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1. Verses of the Elder Aññāsi Koṇḍañña

- 673.** "I am exceedingly pleased, having heard the Teaching of great flavour;
Dispassion is the Teaching taught, altogether by non-clinging.
- 674.** "Many variegated things in the world, in this circle of the earth;
They churn, I imagine, the thought, beautiful, connected with lust.
- 675.** "And as dust raised by the wind, is appeased by a rain cloud;
So thoughts are appeased, when one sees with wisdom.
- 676.** "All activities are impermanent", when one sees with wisdom;
Then one becomes disenchanted with suffering, this is the path to purification.
- 677.** "All activities are suffering", when one sees with wisdom;
Then one becomes disenchanted with suffering, this is the path to purification.
- 678.** "All phenomena are non-self", when one sees with wisdom;
Then one becomes disenchanted with suffering, this is the path to purification.
- 679.** "That elder Koṇḍañña, awakened following the Buddha, of keen energy;
Having abandoned birth and death, complete in the holy life.
- 680.** "The mental flood, the snare, the firm barrenness, the mountain hard to split;
Having cut off the barrenness and the snare, having broken through the rock
hard to break;
One who has crossed over, gone beyond, a meditator, he is freed from Māra's
bondage.
- 681.** "The agitated, fickle monk, having come to evil friends;
Sinks down in the great flood, covered over by the wave.
- 682.** "Unagitated, steadfast, prudent, with controlled faculties;
A good friend, wise, one may be one who makes an end of suffering.
- 683.** "Resembling a black bamboo joint, emaciated, with veins spread over him;
Moderate in food and drink, a man of undepressed mind.
- 684.** "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.
- 685.** "I do not delight in death, etc. like a hired servant earning his wages.

- 686.** "I do not delight in death, etc. fully aware, mindful.
- 687.** "The Teacher has been attended upon by me, etc. the conduit to existence has been uprooted.
- 688.** "For whatever purpose I went forth, from home into homelessness;
That purpose has been attained by me, what need have I of a co-resident?"

... Aññāsikoṇḍañña the Elder...

2. Verses of the Elder Udāyi

- 689.** "The Enlightened by himself who has become a human being, self-tamed,
concentrated;
Dwelling on the Brahma path, delighting in the peace of mind.
- 690.** "Him whom human beings pay homage to, who has gone beyond all
phenomena;
Even the gods pay homage to him, thus I have heard from the Worthy One.
- 691.** "One who has gone beyond all mental fetters, who has come from the forest to
the forestless;
Delighting in renunciation from sensual pleasures, freed like gold from rock.
- 692.** "He, the elephant, indeed outshone the Himalayas and other rocky mountains;
Of all those bearing the name of elephant, he of true name is unsurpassed.
- 693.** "I will explain the elephant to you, for he does not commit an offence;
Meekness and non-violence, these two are the feet of the elephant.
- 694.** "Mindfulness and full awareness, these are the other feet of the elephant;
The great elephant with faith as his trunk, with equanimity as his white tusks.
- 695.** "Mindfulness is the neck, wisdom is the head, investigation is reflection on the
Teaching;
The Teaching is the belly's residence, seclusion is his tail.
- 696.** "He is a meditator, delighting in the in-breath, internally well concentrated;
Going, the elephant is concentrated, standing, the elephant is concentrated.
- 697.** "Lying down, the elephant is concentrated, even sitting he is concentrated;
Everywhere restrained is the elephant, this is the accomplishment of the
elephant.
- 698.** "He consumes blameless things, blameworthy things he does not consume;
Having obtained food and clothing, he avoids storage.
- 699.** "Having cut off all mental fetters, subtle and gross, all bondage;
Wherever he goes, he goes without attachment.
- 700.** "Just as a white lotus born in water grows;

It is not tainted by water, fragrant and delightful.

- 701.** "Just so, born in the world, the Buddha dwells in the world;
He is not tainted by the world, as a lotus by water.
- 702.** "A great fire blazing, without fuel is calmed;
And when the embers are stilled, he is called 'quenched'.
- 703.** "This simile is a conveyer of meaning, taught by the wise;
The great elephants will understand, the elephant taught by an elephant.
- 704.** "Without lust, without hate, without delusion, without mental corruptions;
Abandoning the body, the elephant will attain final nibbāna, without mental corruptions."

... Udāyī the Elder...

The Chapter of Sixteens is concluded.

The summary therein:

Koṇḍañña and Udāyī, two elders of great supernormal power;
In the Book of Sixteens, thirty-two verses thus.



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