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1. Verses of the Elder Nun Uppalavaṇṇā

- 224.** "Both mother and daughter, we were co-wives;
For me there was spiritual urgency, wonderful and terrifying.
- 225.** "Shame on sensual pleasures, unclean, foul-smelling, full of thorns;
Where mother and daughter, we were co-wives.
- 226.** "Having seen the danger in sensual pleasures, having seen security in
renunciation;
She went forth at Rājagaha, from home into homelessness.
- 227.** "I know past lives, the divine eye has been purified;
And the knowledge of others' minds, the ear-element purified.
- 228.** "Supernormal power has been realised by me, the elimination of mental
corruptions has been attained by me;
The six higher knowledges have been realised, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled.
- 229.** "Having created by supernormal power a chariot with four horses, I;
Having paid homage at the feet of the Buddha, the Protector of the World,
such a one."
- 230.** "Having approached the tree in full bloom at its top, you stand alone at the
foot of the sal tree;
And there is no companion of yours whatsoever, do you not fear the cheats,
young fool?"
- 231.** "Even a hundred thousand cheats, such as these, were to come together;
I would not stir a hair nor would I tremble, what will you do to me, Māra, alone?"
- 232.** "I can disappear, or I can enter your belly;
I can stand between your eyebrows, and standing there you will not see me.
- 233.** "I have become master over my mind, the bases for spiritual power are well
developed;
The six higher knowledges have been realised, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled.
- 234.** "Sensual pleasures are like stakes of spears, the aggregates are their
chopping block;

What you call 'sensual delight', that is now discontent for me.

- 235.** "Delight has been destroyed everywhere, the mass of darkness has been split open;
Know thus, Evil One, you are defeated, O Death."

... The Elder Nun Uppalavaṇṇā...

The Chapter of Twelves is concluded.



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