Ja 185 — The Story about Discontent

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Yathodake āvile appasanne,

Na passatī sippikasambukañ-ca,

Sakkharaṁ vālukaṁ macchagumbaṁ,

Evaṁ āvilamhi citte,

Na passatī attadatthaṁ paratthaṁ.

Source note 1.1 (Pali source)

This and the following line, and the equivalent two lines in the next verse, do not appear to be metrical as they stand, and I can see no easy way to repair the metre. BJT reads: Na passati sippisambukaṁ macchagumbaṁ, followed by Evaṁ āvile hi citte; this doesn't help the metre either.

Verse 1 — English

Just as in agitated and disturbed water, one cannot see oyster shells or other shellfish, pebbles, sand and schools of fish, so in an agitated mind, one does not see one's own or another's welfare.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Yathodake acche vippasanne,

So passatī sippikasambukañ-ca,

Sakkharaṁ vālukaṁ macchagumbaṁ,

Evaṁ anāvile hi citte,

So passatī attadatthaṁ paratthaṁ.

Verse 2 — English

Just as in transparent and undisturbed water, one can see oysters and also other shellfish, pebbles, sand and schools of fish, so in an unagitated mind, one sees one's own welfare and another's welfare.