

# Āvopupphiya

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## [62. Āvopupphiya]

Departing the monastery  
he came forward on the walkway  
declaring the Four [Noble] Truths,  
preaching the state of deathlessness. (1) [1355]

Discerning the words of Sikhi,  
the Best Buddha, the Neutral One,  
picking up various flowers  
I threw [them] up into the sky. (2) [1356]

Through that karma for the Buddha,<sup>1</sup>  
the World's Best One, the Bull of Men,  
I've attained the unshaking state  
beyond [all] conquest and defeat. (3) [1357]

In the thirty-one aeons since  
I honored [him] with flowers [then],  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of flower-*pūjā*. (4) [1358]

Twenty aeons ago [I was]  
Sumedha the Kṣatriyan,  
a wheel-turner with great power,  
possessor of the seven gems. (5) [1359]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [1360]

Thus indeed Venerable Āvopupphiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Āvopupphiya Thera is finished.

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<sup>1</sup>lit., "for the Biped Lord"