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The Legends of the Theras

Mahāparivāra Chapter, the Twelfth

111. Mahāparivāra

Walt 1677 The Blessed One named Vipassi,

the World’s Best One, the Bull of Men,

entered Banduma City then

with sixty-eight thousand arahants. Verse 1

Walt 1678 Having come out from the city

he went to the shrine of the lamps.

I saw the Buddha, Stainless One,

Sacrificial Recipient. Verse 2

Walt 1679 Eighty thousand minor spirits

who then attended reverently

upon Indra and the Thirty-three

were also there in my presence. Verse 3

Walt 1680 When he rose from meditation,
I picked up a piece of cloth there.
I worshipped him with my head bowed,
then I gave it to the Great Sage: Verse 4

Walt 1681 “O! the Buddha! O! the Teaching!
O! our Teacher’s great achievement!
Through the power of the Buddha
he made the earth itself to quake.” Verse 5

Walt 1682 And having seen that miracle,
marvel making hair stand on end,
I pleased my heart in the Buddha,
the Biped-Lord, the Neutral One. Verse 6

Walt 1683 Then I, having pleased my heart in
the Biped-Lord, the Neutral One,
giving that cloth to the Teacher,
went up to him to take refuge. Verse 7

Walt 1684 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. Verse 8

Walt 1685 In the fifteenth aeon ago
there were sixteen named Vāhana,
wheel-turning kings with great power,
possessors of the seven gems. Verse 9

Walt 1686 The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 10

Thus indeed Venerable Mahāparivāra Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Mahāparivāra Thera is finished.

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