Thag 3.14 — Gotama

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Text

While wandering on I went to hell; went again & again to the world of the hungry shades; stayed countless times, long, in the pain of the animal womb; enjoyed the human state; went to heaven from time to time; settled in the elements of form, the elements of formlessness, neither-perception, perception-less. Ways of taking birth are now known: devoid of essence, unstable, conditioned, always driven along. Knowing them as born from my self, mindful I went right to peace.