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295. Gosīsanikkhepa

Walt 2691 I laid down golden sandalwood

for exiting the ashram door.

I now enjoy my own karma:

that is the fruit of past karma. Verse 1

Walt 2692 Thoroughbreds, those fast like the wind,

horses from Sindh, fast vehicles:

I am enjoying all of that:

that is the fruit of sandalwood. Verse 2

Walt 2693 O! my deed, an ultimate deed,

done well in a fine arena.

None but deeds done for the monks

has the slightest bit of value Verse 3

Walt 2694 In the ninety-four aeons since

I laid down that sandalwood there,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of laying down wood. Verse 4

Walt 2695 In the seventy-fifth aeon

hence was a greatly powerful

wheel-turner who had mighty strength,

whose name was Suppatiṭṭhita. Verse 5

Walt 2696 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Gosīsanikkhepa Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Gosīsanikkhepa Thera is finished.

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