

# Cankamadāyaka

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### [48. Cankamadāyaka<sup>1</sup>]

Having heaped up [the ground] with bricks,  
I had a walkway constructed  
for Atthadassi, the [Great] Sage,  
the World's Best One, the Neutral One. (1) [1207]

That walkway was very well made  
with the five gemstones piled up [high].  
It was a hundred hands in length  
[and] pleasant for meditation. (2) [1208]

The Blessed One accepted [it] —  
Atthadassi, the Best of Men —  
[and] with his hand sifting [some] sand,  
he uttered these verses [aloud]: (3) [1209]

“Because of this gift of [some] sand  
and of this walkway, so well made,  
[this one] is going to enjoy sand  
and will possess the seven gems. (4) [1210]

For three aeons among the gods  
he will exercise divine rule.  
Surrounded by celestial nymphs  
he will enjoy [great] happiness. (5) [1211]

Having come to the human realm  
he'll be the king of a country,  
and three times as a wheel-turner  
he will reside on the [great] earth.” (6) [1212]

In the eighteen hundred aeons  
since I did that [good] karma [then,]  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that is the fruit of a walkway. (7) [1213]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (8) [1214]

Thus indeed Venerable Cankamadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Cankamadāyaka Thera is finished.

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<sup>1</sup>“Walkway-Giver”