

1. Thus have I heard. On one occasion the Blessed One was living at Rājagaha, at Isigili — the Gullet of the Seers. There he addressed the bhikkhus thus: “Bhikkhus.” — “Venerable sir,” they replied. The Blessed One said this:

2. “You see, bhikkhus, do you not, that mountain Vebhāra?” — “Yes, venerable sir.”

“There used to be another name, another designation, for that mountain Vebhāra. You see, bhikkhus, do you not, that mountain Paṅṅava?” — “Yes, venerable sir.”

“There used to be another name, another designation, for that mountain Paṅṅava. You see, bhikkhus, do you not, that mountain Vepulla?” — “Yes, venerable sir.”

“There used to be another name, another designation, for that mountain Vepulla. You see, bhikkhus, do you not, that mountain Gijjhakuṅṅa — the Vulture Peak?” — “Yes, venerable sir.”

“There used to be another name, another designation, for that mountain Gijjhakuṅṅa — the Vulture Peak. You see, bhikkhus, do you not, that mountain Isigili — the Gullet of the Seers?” — “Yes, venerable sir.”

3. “There used to be this same name, this same designation, for this mountain Isigili — the Gullet of the Seers. For in former times five hundred paccekabuddhas dwelt long on this mountain, the Gullet of the Seers. They were seen entering into this hill; once gone in, they were no longer seen. People who saw this said: ‘This mountain swallows up these seers.’ And so it was that this came to be named ‘The Gullet of the Seers.’ I shall tell you, bhikkhus, the name of the paccekabuddhas, I shall teach you the names of the paccekabuddhas. Listen and attend closely to what I shall say.” — “Yes, venerable sir,” the bhikkhus replied. The Blessed One said this:

4. “Bhikkhus, the paccekabuddha Ariṅṅha dwelt long on this mountain Isigili. The paccekabuddha Upariṅṅha dwelt long on this mountain Isigili. The paccekabuddha Tagarasikhin... Yasassin... Sudassana... Piyadassin... Gandhāra...

Piṅṅola...Upāsabha...Nītha...Tatha...Sutavā...Bhāvitatta dwelt long on this mountain Isigili.

5. “These saintly beings, desireless, rid of suffering,

Who each achieved awakening by himself

Hear me relate the names of these, the greatest

Of men, who have plucked out the dart [of pain].

Ariṅṅha, Upariṅṅha, Tagarasikhin, Yasassin,

Sudassana, and Piyadassin the enlightened,

Gandhāra, Piṅṅola, Upāsabha as well,

Nītha, Tatha, Sutavā, Bhāvitatta.

6. “Sumbha, Subha, Methula, and Aṅṅhama,

Then Assumegha, Anīgha, Sudāṅṅha

And Hingū, and Hinga, the greatly powerful,

Paccekabuddhas no more led to being.

Two sages named Jāli, and Aṅṅhaka,

Then Kosala the enlightened, then Subāhu,

Upanemi, and Nemi, and Santacitta

Right and true, immaculate and wise.

Kāṅṅa, Upakāṅṅa, Vijita, and Jita;

Anga, and Panga, and Gutijjita too;

Passin conquered acquisition, the root of suffering;

Aparājita conquered Māra's power.

Satthar, Pavattar, Sarabhanga, Lomahaṅṅsa,

Uccangamāya, Asita, Anāsava,

Manomaya, and Bandhumant the free from pride,

Tadādhimutta stainless and resplendent;

Ketumbarāga, Mātanga, and Ariya,

Then Accuta, Accutagāma, Byāmaka,

Sumangala, Dabbila, Supatīhita,

Asayha, Khemābhirata, and Sorata,

Durannaya, Sangha, and then Ujjaya;

Another sage, Sayha, of noble endeavour.

And twelve between Ānandas, Nandas, and Upanandas

And Bhāradvāja bearing his last body;

Then Bodhi, Mahānāma the supreme,

Bhāradvāja with fair-crested mane;

Tissa and Upatissa not bound to being;

Upasīdarin, and Sīdarin, free from craving.

Enlightened was Mangala, free from lust;

Usabha cut the net, the root of suffering.

Upanīta attained the state of peace,

Purified, excellent, truly named.

Jeta, Jayanta, Paduma, and Uppala,

Padumuttara, Rakkhita, and Pabbata,

Mānatthaddha glorious, Vītarāga

And Kaṇha enlightened with mind released.

7. “These and also other great and mighty

Pacceka-buddhas no more led to being □

Honor these sages who, transcending craving,

Have attained final Nibbāna, past all measure.”

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