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08. Verses of the Elder Monks

3. The Third Chapter

1. Verses of the Elder Uttara

161. "The aggregates have been fully understood by me, craving has been well uprooted by me;
The factors of enlightenment have been developed by me, the elimination of mental corruptions has been attained by me.

162. "I, having fully understood the aggregates, having pulled out craving;
Having developed the factors of enlightenment, I shall attain nibbāna, without mental corruptions."

... The Elder Uttara...

2. Verses of the Elder Bhaddaji

163. "Panāda was the name of that king, whose sacrificial post was of gold;
Across it measured sixteen in height, upwards they said a thousandfold.

164. "With a thousand storeys, a hundred pinnacles, adorned with flags, made of green gold;
There the gandhabbas danced, six thousand in seven groups."

... The Elder Bhaddaji...

3. Verses of the Elder Sobhita

165. "A mindful, wise monk, with strenuous energy and power;
I recollected five hundred cosmic cycles as if one night.

166. "Developing the four establishments of mindfulness, and the seven and eight;
I recollected five hundred cosmic cycles as if one night."

... The Elder Sobhita...

4. Verses of the Elder Valli

167. "Whatever is the function for one of firm energy, whatever is the function for one wishing to awaken;
I shall do it, I shall not fail, see my energy and endeavour.

168. "And you, declare to me the path, the straight way grounded upon the Deathless;
I shall know through wisdom, as the Ganges stream approaches the ocean."

... The Elder Valliyo...

5. Verses of the Elder Vītasoka

169. "A barber approached me to comb my hair;
Then, having taken a mirror, I reviewed my body.

170. "The body was seen as hollow, the darkness of ignorance was dispelled;
All the rags have been cut off, there is now no more rebirth."

... The Elder Vītasoka...

6. Verses of the Elder Puṇṇamāsa

171. "Having abandoned the five mental hindrances, for the attainment of freedom from bondage;
Having taken up the mirror of the Teaching, the knowledge and vision of oneself.

172. "I reviewed this body, all within and without;
Internally and externally, the body was seen as hollow."

... The Elder Puṇṇamāsa...

7. Verses of the Elder Nandaka

173. "Just as a good thoroughbred, having stumbled, stands firm again;
Having gained more urgency, undaunted, he bears the burden.

174. "Thus one accomplished in vision, a disciple of the Perfectly Enlightened One;
Remember me as a thoroughbred, a legitimate son of the Buddha."

... The Elder Nandaka...

8. Verses of the Elder Bharata

175. "Come, Nandaka, let us go to the presence of our preceptor;
We shall roar the lion's roar in the presence of the Buddha, the foremost.

176. "With which compassion the sage ordained us;
That purpose has been attained by us, the elimination of all mental fetters."

... The Elder Bharata...

9. Verses of the Elder Bhāradvāja

177. "Thus the wise roar, like lions in a mountain cave;
Heroes victorious in battle, having conquered Māra with his army.

178. "The Teacher has been attended upon by me, the Teaching and the Community venerated;
And I am delighted, glad, having seen my son without mental corruptions."

... The Elder Bhāradvāja...

10. Verses of the Elder Kaṇhadinna

179. "Good persons attended upon, teachings heard repeatedly;
Having heard, I shall proceed upon the straight way grounded upon the Deathless.

180. "For me who was destroyed by lust for existence, being mindful, lust for existence is no longer found in me;
There has not been, nor will there be for me, nor is there at present found in me."

... The Elder Kaṇhadinna...

The third chapter is concluded.

Its summary:

Uttara, the Elder Bhaddaji, Sobhita, Valliyo the sage;
And Vītasoka the elder, Puṇṇamāsa and Nandaka;
Bharata and Bhāradvāja, and Kaṇhadinna the great sage.

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