Ja 223 — The Story about the Parcel of Rice

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Name namantassa, bhaje bhajantaṁ,

Kiccānukubbassa kareyya kiccaṁ,

Nānatthakāmassa kareyya atthaṁ,

Asambhajantam-pi na sambhajeyya.

Verse 1 — English

Reverence to the reverent, follow the one who follows you, she should do her duty to the one doing his duty, but she need not do good to the one who wishes her harm, no one needs to love those who do not have love in return.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Caje cajantaṁ, vanathaṁ na kayirā,

Apetacittena na sambhajeyya.

Dvijo dumaṁ khīṇaphalan-ti ñatvā,

Aññaṁ samekkheyya mahā hi loko.

Verse 2 — English

Abandon the one who abandons, not having desire, she need not love the one who is devoid of thought for her. A bird, knowing that a tree is devoid of fruit, can look for another tree in this great wide world.