

Sudhāpiṇḍiya

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Sudhā Chapter, the Tenth

[91. Sudhāpiṇḍiya¹]

No one can count the good karma —
 even, “for this, it is that much” —
 of one who performs *pūjā* for
 those who are worthy of *pūjā*,
 like Buddhas and [their] followers,
 who have crossed over tears for grief
 and moved beyond ties to rebirth,²
 reaching nirvana, fearing naught. (1-2) [1553-1554]

He who would exercise lordship
 here over the four continents
 would not be worth one sixteenth-part
 of one who performs [such] *pūjā*. (3) [1555]

When Siddhattha the Top Person’s
 shrine had become broken open,
 I donated balls of plaster
 with a mind that was very clear. (4) [1556]

In the ninety-four aeons since
 I did that [good] karma back then,
 I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:
 that’s the fruit of renovation. (5) [1557]

In the thirtieth aeon ago
 there were thirteen wheel-turning kings,
 [all] known as Paṭisamkhāra,³
 possessors of the seven gems. (6) [1558]

The four analytical modes,
 and these eight deliverances,
 six special knowledges mastered,
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (7) [1559]

Thus indeed Venerable Sudhāpiṇḍiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sudhāpiṇḍiya Thera is finished.

¹“Plaster-Ball-er”

²*papañca* = three things delaying time in samsara, namely craving, wrong views and pride.

³“Repairer”