Ja 205 — The Story about the Ganges (Fish)

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Sobhati maccho Gaṅgeyyo, atho sobhati Yāmuno,

Catuppadoyaṁ puriso, nigrodhaparimaṇḍalo,

Īsakāyata gīvo ca, sabbeva atirocatī ti.

Verse 1 — English

The Ganges’ fish are lovely, and lovely those of the Yamuna, this four-footed individual, well-proportioned like a banyan, with a neck like a carriage pole, is more lovely than all of them.

Source note 1.1 (English)

Yamunā is a feminine noun, as all rivers normally are, but here it is declined like it was Yamuna, masculine, maybe for concinnity.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Yaṁ pucchito na taṁ akkhāsi, aññaṁ akkhāsi pucchito,

Attappasaṁsako poso, nāyaṁ asmāka’ ruccatī ti.

Verse 2 — English

Questioned he does not make answer, or questioned he answers other, that person does praise himself, but our delight is not in this.