Ja 228 — The Story about being Guided by Desire

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Tayo giriṁ antaraṁ kāmayāmi,

Pañcālā Kuruyo Kekake ca,

Tat-uttariṁ, brāhmaṇa, kāmayāmi

Tikiccha maṁ, brāhmaṇa, kāmanītan-ti.

Verse 1 — English

Three inside of the mountain I desire, the Pañcālas, Kurus and Kekakas, more than that, brahmin, I desire that you cure me, brahmin, one guided by desire.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Kaṇhāhi daṭṭhassa karonti heke,

Amanussaviṭṭhassa karonti paṇḍitā.

Na kāmanītassa karoti koci,

Okkantasukkassa hi kā tikicchā ti?

Verse 2 — English

Some there are who can work the bite of the cobras, the wise can work possession by Amanussa. But no one can work one who is led by desire, what cure is there for one fallen from purity?