

Ekāsanadāyaka

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Sloughing off² my godly color,³
 I came to this place with my wife,
 desiring to do service to
 the Best Buddha's dispensation.⁴ (1) [2503]

Padumuttara's follower
 was known by the name Devala.⁵
 With a mind that was very clear,
 I provided alms-food to him. (2) [2504]

In the hundred thousand aeons
 since I did that [good] karma then,
 I've come to know no bad rebirth:
 that's the fruit of giving begged alms.⁶ (3) [2505]

The four analytical modes
 and these eight deliverances,
 six special knowledges mastered:
 [I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2506]

Thus indeed Venerable Ekāsanadāyaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Ekāsanadāyaka Thera is finished.

¹“One-Seat-Donor”

²or “abandoning,” “giving up”

³*devavaṇṇaṇa*. Or “royal caste”?

⁴*Buddhasettḥassa sāsane*

⁵cf. above, #55, v. 2 [1291]

⁶*piṇḍapāta*