Ja 282 — The Story about the Best

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Seyyaṁso seyyaso hoti yo seyyam-upasevati,

Ekena sandhiṁ katvāna, sataṁ vajjhe amocayiṁ.

Verse 1 — English

He who frequents the best has the best share, or even better, reconciling them as one, I released a hundred from slaughter.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Tasmā sabbena lokena sandhiṁ katvāna ekato,

Pecca saggaṁ nigaccheyya, idaṁ suṇātha, Kāsiyā ti.

Verse 2 — English

Therefore by reconciling them with all of the world together, when dead he would go to heaven, listen to this, you of Kāsi.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Idaṁ vatvā, mahārājā Kaṁso, Bārāṇasiggaho,

Dhanuṁ kaṇḍañ-ca nikkhippa, saṁyamaṁ ajjhupāgamī ti

Verse 3 — English

Having said this, I, the great king Kaṁsa, who had seized Benares, laying down my bow and quiver, entered upon moral restraint.