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1. The Life History of the Elder Mandāravapupphiya

1. "Having come here from the Thirty-three, a young man named Maṅgala;
Having taken a mandārava flower, for Vipassī, the great sage.
2. "While he was seated in concentration, I held it on his head;
Having held it for seven days, I went again to the heavenly world.
3. "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.
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 Mandāravapupphiya spoke these verses.

The life history of the elder Mandāravapupphiya is the first.

2. The Life History of the Elder Kakkārupupphiya

5. "The Yāma gods, having come here, to Gotama, the glorious calf;
Having held up a cucumber garland, I placed it upon the Buddha.
6. "Ninety-two cosmic cycles ago from now, when I honoured the Buddha;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
7. "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Kakkārupupphiya spoke these verses.

The life history of the elder Kakkārupupphiya is the second.

3. The Life History of the Elder Bhisamuḷāladāyaka

8. "Phussa was the name of the Perfectly Enlightened One, who has gone beyond
all phenomena;
Desiring seclusion, the Omniscient One came near me.
9. "Having gladdened my mind in that greatly compassionate conqueror;
Having held up lotus roots and fibres, I gave to the foremost Buddha.

- 10.** "Ninety-two cosmic cycles ago from now, when I gave lotus roots then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of giving lotus roots.
- 11.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Bhisamuḷāladāyaka spoke these verses.

The life history of the Elder Bhisamuḷāladāyaka is the third.

4. The Life History of the Elder Kesarapupphiya

- 12.** "A knower of charms then I was, on the Himalaya mountain;
I saw the stainless Buddha, walking up and down, of great fame.
- 13.** "Three kesara flowers, having placed upon my head then;
Having approached the Perfectly Enlightened One, I venerated Vessabhū.
- 14.** "Thirty-one cosmic cycles ago from now, the action which I did then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the
Buddha.
- 15.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Kesarapupphiya spoke these verses.

The life history of the Elder Kesarapupphiya is the fourth.

5. The Life History of the Elder Aṅkolapupphiya

- 16.** "Paduma by name was the Perfectly Enlightened One, at Cittakūṭa he dwelt
then;
Having seen that Buddha, the Self-Become One, the unconquered.
- 17.** "Having seen an aṅkola tree in bloom, having plucked it, I then;
Having approached the Perfectly Enlightened One, I worshipped Paduma, the
Victor.
- 18.** "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.
- 19.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Aṅkolapupphiya spoke these verses.

The life history of the Elder Aṅkolapupphiya is the fifth.

6. The Life History of the Elder Kadambapupphiya

- 20.** "The golden-coloured Enlightened by himself, going through the market place;
Resembling a golden flame, with the thirty-two excellent characteristics.
- 21.** "Having sat down in the excellent mansion, I saw the leader of the world;
Having held up a kadamba flower, I venerated Vipassī.

- 22.** "Ninety-one cosmic cycles ago from now, when I honoured the Buddha;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the
Buddha.
- 23.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Kadambapupphiya spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Kadambapupphiya is the sixth.

7. The Life History of the Elder Uddālakapupphiya

- 24.** "The Perfectly Enlightened One named Anoma, dwelt on the bank of the
Ganges then;
Having taken an uddālaka flower, I worshipped the unconquered one.
- 25.** "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.
- 26.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Uddālakapupphiya spoke these verses.

The life history of the Elder Uddālakapupphiya is the seventh.

8. The Life History of the Elder Ekacampakapupphiya

- 27.** "The Perfectly Enlightened One, at peace, dwells in the mountain caves;
Having taken a single champaka flower, I approached the highest among men.
- 28.** "With a confident mind, glad at heart, the highest of solitary sages;
Having held up with both hands, I worshipped the unconquered one.
- 29.** "Sixty-five 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.
- 30.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Ekacampakapupphiya spoke these verses.

The life history of the Elder Ekacampakapupphiya is the eighth.

9. The Life History of the Elder Timirapupphiya

- 31.** "On the bank of the Candabhāgā river, I went downstream;
I saw the stainless Buddha, like a fully blossomed king of sal trees.
- 32.** "With a confident mind, glad at heart, the highest of solitary sages;
Having taken timira flowers, I scattered them on his head.
- 33.** "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.

34. "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Timirapupphiya spoke these verses.

The life history of the Elder Timirapupphiya is the ninth.

10. The Life History of the Elder Saḷalapupphiya

35. "On the bank of the Candabhāgā river, I was a kinnara then;
There I saw the god of gods, the lord of men walking up and down.

36. "Having plucked a sal flower, I, a slave of the Buddha, gave it;
The great hero sniffed at the sal flower with divine fragrance.

37. "Having accepted, the Perfectly Enlightened One, Vipassī, the leader of the world;
The great hero sniffed at it, while I was looking on mindfully.

38. "With a confident mind, glad at heart, having paid homage to the highest of bipeds;
Having raised my joined palms, I ascended the mountain again.

39. "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.

40. "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Saḷalapupphiya spoke these verses.

The life history of the Elder Saḷalapupphiya is the tenth.

The Mandāravapupphiya Chapter is the thirty-seventh.

Its summary:

Mandārava and Kakkāru, Bhisakesarapupphiya;
Aṅkolaka and Kadambī, Uddālī, Ekacampaka;
Timira and Saḷala, and forty verses exactly.



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