

# Dhātupūjaka

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**[247. Dhātupūjaka<sup>1</sup>]**

When Siddhattha, the Best of Men,  
the World's Lord, reached nirvana,  
I received a single relic  
of the Biped Lord, Neutral One. (1) [2484]

I, having taken that relic  
of the Buddha, the Sun's Kinsman,  
did [then] worship [it] for five years  
as though the Best of Men stood<sup>2</sup> [there]. (2) [2485]

In the ninety-four aeons since  
I worshipped that relic back then,  
I've come to know no bad rebirth:  
the fruit of caring for relics. (3) [2486]

The four analytical modes,  
and these eight deliverances,  
six special knowledges mastered,  
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (4) [2487]

Thus indeed Venerable Dhātupūjaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Dhātupūjaka Thera is finished.

<sup>1</sup>“Relic-Worshipper”

<sup>2</sup>reading *tiṭṭhantaṃ* with BJTS for PTS *tiṭṭhar tar*