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## Text

Therāpadāna

The Legends of the Theras

447. {450.} Bodhighariya

Walt 4785 Happy, with pleasure in my heart,

I had a Bodhi-tree shrine made

for Siddhattha, the Blessed One,

the Biped-Lord, the Neutral One. Verse 1

Walt 4786 Being reborn in Tusitā,

I live in a house made of gems.

There’s neither cold nor hot for me;

the wind does not touch my body. Verse 2

Walt 4787-4788 In the fifty-sixth aeon hence

I was a wheel-turning monarch;

my city known as Kāsika,

constructed by Vissakamma,

was spread out for ten leagues in length,
and it measured eight leagues in width.
Nothing in that city was \[made
of\] sticks or of vines or of clay. Verse 3-4

Walt 4789 My palace known as Maṅgala,
constructed by Vissakamma,
measured a league across in length,
and it was a half a league wide. Verse 5

Walt 4790 Its eighty-four thousand pillars
were all made out of solid gold;
the pinnacles were made of gems,
and the roofs were made of silver. Verse 6

Walt 4791 That house all made of solid gold,
constructed by Vissakamma,
was occupied by me back then:
that's the fruit of giving a shrine. Verse 7

Walt 4792 After enjoying all of that,
in the world of gods and of men,
today I have reached nirvana,
the peaceful state that's unexcelled. Verse 8

Walt 4793 In the ninety-four aeons since
I had that Bodhi-tree-shrine made,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that's the fruit of giving a shrine. Verse 9

Walt 4794 My defilements are now burnt up;
all new existence is destroyed.
Like elephants with broken chains,
I am living without constraint. Verse 10

Walt 4795 Being in Best Buddha's presence

was a very good thing for me.

The three knowledges are attained;

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 11

Walt 4796 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught! Verse 12

Thus indeed Venerable Bodhighariya Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Bodhighariya Thera is finished.

The Summary:

Vibhīṭakī,Kolaphalī,

Billa-Bhallāṭakappada,

Nigrodha and Ambāṭakī,

Āsanī, Pādapīṭhaka,

Vedika, Bodhigharika:

the verses that are counted here,

which are declared in this chapter,

all-told are one less than eighty.

The Vibhīṭaki Chapter, the Forty-Fifth

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