0.0.1 Ghatikara

1. Thus was heard by me. At one time the Auspicious One was wandering on tour among the kosalans with a large Sangha of bhikkhus. Then the Auspicious One, having gone aside from the path at a certain spot, displayed a smile. Then of the venerable Ananda, this occurred. "What is the cause? What is the reason for the Auspicious One's displaying of a smile? Tathagatas do not display a smile without a cause." Then the venerable Ananda, having arranged his robe on one shoulder, having stretched out his hands in anjali towards the Auspicious One, said this to the Auspicious One. "What, O Bhante, is the cause? What is the reason for the Auspicious One's displaying of a smile? Tathagatas do not display a smile without a cause."

2. "Once upon a time, O Ananda, at this spot was a market town of a village named Vehalinga. It was very successful and prosperous and had many people, crowded with humans. It was this market town of the village, Vehalinga, O Ananda, that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One lived in dependence on. Infact, it was here, O Ananda, that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, had his monastery. Infact, it was here, O Ananda, that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, used to sit when advising the bhikkhu Sangha."

3. Then the venerable Ananda, having folded his outer robe in four, said this to the Auspicious One. “Well now, O Bhante, let the Auspicious One be seated, so that this very spot of land will be used by two supremely awakened ones.” The Auspicious One sat down on the prepared seat. Having sat down, the Auspicious One addressed the venerable Ananda.

4. “Once upon a time, O Ananda, at this spot was a market town of a village named Vehalinga. It was very successful and prosperous and had many people, crowded with humans. It was this market town of the village, Vehalinga, O Ananda, that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One lived in dependence on. Infact, it was here, O Ananda, that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, had his monastery. Infact, it was here, O Ananda, that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, used to sit when advising the bhikkhu Sangha.” In the market town of the village, Vehalinga, O Ananda, was the supporter, the chief supporter of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One named Ghatikara the potter. Ghatikara, the potter, O Ananda, had a friend named the brahmin youth Jotipala, his dear friend.

5. Then, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter addressed the brahmin youth Jotipala: “Good Jotipala, let us stop by to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the

Supremely Awakened One. For good it is indeed, to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One." When thus was said, O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala said this to Ghatikara, the potter. "Enough Good Ghatikara, why bother seeing that bald-headed counterfeit samana?" Also for a second time, O Ananda, Ghaṭikara, the potter addressed the brahmin youth Jotipala. "Good Jotipala, let us stop by to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. For good it is indeed, to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One." Also for a second time, O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala said this to Ghatikara, the potter. "Enough Good Ghatikara, why bother seeing that bald-headed counterfeit samana?" Also for a third time, O Ananda, Ghaṭikara, the potter addressed the brahmin youth Jotipala. "Good Jotipala, let us stop by to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. For good it is indeed, to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One." Also for a third time, O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala said this to Ghatikara, the potter. "Enough Good Ghatikara, why bother seeing that bald-headed counterfeit samana?"

6. Well then good Jotipala, having taken bathing sponge, we will go to the river to bathe. "Yes Dear,", O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala responded to Ghatikara, the potter. So then, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter and the

brahmin youth Jotipala, having taken bathing sponge, went to the river to bathe. Then, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter addressed the brahmin youth Jotipala. “Good Jotipala, this monastery of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, is near by. Good Jotipala, let us stop by to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. For good it is indeed, to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One.” When thus was said, O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala said this to Ghatikara, the potter. “Enough Good Ghatikara, why bother seeing that bald-headed counterfeit samana?” Also for a second time, O Ananda, Ghaṭikara, the potter addressed the brahmin youth Jotipala. “Good Jotipala, this monastery of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, is near by. Good Jotipala, let us stop by to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. For good it is indeed, to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One.” Also for a second time, O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala said this to Ghatikara, the potter. “Enough Good Ghatikara, why bother seeing that bald-headed counterfeit samana?” Also for a third time, O Ananda, Ghaṭikara, the potter addressed the brahmin youth Jotipala. “Good Jotipala, this monastery of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, is near by. Good Jotipala, let us stop by to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. For good it is indeed, to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the

Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One." Also for a third time, O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala said this to Ghatikara, the potter. "Enough Good Ghatikara, why bother seeing that bald-headed counterfeit samana?"

7. So then, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter, having seized the brahmin youth Jotipala by the waist cloth, said this. "Good Jotipala, this monastery of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, is near by. Good Jotipala, let us stop by to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. For good it is indeed, to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One." Then, O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala, having disentangled his waist cloth, said this to Ghatikara, the potter. "Enough Good Ghatikara, why bother seeing that bald-headed counterfeit samana?"

