

Citapūjaka

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[253. Citapūjaka¹]

The Buddha known as Ānanda,
the Self-Become, Unconquered One,
passed away² in [his] forest haunt,
in the woods, devoid of people. (1) [2507]

Coming here from the world of gods
[and] having made a pyre³ I then
did burn [his] body in that place
and I attended upon [it].⁴ (2) [2508]

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*. (3) [2509]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2510]

Thus indeed Venerable Citapūjaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Citapūjaka Thera is finished.

¹“Pyre-Worshipper”. BJTS reads *Citakapūjaka*. which gets the proper word for pyre (*cita*) even though BJTS retains in v. 2 [2508] the form *citaṃ*

²“reached nirvana”

³taking *citaṃ* as *citakam*

⁴lit., “I made attendance upon [it].” *Sakkāra* = hospitality, attendance, service upon, i.e., cleaning it up, placing flowers there, providing it with water and food offerings, etc.