

Chapter Notes for Chapter 20 : The Family Business

Being endowed with craft and learning...this is the highest blessing. Sutta Nipata (Mahamangala Sutta), 261. [Sn 261]

“Let us think...” Rig Veda, III, 62, 10.

Therefore hold nothing as dear; for separation from the dear is painful... Dhamapada, verse 211. [Dhp 211]

Yasa’s story is in Vinaya, Mahavagga, chap. 1. [Vin i.15]. The irreverent slave girl was Punna, who by the time she uttered the verses, was an enlightened bhikkhuni. Her story is in Therigatha, “sixteen verses,” Punna. [Theri 240–43].

Love for our children... and the story of the Buddha’s return to Kapilavatthu is in Vinaya, Mahavagga, chap. 1. [Vin i.20]

Historical data was from Winternitz 1927 and Basham 1954. For a more sympathetic portrayal of Varanasi than ours, see Eck 1982.

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