8. So then, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter, having seized the brahmin youth Jotipala by the hair of his bathed head, said this. "Good Jotipala, this monastery of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, is near by. Good Jotipala, let us stop by to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. For good it is indeed, to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One." So then, O Ananda, for the brahmin youth Jotipala, this occurred. "It is marvellous indeed sir, it is unprecedented indeed sir, in as much as this

Ghatikara, the potter, being of inferior birth, will think that my hair should be seized when we have bathed our heads. Surely this will not be an ordinary [visit], I think." He said this to Ghatikara, the potter. "You even milk it to this extent, good Ghatikara?" "I even milk it to this extent, good Jotipala. For such good indeed to me, is the seeing of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One." "Well then, good Ghatikara, release me. We will go and see him."

9. So then, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter and the brahmin youth Jotipala, visited with the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. Upon arrival, Ghatikara, the potter, having bowed down to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, sat down to one side. But the brahmin youth Jotipala, exchanged friendly greetings with the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. Having exchanged friendly greetings and cordial talk, he sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter said this to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. "This brahmin youth Jotipala, O Bhante, is my friend, my dear friend. May the Auspicious One teach him the Dhamma."

10. So then, O Ananda, the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One instructed, aroused, energized, gladdened, Ghatikara, the potter

and the brahmin youth Jotipala, with a Dhamma talk. Then, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter and the brahmin youth Jotipala, having been instructed, aroused, energized, gladdened, by the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, with a Dhamma talk, having delighted in, having rejoiced in the words of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, having risen up from their seat, having bowed down, having circumambulated the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, they departed.

11. Then, O Ananda, the brahmin youth Jotipala said this to Ghatikara, the potter. "But you, good Ghatikara, why don't you go forth from the home life into homelessness after hearing the Dhamma?" "Don't you know, good Jotipala, that I take care of my old and blind mother and father?" "Well then, good Ghatikara, I will go forth from the home life into homelessness."

12. So then, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter and the brahmin youth Jotipala, approached the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. Having approached, having paid respects to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, they sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, O Ananda, Ghatikara, the potter, said this to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. "This brahmin youth Jotipala, O Bhante,

is my friend, my dear friend. May the Auspicious One give him the going forth here."The brahmin youth Jotipala, O Ananda, gained the going forth in the presence of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, he gained the higher ordination.

13. Then, O Ananda, the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, shortly after the brahmin youth Jotipala's ordination, about half a month after the ordination, having dwelled at Vegalinga for as long as he liked, set out to travel to Baranasi. Wandering on tour by stages, he arrived at Baranasi. There, O Ananda, the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One dwelled at Isipatana, the deer-park. King Kiki of Kasi, O Ananda, heard. "Apparently the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, having arrived at Baranasi, is dwelling in Baraṇasi at Isipatana, the deer-park."

14. So then, O Ananda, King Kiki of Kasi, having had an excellent vehicle prepared, having mounted that excellent vehicle, he departed Baranasi in that excellent vehicle in a grand royal splendor to see the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. Having gone as far as the ground was suitable [for vehicles], having descended from the vehicle, approached the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, on foot. Upon arrival, having bowed down to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the

Supremely Awakened One, he sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, O Ananda, the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One instructed, aroused, energized, gladdened, King Kiki of Kasi with a Dhamma talk. Then, O Ananda, King Kiki of Kasi, having been instructed, aroused, energized, gladdened, by the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, with a Dhamma talk, said this to the Auspicious One. “May the Auspicious One, O Bhante, together with the bhikkhu sangha, consent to [accepting] tomorrow’s meal from me.” The Auspicious One consented by silence. Then, King Kiki of Kasi, having known of the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One’s consent, having risen up from his seat, having bowed down, having circumambulated the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One, he departed.

15. So then, O Ananda, with the passing of the night, King Kiki of Kasi, having caused to prepare excellent hard foods and soft foods in his own home, including specially prepared fine rice from which the black grains have been removed, with numerous sauces and curries, announced to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. “It is time, O Bhante, the meal is ready.”

