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1. Verses of the Elder Revata of the Acacia Forest

- 645.** "When I went forth, from home into homelessness;
I do not know of any thought, ignoble, connected with hate.
- 646.** 'May these living beings be killed, be slaughtered, may they reach suffering';
I do not know of such a thought, in this long interval.
- 647.** "And I directly know friendliness, limitless, well developed;
Gradually practised, as taught by the Buddha.
- 648.** "A friend to all, a companion to all, compassionate to all beings;
I develop a mind of friendliness, always delighting in non-ill-will.
- 649.** "Unshakable, unagitated, I gladden my mind;
I develop the divine abiding, not practised by wretched persons.
- 650.** "Having attained the state without applied thought, the disciple of the
Perfectly Enlightened One;
Is endowed with noble silence at that very moment.
- 651.** "Just as a rocky mountain, immovable, firmly established;
So a monk, through the elimination of delusion, does not tremble like a
mountain.
- 652.** "For a person without blemish, always seeking what is pure;
Even a hair-tip of evil appears like a cloud.
- 653.** "Just as a borderland city, guarded within and without;
So guard yourselves, let not the moment pass you by.
- 654.** "I do not delight in death, I do not delight in life;
And I await the time, like a hired servant earning his wages.
- 655.** "I do not delight in death, etc. fully aware, mindful.
- 656.** "The Teacher has been attended upon by me, the Buddha's teaching has been
fulfilled;
The heavy burden has been laid down, the conduit to existence has been
uprooted.
- 657.** "For whatever purpose I went forth, from home into homelessness;

That purpose has been attained by me, the elimination of all mental fetters.

- 658.** "Strive on with diligence, this is my instruction;
Come, I shall attain final Nibbāna, I am liberated everywhere."

... Khadiravaniya Revata the Elder...

2. Verses of the Elder Godatta

- 659.** "Just as a good thoroughbred, yoked to the shaft, bearing the yoke;
Though shaken by an excessive load, does not go beyond the yoke.
- 660.** "Those who are thus satisfied with wisdom, as the ocean with water;
They do not despise others, this is the noble teaching for living beings.
- 661.** "Having come under the control of time at the proper time, having gone under
the control of existence and non-existence;
Men undergo suffering, they grieve here, young men.
- 662.** "Elated by pleasant phenomena, and dejected by painful phenomena;
By this dyad the foolish are destroyed, not seeing as it really is.
- 663.** "Those who in suffering and in happiness, in the middle, have gone beyond the
seamstress of death;
They stand firm like a gate-post, they are neither elated nor depressed.
- 664.** "Not indeed in material gain nor in loss of gain, not in fame nor in renown;
Not in blame nor in praise, not for them in suffering nor in happiness.
- 665.** "Everywhere they are not stained, like a water drop on a lotus;
Everywhere happy are the wise, everywhere unconquered.
- 666.** "And loss by righteousness, and gain that is not righteous;
Righteous loss is better, than if gain is not righteous.
- 667.** "Fame among those of little wisdom, and disgrace among the wise;
Disgrace among the wise is better, not fame among those of little wisdom.
- 668.** "Praise by the imprudent, and reproach by the wise;
Reproach by the wise is better, than if there is praise by fools.
- 669.** "Happiness born of sensual pleasure, and suffering born of seclusion;
The suffering of seclusion is better, than if happiness is born of sensual
pleasure.
- 670.** "Life by what is not the Teaching, and death by the Teaching;
Righteous death is better, than if one should live unrighteously.
- 671.** "Those who have abandoned sensual pleasure and irritation, with peaceful
minds in any kind of existence;

They wander in the world unattached, for them there is nothing dear or not dear.

- 672.** "Having developed the factors of enlightenment, the faculties and powers;
Having attained the supreme peace, they attain final nibbāna without mental corruptions."

... Godatta the Elder...

The Chapter of Fourteens is concluded.

The summary therein:

Revata and Godatta, two elders of great supernormal power;
In the Book of Fourteens, twenty-eight verses.



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