

# Dussadāyaka

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### [168. Dussadāyaka<sup>1</sup>]

In lovely Tivarā City,  
I was the son of the king then.  
After having received a gift,<sup>2</sup>  
I gave it to the Calm [Buddha]. (1) [2087]

The Blessed One accepted [it];  
he touched the cloth with [both his] hands.  
After accepting, Siddhattha  
then rose up in the air, the sky. (2) [2088]

When the Buddha was going [away,]  
that cloth flew off behind [him then].  
I brought pleasure to [my] heart there:  
‘the Buddha is the Top Person.’ (3) [2089]

In the ninety-four aeons since  
I gave that cloth [to him] back then,  
I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:  
that is the fruit of giving cloth. (4) [2090]

In the sixty-seventh aeon  
there was a wheel-turning monarch,  
a lord of people with great strength,  
known by the name Parisuddha.<sup>3</sup> (5) [2091]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [2092]

Thus indeed Venerable Dussadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Dussadāyaka Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>“Cloth-Donor”

<sup>2</sup>one would prefer *paṇṇakāra* to *paṇṇākāra*, but both PTS and BJTS give the latter spelling. Still, I treat the term as the former; so does the BJTS Sinhala gloss (*paṇḍurak koṭa dun vastrayak*). The cty glosses the term as *vattha*, a cloth.

<sup>3</sup>“Very Pure”