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The Legends of the Theras

Gandhathūpiya Chapter, the Thirty-Fourth

331. Gandhathūpiya

Walt 2931 I gave a scented stupa for

Siddhattha Buddha, Blessed One,

enveloped by jasmine flowers

as befitted the Sambuddha. Verse 1

Walt 2932 The Sambuddha, the World’s Leader,

was like a costly thing of gold,

bright like a blue water lily,

blazing up like a fire-altar. Verse 2

Walt 2933-2934 My heart was pleased by having seen

the Chief of Monks who was seated,

Honored by the monks’ Assembly,

like an excellent tiger-bull,

like a lion of good breeding,

and pressing my hands together,

having worshipped the Teacher's feet,

I departed facing the north. Verse 3-4

Walt 2935 In the ninety-four aeons since

I gave those good scents at that time,

I've come to know no bad rebirth:

the fruit of doing scent-pūjā. Verse 5

Walt 2936 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 6

Thus indeed Venerable Gandhathūpiya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Gandhathūpiya Thera is finished.

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