Ja 111 — The Question about the Ass

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Haṁsi tuvaṁ evaṁ maññasi seyyo,

Puttena pitā ti rājaseṭṭha,

Handassatarassa te ayaṁ?

Assatarassa hi gadrabho pitā ti.

Verse 1 — English

If you think that the father is better than the son, foremost king, come, is this better than your mule? For the ass is the mule’s father.