

Akkantasañña

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[218. Akkantasañña¹]

In the past I, having taken
a crude cloak to [my] preceptor,
I am studying a *mantra*
to split arrows with an arrow. (1) [2355]

I saw the Buddha, Stainless One,
Sacrificial Recipient,
the Chief, Superb, Bull among Men,
Tissa Buddha, Best Elephant. (2) [2356]

That crude cloak was spread out [by me]
for the Best Man, who was walking,²
the Lofty One, the Great Hero,
the World's Best, the Bull of Men. (3) [2357]

Having seen that Lamp of the World,
who was Flawless, the Moon-like One,
I [then] worshipped the Teacher's feet,
with a mind [which was] very clear. (4) [2358]

In the ninety-four aeons since
I gave that crude cloak [to Buddha],
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
the fruit of [giving] a crude cloak. (5) [2359]

In the thirty-seventh aeon
hence there was one lord of people,
known by the name of Sunanda,³
a wheel-turning king with great strength. (6) [2360]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (7) [2361]

Thus indeed Venerable Akkantasañña¹ Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Akkantasañña¹ Thera is finished.

¹“Perceiver of Walking”

²BJTS appropriately explains that he was doing walking meditation

³“Good Joy”