

Section of Sixteen Verses

The Verses of Arahant Aññākoṇḍañña

673. This Dhamma has a wonderful taste. When I heard that excellent Dhamma, I gained great confidence in it. This Dhamma taught by the Supreme Buddha is a passion-free teaching that leads to complete detachment.

674. There are various objects in this world. I think that the thoughts connected with these colorful objects arousing lust, stir up the whole world.

675. Just as dust blown by the wind settles when it rains, so lustful thoughts fade away when one understands them with wisdom.

676. With developed wisdom, when one contemplates all conditioned things as impermanent, he becomes disenchanted with suffering. This is the way to purification.

677. With developed wisdom, when one contemplates all conditioned things as suffering, he becomes disenchanted with suffering. This is the way to purification.

678. With developed wisdom, when one contemplates all phenomena as non-self, he becomes disenchanted with suffering. This is the way to purification.

679. This elder Koṇḍañña followed the Buddha very closely. This monk is strong in energy. That is why he could eliminate birth and death. He perfected living the holy life.

680. There is a huge flood. There are snares everywhere. There are strong spears and there is a mountain hard to split. This elder broke all the spears, destroyed all the snares and split into pieces the mountain that was hard to split. He crossed over the flood



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