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- 100.** Though a thousand words, composed of unbeneficial terms;
One beneficial term is better, hearing which one becomes calm.
- 101.** Though a thousand verses, composed of unbeneficial terms;
One verse is better, hearing which one becomes calm.
- 102.** Though one should speak a hundred verses, composed of unbeneficial terms;
One passage of the Teaching is better, hearing which one becomes calm.
- 103.** Whoever might conquer a thousand times a thousand men in battle;
Yet he who conquers himself alone, he indeed is the best of battle-victors.
- 104.** Self-conquest is indeed better, than this other generation;
For a self-restrained person, always conducting oneself with restraint.
- 105.** Neither god nor gandhabba, nor Māra together with Brahmā;
Could turn to defeat the victory of such a being.
- 106.** Month after month with a thousand, whoever might sacrifice evenly for a
hundred years;
Yet if one should honour even for a moment one with a developed self;
That very honouring is better than what is offered for a hundred years.
- 107.** And whoever for a hundred years, a creature, should tend the fire in the
forest;
Yet if one should honour even for a moment one with a developed self;
That very honouring is better than what is offered for a hundred years.
- 108.** Whatever is sacrificed or offered in the world, one hoping for merit might
sacrifice for a year;
All that does not come to a fourth part, paying respect to those who have gone
straight is better.
- 109.** For one of respectful nature, always honouring the senior;
Four qualities increase: life span, beauty, happiness, and strength.
- 110.** And whoever should live a hundred years, immoral, unconcentrated;
Better is the life of one day, of a moral meditator.
- 111.** And whoever should live a hundred years, unwise, unconcentrated;
Better is the life of one day, of a wise meditator.
- 112.** And whoever should live a hundred years, lazy, lacking in energy;

Better is the life of one day, of one who firmly arouses energy.

- 113.** And whoever should live a hundred years, not seeing rise and fall;
Better is the life of one day, of one seeing rise and fall.
- 114.** And whoever should live a hundred years, not seeing the Deathless state;
Better is the life of one day, of one seeing the Deathless state.
- 115.** And whoever should live a hundred years, not seeing the highest teaching;
Better is the life of one day, of one seeing the highest teaching.

The Chapter on Thousands is concluded as eighth.



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