

# Mahāparivāra

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## Mahāparivāra Chapter, the Twelfth

### [111. Mahāparivāra<sup>1</sup>]

The Blessed One named Vipassi,  
the World's Best One, the Bull of Men,  
entered Banduma City then  
with sixty-eight thousand [arahants]. (1) [1677]

Having come out from the city  
he went to the shrine of the lamps.<sup>2</sup>  
I saw the Buddha, Stainless One,  
Sacrificial Recipient. (2) [1678]

Eighty thousand minor spirits<sup>3</sup>  
who [then] attended reverently  
upon Indra and the Thirty-three  
[were also there] in my presence. (3) [1679]

When he rose from meditation,  
I picked up a piece of cloth [there].  
I worshipped [him] with my head [bowed,]  
[then] I gave it to the Great Sage: (4) [1680]

“O! the Buddha! O! the Teaching!  
O! our Teacher's [great] achievement!  
Through the power of the Buddha  
he made the earth [itself] to quake.” (5) [1681]

And having seen that miracle,  
marvel making hair stand on end,  
I pleased [my] heart in the Buddha,  
the Biped-Lord, the Neutral One. (6) [1682]

Then I, having pleased [my] heart in  
the Biped-Lord, the Neutral One,  
giving that cloth to the Teacher,  
went up to [him to take] refuge. (7) [1683]

In the ninety-one aeons since  
I did that [good] karma back then,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of Buddha-pūjā. (8) [1684]

<sup>1</sup>“Big Retinue”

<sup>2</sup>the cty explains this as the place for doing lamp-pūjā.

<sup>3</sup>yakkhā

In the fifteenth aeon ago  
there were sixteen [named] Vāhana,<sup>4</sup>  
wheel-turning kings with great power,  
possessors of the seven gems. (9) [1685]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (10) [1686]

Thus indeed Venerable Mahāparivāra Thera spoke these verses.  
The legend of Mahāparivāra Thera is finished.

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<sup>4</sup>“Vehicle”. BJTS reads Suvāhana, “Good Vehicle”.