Ja 234 — The Story about (Princess) Asitābhū

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Tvam-eva dāni-m-akara, yaṁ kāmo byagamā tayi,

Soyaṁ appaṭisandhiko kharachinnaṁ va renukan-ti.

Verse 1 — English

Now you are done, sensual desire in you has been overcome, just as a tusk that is cut off with a saw cannot be rejoined.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Atricchaṁ atilobhena atilobhamadena ca,

Evaṁ hāyati atthamhā, ahaṁ va Asitābhuyā ti.

Verse 2 — English

Great desire, with great greed together with excessively great greed, cuts off our welfare, just as I was cut off from Asitābhū.

Source note 2.1 (English)

Hāyati literally means dimishes, declines, dwindles, but here to make the simile work we must use something like cuts off.