

# Citapūjaka

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## Citapūjaka<sup>1</sup> Chapter, the Thirtieth

### [291. Citapūjaka<sup>2</sup>]

At that time I was a brahmin,  
known by the name of Ajita.<sup>3</sup>  
Wishing to do a sacrifice,<sup>4</sup>  
I'd gathered various flowers. (1) [2671]

After seeing<sup>5</sup> the burning pyre,  
of Sikhi, Kinsman of the World,  
gathering those flowers [again]  
I strew [them] on [that burning] pyre. (2) [2672]

In the thirty-one aeons since  
I did *pūjā* [with] that flower,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
that's the fruit of Buddha-*pūjā*. (3) [2673]

In the twenty-seventh aeon  
hence, there were seven lords of men.  
They were named Supajjalita,<sup>6</sup>  
wheel-turning kings with great strength. (4) [2674]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (5) [2675]

Thus indeed Venerable Citapūjaka<sup>7</sup> Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Citapūjaka<sup>8</sup> Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>BJTS reads Citaka°

<sup>2</sup>“Pyre-Worshipper;” BJTS reads Citaka°

<sup>3</sup>“Unconquered”

<sup>4</sup>lit., “desiring to sacrifice a fire sacrifice”: *āhutiṅ yitthukāma*

<sup>5</sup>reading *disvā* with BJTS and PTS alternative for PTS *katvā*, “having made” or “making”

<sup>6</sup>“Well Lit Up” “Very Brilliant” “Hotly Burning”

<sup>7</sup>BJTS reads Citaka°

<sup>8</sup>BJTS reads Citaka°