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1. The Life History of the Elder Kaṇikārapupphiya

1. "Having seen a kaṇikāra tree in bloom, having plucked it, I then;
Placed it upon Tissa, the crosser of the flood, such a one.
2. "Ninety-two cosmic cycles ago from now, the flower that I offered;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the
Buddha.
3. "Thirty-five cosmic cycles ago from now, renowned as Aruṇapāṇī;
Endowed with the seven treasures, a wheel-turning monarch of great power.
4. "The four analytical knowledges, and these eight deliverances;
The six higher knowledges have been realised, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Kaṇikārapupphiya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Kaṇikārapupphiya is the first.

2. The Life History of the Elder Minelapupphiya

5. "The Blessed One was golden-coloured, the sun, majestic;
Having ascended the walking path, with a mind of friendliness, Sikhī the bull
among men.
6. "With a confident mind, glad at heart, having paid homage to the highest
knowledge;
Having held up a minela flower, I placed it upon the Buddha.
7. "Thirty-one cosmic cycles ago from now, the flower that I honoured;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the
Buddha.
8. "Twenty-nine cosmic cycles from now, named Sumeghagana;
Endowed with the seven treasures, a wheel-turning monarch of great power.
9. "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Minelapupphiya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Minelapupphiya is the second.

3. The Life History of the Elder Kiṅkaṇipupphiya

- 10.** "Resembling the radiance of gold, the omniscient leader of the world;
Having entered a lake of water, the leader of the world bathed.
- 11.** "Having held up a kiṅkaṇi flower, I offered it to Vipassī;
Elated in mind, glad at heart, to the lord of bipeds, such a one.
- 12.** "Ninety-one cosmic cycles ago from now, when I offered the flower;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the
Buddha.
- 13.** In the twenty-seventh cosmic cycle, there was a king named Bhīmaratha;
Endowed with the seven treasures, a wheel-turning monarch of great power.
- 14.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Kiṅkaṇipupphiya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Kiṅkaṇipupphiya is the third.

4. The Life History of the Elder Taraṇiya

- 15.** "The Blessed One Atthadassī, the lord of bipeds, the lord of men;
Honoured by disciples, approached the bank of the Ganges.
- 16.** "Filled to the brim so that a crow could drink, the Ganges was difficult to cross;
I ferried across the Community of monks, and the Buddha, the highest of
bipeds.
- 17.** "In eighteen hundred cosmic cycles, the action which I did then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of crossing over.
- 18.** "Thirteen hundred cosmic cycles ago, I was five times in all existences;
Accomplished with the seven treasures, wheel-turning monarchs of great
power.
- 19.** "And in this final existence, I was born in a brahmin family;
Together with three companions, I went forth in the Teacher's Dispensation.
- 20.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Taraṇiya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Taraṇiya is the fourth.

5. The Life History of the Elder Niggaṇḍipupphiya

- 21.** "I was a monastery attendant of the Blessed One Vipassī;
Having held up a niggaṇḍī flower, I placed it upon the Buddha.
- 22.** "Ninety-one cosmic cycles ago from now, the flower that I honoured;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the
Buddha.

- 23.** "Twenty-five cosmic cycles ago from now, I was the sole lord of men;
Named Mahāpatāpa, a wheel-turning monarch of great power.
- 24.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Nigguṇḍipupphiya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Nigguṇḍipupphiya is the fifth.

6. The Life History of the Elder Udakadāyaka

- 25.** "Having seen the ascetic eating, serene, undisturbed;
Having taken water with a pot, I gave to Siddhattha.
- 26.** "I am free from impurity today, spotless, with doubt eliminated;
When arising in existence, the fruit arises for me.
- 27.** "Ninety-four cosmic cycles ago from now, I gave water;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of giving water.
- 28.** "Sixty-one cosmic cycles from now, one alone was spotless;
Endowed with the seven treasures, a wheel-turning monarch of great power.
- 29.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Udakadāyaka spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Udakadāyaka is the sixth.

7. The Life History of the Elder Salalamāliya

- 30.** "Shining like a kaṇikāra tree, seated in the mountain caves;
Illuminating all directions, Siddhattha, the trainer of men.
- 31.** "Having made the bow unerring, I then armed myself with an arrow;
Having cut a flower with its stalk, I placed it upon the Buddha.
- 32.** "Ninety-four cosmic cycles ago from now, the flower that I offered;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the
Buddha.
- 33.** "Fifty-one cosmic cycles from now, I was the sole resplendent one;
Endowed with the seven treasures, a wheel-turning monarch of great power.
- 34.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Salalamāliya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Salalamāliya is the seventh.

8. The Life History of the Elder Koraṇḍapupphiya

- 35.** "Having seen the footprint trodden, adorned with the wheel ornament;
Going step by step, of Vipassī, the great sage.

- 36.** "Having seen a koraṇḍa flower in bloom, with its root it was venerated by me;
Joyful, with a joyful mind, I venerated the supreme state.
- 37.** "Ninety-one cosmic cycles ago from now, the flower that I honoured;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the
Buddha.
- 38.** "Fifty-seven cosmic cycles ago, I was one who was stainless;
Endowed with the seven treasures, a wheel-turning monarch of great power.
- 39.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Koraṇḍapupphiya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Koraṇḍapupphiya is the eighth.

9. The Life History of the Elder Ādhāradāyaka

- 40.** "A stand was given by me, to Sikhi, the kinsman of the world;
I support the whole earth, this entire ground.
- 41.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, all existences have been
uprooted;
I bear my final body in the teaching of the Perfectly Enlightened One.
- 42.** "Twenty-seven cosmic cycles ago from now, there were four people;
Named Samantavaraṇa by name, wheel-turning monarchs of great power.
- 43.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Ādhāradāyaka spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Ādhāradāyaka is the ninth.

10. The Life History of the Elder Pāpanivāriya

- 44.** "But to Tissa the Blessed One, the god of gods, such a one;
A single umbrella was given by me, with a clear mind.
- 45.** "My evil is hindered, by the accomplishment of wholesome deeds;
They hold an umbrella in space, this is the fruit of past action.
- 46.** "The final existence goes on for me, all existences have been uprooted;
I bear my final body in the teaching of the Perfectly Enlightened One.
- 47.** "Ninety-two cosmic cycles ago from now, when I gave an umbrella then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of giving an umbrella.
- 48.** "Seventy-two cosmic cycles from now, there were lords of men;
Named Mahānidāna, kings, universal monarchs.
- 49.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Pāpanivāriya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Pāpanivāriya is the tenth.

The Kaṇikārapupphiya Chapter is the twenty-first.

Its summary:

Kaṇikāra and Minela, Kiṅkaṇi and with Taraṇa;
Nigguṇḍipupphī, Dakada, Salala and Kuraṇḍaka;
Ādhāraka, Pāpavārī, forty-eight verses.



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