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1. Verses of the Elder Mahākaccāyana

- 494.** "One should not undertake much work, one should avoid people, one should not exert oneself;
He who is zealous, greedy for flavours, neglects the benefit that brings happiness.
- 495.** "For they declared it to be mire, this salutation and veneration in families;
A subtle dart, difficult to remove, honour is hard to give up by a contemptible person.
- 496.** "Not on account of another, the evil action of a mortal;
One should not pursue that oneself, for mortals have action as their kinsman.
- 497.** "Not by another's word is one a thief, not by another's word is one a sage;
As oneself knows him, so too the gods know him.
- 498.** "Others do not understand that we here are perishing;
Those who understand this, thereby their quarrels are appeased.
- 499.** "The wise one lives even with the utter elimination of wealth;
But with the loss of wisdom, even one with wealth does not live.
- 500.** "One hears all with the ear, one sees all with the eye;
Yet the wise one should not reject all that is seen and heard.
- 501.** "One with eyes should be as if blind, one with ears as if deaf;
One with wisdom should be as if mute, one with strength as if weak;
Then when a matter has arisen, one should lie like one dead."

... The Elder Mahākaccāyana...

2. Verses of the Elder Sirimitta

- 502.** "Without wrath, without resentment, without deceit, rid of slander;
Such a monk indeed, thus after death does not grieve.
- 503.** "Without wrath, without resentment, without deceit, rid of slander;
A monk with guarded doors always, thus after death does not grieve.
- 504.** "Without wrath, without resentment, without deceit, rid of slander;
That monk of good morality, thus after death does not grieve.

- 505.** "Without wrath, without resentment, without deceit, rid of slander;
That monk of good friends, thus after death does not grieve.
- 506.** "Without wrath, without resentment, without deceit, rid of slander;
That monk of good wisdom, thus after death does not grieve.
- 507.** "One whose faith in the Truth-finder is unshakeable and well established;
And whose morality is good, dear to the noble ones, praised.
- 508.** "One who has confidence in the Community, and whose vision is upright;
They call him 'not poor', his life is not in vain.
- 509.** "Therefore faith and morality, confidence and vision of the Teaching;
The wise one should pursue, remembering the Buddhas' teaching."

... The Elder Sirimitto...

3. Verses of the Elder Mahāpanthaka

- 510.** "When I first saw the Teacher, safe from every quarter;
Then there was spiritual urgency for me, having seen the highest of men.
- 511.** "Fortune with hands and feet, whoever might dismiss when it has come;
Such a Teacher he, having pleased, might fail.
- 512.** "Then I abandoned children and wife, wealth and grain;
Having cut off hair and beard, I went forth into homelessness.
- 513.** "Accomplished in training and way of life, well-restrained in the faculties;
Paying homage to the Enlightened by himself, I dwelt unconquered.
- 514.** "Then arose my aspiration, longed for by the mind;
I would not sit even for a moment, while the dart of craving is not rooted out.
- 515.** "For me dwelling thus, see the exertion of energy;
The three true knowledges have been attained, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled.
- 516.** "I know past lives, the divine eye has been purified;
I am a Worthy One, worthy of offerings, free, without clinging.
- 517.** "Then at the end of the night, towards the rising of the sun;
Having dried up all craving, he sat down cross-legged."

... The Elder Mahāpanthaka...

The Chapter of Eights is concluded.

The summary therein:

The Elder Mahākaccāyana, Sirimitto, Mahāpanthaka;
These in the Eights, twenty-four verses.



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