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1. Verses of the Elder Nun Kisāgotamī

- 213.** "Good friendship was praised by the sage, having pointed out to the world;
Associating with good friends, even a fool would become wise.
- 214.** "Good persons should be associated with, wisdom thus grows for those who
associate with them;
Associating with good persons, one would be freed from all sufferings.
- 215.** "One should cognise suffering, and the origin and cessation of suffering;
And the eightfold path, and also the four noble truths.
- 216.** "Womanhood is suffering, declared by the guide of men to be tamed;
Living with a co-wife is also suffering, some women having given birth just
once.
- 217.** "Some even cut their throats, delicate women eat poison;
Caught in the midst of birth and death, both experience disasters.
- 218.** "Going along near to giving birth, I saw my husband dead;
Having given birth on the road, not yet having reached my own home.
- 219.** "Two sons have died, and my husband died on the road for the wretched
woman;
Mother, father, and brother are burning on a single funeral pyre.
- 220.** "O you of ruined family, O wretched one, immeasurable is the suffering
experienced by you;
And tears have flowed from you, through many thousands of births.
- 221.** "I dwelt in the midst of a cemetery, and also ate the flesh of my sons;
With family destroyed, blamed by all, with husband dead, I attained the
Deathless.
- 222.** "The path has been developed by me, the noble eightfold path leading to the
Deathless;
Nibbāna has been realised, I have looked into the mirror of the Dhamma.
- 223.** "I am one with the dart removed, the burden laid down, what had to be done
has been done;
Kisā Gotamī, the elder nun, with liberated mind, spoke this."

... The elder nun Kisā Gotamī...

The Chapter of Elevens is concluded.



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