Iti 36 — Fawning and Flattery

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So It Was Said 36

The Book of the Twos

Chapter One

Fawning and Flattery

This was said by the Buddha, the Perfected One: that is what I heard.

“Mendicants, this spiritual life is not lived for the sake of fawning or flattering people, nor for the benefit of possessions, honor, or popularity, nor thinking, ‘So let people know about me!’ This spiritual life is lived for the sake of direct knowledge and complete understanding.”

The Buddha spoke this matter. On this it is said:

“The Buddha taught the spiritual life

not because of legends,

but for the sake of insight and understanding,

and because it culminates in extinguishment.

This is the path followed by the great souls,

the great seers.

Those who practice it

as it was taught by the Buddha

doing the Teacher’s bidding,

make an end of suffering.”

This too is a matter that was spoken by the Blessed One: that is what I heard.