Ja 238 — The Story about One Word

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Iṅgha ekapadaṁ, tāta, anekatthapadassitaṁ,

Kiñci saṅgāhikaṁ brūsi, yenatthe sādhayemase ti.

Verse 1 — English

Come, speak one word, father, a word relying on multiple meanings, something comprehensive, by which our purpose may be successful.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Dakkheyyekapadaṁ, tāta, anekatthapadassitaṁ,

Tañ-ca sīlena saññuttaṁ, khantiyā upapāditaṁ,

Alaṁ mitte sukhāpetuṁ, amittānaṁ dukhāya cā ti.

Verse 2 — English

Skill is one word, dear, a word relying on multiple meanings, that’s connected with virtue, being accomplished in forebearance, able to endow friends with happiness, enemies with suffering.