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08. Verses of the Elder Monks

2. The Second Chapter

1. The Verses of the Elder Mahācunda

141. "The wish to hear increases learning, learning is the increase of wisdom;
Through wisdom one knows the meaning, the meaning known brings happiness.

142. "One should resort to remote lodgings, one should practise for release from the fetters;
If one should not find delight there, one should dwell in the Community, guarded in oneself, mindful."

... The Elder Mahācunda...

2. The Verses of the Elder Jotidāsa

143. "Those indeed who, with binding and mixing, and with diverse actions;
Oppress human beings, people of harsh attack;
They too are scattered right there, for action does not perish.

144. "Whatever action a man does, whether good or evil;
Of that very action he is the heir, whatever action he performs."

... The Elder Jotidāsa...

3. The Verses of the Elder Heraññakāni

145. "Days and nights pass by, life ceases;
The life span of mortals is brought to an end, like water in small streams.

146. "Then the fool, doing evil actions, does not understand;
Afterwards for him it is bitter, for the result of it is evil."

... The Elder Heraññakāni...

4. The Verses of the Elder Somamitta

147. "Having climbed onto a small piece of wood, just as one sinks in the great ocean;
Thus, having associated with the lazy, even one living well sinks;
Therefore one should avoid him, the lazy one of inferior energy.

148. "With the secluded noble ones, with the resolute meditators;
With those constantly putting forth strenuous energy, with the wise ones, one should live together."

... The Elder Somamitto...

5. The Verses of the Elder Sabbamitta

149. "People are bound to people, people depend on people alone;
People are harassed by people, and people harass people.

150. "For what use is a person to him, or by a person begotten?
Having left people behind, going, having harassed many people."

... The Elder Sabbamitto...

6. Verses of the Elder Mahākāḷa

151. "Kāḷī, a woman, gigantic, crow-like in appearance, having broken one thigh and the other thigh;
Having broken one arm and the other arm, having broken the head like a bowl of curds;
She sat down having joined them together.

152. "He who indeed, not knowing, creates clinging, the fool goes to suffering again and again;
Therefore, one understanding should not create clinging, may I not lie again with a broken head."

... The Elder Mahākāḷa...

7. Verses of the Elder Tissa

153. "He obtains many rivals, shaven-headed, wrapped in the double robe;
An obtainer of food, drink, clothing and bedding.

154. "Having known this danger, the great fear in honours;
With little gain, not filled with desire, a mindful monk should wander forth."

... The Elder Tissa...

8. Verses of the Elder Kimila

155. "In the Eastern Bamboo Grove, sons of the Sakyans, companions;
Having abandoned no small wealth, delighting in what comes into the bowl through gleaning.

156. "Putting forth strenuous energy, resolute, always of firm effort;
They find delight in the delight of the Teaching, having abandoned mundane delight."

... The Elder Kimila...

9. Verses of the Elder Nanda

157. "Through unwise attention, I engaged in adornment;
I was agitated and fickle, distressed by sensual lust.

158. "By the Buddha, kinsman of the sun, skilled in means,
Having proceeded wisely, I lifted up my mind from existence."

... The Elder Nanda...

10. Verses of the Elder Sirimā

159. "Others may praise him, if oneself is unconcentrated;
In vain do others praise, for oneself is unconcentrated.

160. "Others may censure him, if oneself is well concentrated;
In vain do others censure, for oneself is well concentrated."

... The Elder Sirimā...

The second chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Cunda and Jotidāsa, the elder Heraññakāni;
Somamitto, Sabbamitto, Kāla, Tissa and Kimila;
Nanda and Sirimā too, ten elder monks of great supernormal power.

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