while life is dwindling away;
For one greedy for bodily pleasure, whence comes the excellence of an ascetic?"

... The Elder Adhimutta...

5. Verses of the Elder Mahānāma

- 115.** "You will fall away from this mountain, with its many kuṭaja and sallakī trees;
From the Nesādaka mountain, famous, a covering."

... The Elder Mahānāma...

6. Verses of the Elder Pārāpariya

- 116.** "Having abandoned the six sense bases of contact, with guarded doors, well-restrained;
Having vomited out the root of misery, the elimination of mental corruptions has been attained by me."

... The Elder Pārāpariya...

7. Verses of the Elder Yasa

- 117.** "Well-anointed, well-clothed, adorned with all ornaments;
I attained the three true knowledges, the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

... The Elder Yasa...

8. Verses of the Elder Kimila

- 118.** "As if commanded, youth falls away, material form being the same yet appearing as if different;
Though I remain the same, not being separated, I remember myself as if another."

... The Elder Kimila...

9. Verses of the Elder Vajjiputta

- 119.** "Having entered the thicket at the foot of a tree, having placed Nibbāna in your heart;
Meditate, Gotama, and do not be negligent, what will this chatter do for you?"

... The Elder Vajjiputta...

10. Verses of the Elder Isidatta

- 120.** "The five aggregates are fully understood, they remain with their roots cut off;
The elimination of suffering has been attained, the elimination of mental corruptions has been attained by me."

... The Elder Isidatta...

The twelfth chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Jenta and Vacchagotta, Vaccha and the one named after the forest;
Adhimutta, Mahānāma, Pārāpariya and Yasa too;
Kimila and Vajjiputta, Isidatta of great fame.

The Book of Ones is concluded.

The summary therein:

One hundred and twenty elder monks, who have done what had to be done,
without mental corruptions;
In the Book of Ones alone, well-chanted by the great sages.



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