Ja 236 — The Story about the (Deceitful) Heron

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Bhaddako vatayaṁ pakkhī, dijo kumudasannibho,

Vūpasantehi pakkhehi, mandamando va jhāyatī ti.

Verse 1 — English

That excellent bird, twice-born, resembling a white water-lily, with its wings both settled and calm, he meditates like a great fool.

Source note 1.1 (English)

Lit: fool-fool.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Nāssa sīlaṁ vijānātha, anaññāya pasaṁsatha,

Amhe dijo na pāleti, tena pakkhī na phandatī ti.

Verse 2 — English

You do not understand his character, unknowing, you praise him, this twice-born bird doesn’t guard us, because of this the bird does not move.

Source note 2.1 (English)

This line is also found at Ja 175 Ādiccupaṭṭhānajātaka.