16. So then, O Ananda, in the morning, the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One,

having dressed, having taken bowl and robe, approached King Kiki of Kasi's house. Upon arrival, he sat down on a prepared seat with the bhikkhu sangha. So then, O Ananda, King Kiki of Kasi, with his own hands, served and satisfied the community of bhikkhus headed by the Buddha with excellent hard foods and soft foods. Then, O Ananda, when the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One had eaten and removed his hand from the bowl, King Kiki of Kasi, having taken a certain lower seat, sat down to one side. Having sat down to one side, O Ananda, King Kiki of Kasi said this to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. "O Bhante, may the Auspicious One accept a residence for the rains in Baranasi from me. Such will be of service for the Sangha."

17. "Enough, O Great King, a residence for the rains has already been accepted by me." Also for a second time, O Ananda, King Kiki of Kasi said this to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. "O Bhante, may the Auspicious One accept a residence for the rains in Baranasi from me. Such will be of service for the Sangha." "Enough, O Great King, a residence for the rains has already been accepted by me." Also for a third time, O Ananda, King Kiki of Kasi said this to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. "O Bhante, may the Auspicious One accept a residence for the rains in Baranasi from me. Such will be of service for the Sangha." "Enough, O

Great King, a residence for the rains has already been accepted by me." So then, O Ananda, for King Kiki of Kasi [thinking]. "The Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One does not accept a residence for the rains from me," there was really a change of mood, there was sadness. Then, O Ananda, King Kiki of Kasi said this to the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One. "Is there for you, O Bhante, any other supporter better than myself?"

18. There is, O great king, a market town of a village named Vehalinga. There a potter by the name of Ghatikara is my supporter, my chief supporter. Here for you, O Great King: [thinking]. "The Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One does not accept a residence for the rains from me," there was really a change of mood, there was sadness. For this Ghatikara, the potter, there is not that, and there will not be. Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, has gone to the Buddha as refuge, gone to the Dhamma as refuge, gone to the Sangha as refuge. Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, abstains from the killing of living beings, abstains from the taking of what is not given, abstains from misconduct in sensual pleasures, abstains from false speech, abstains from drinking distilled and fermented liquor that are the bases for negligence. Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, is endowed with confirmed faith in the Buddha, endowed with confirmed faith in the Dhamma, endowed with confirmed faith in the Sangha,

endowed with the virtues that are dear to the noble ones. Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, is devoid of doubt in suffering, devoid of doubt in the origination of suffering, devoid of doubt in the cessation of suffering, devoid of doubt in the path leading to the cessation of suffering.

19. Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, eats one meal a day, is celibate, is a virtuous one of good character. Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, abstains from using gems and gold, abstains from using silver and money. Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, abstains from using pestle. He does not dig the ground with his hands. That which is the broken up clay of a river bank, or that which has been dug up by mice, having taken away in a carrying pole, having made pots, he says thus. "Here, he who wishes, having placed down a bag of rice in return, or a bag of green peas in return, or a bag of chic-peas in return, may carry away [the pot] he desires."

20. Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, takes care of his old and blind mother and father. From the complete extinction of the five fetters that binds one to the near shore, Ghatikara, the potter, O Great King, comes to be born spontaneously [in the pure abodes]. He is one bound to attained final nibbana in that place, not subject to return from that world.

21. On this one occasion, O Great King, I was dwelling in the market town of the village, Vehalinga. Then I,

O great king, in the morning, having dressed, having taken bowl and robe, approached Ghatikara, the potter's mother and father. Having approached, I said this to Ghatikara, the potter's mother and father. "Well now, where has Bhaggava gone?" "Your supporter, O Bhante, has gone out. Having taken rice from the pot, having taken curry from the saucepan, eat." So then, I, O Great King, having taken rice from the pot, having taken curry from the saucepan, having eaten, having risen up from my seat, I departed. Then, O Great King, Ghatikara, the potter, approached his mother and father. Having approached, he said this to his mother and father. "Who, having taken rice from the pot, having taken curry from the saucepan, having eaten, having risen up from his seat, has departed?" "It was the Auspicious One Kassapa, my son, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One who, having taken rice from the pot, having taken curry from the saucepan, having eaten, having risen up from his seat, has departed." Then, O Great King, for Ghatikara, the potter, this occurred. "Indeed it is a gain for me, it is a great gain for me that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One has confidence in me thus." Then, O Great King, happiness and pleasure did not abandon Ghatikara, the potter for half a month, nor his mother and father for a week.

22. On this one occasion, O Great King, I was dwelling in the market town of the village, Vehalinga. Then I, O great king, in the morning, having dressed, having

taken bowl and robe, approached Ghatikara, the potter's mother and father. Having approached, I said this to Ghatikara, the potter's mother and father. "Well now, where has Bhaggava gone?" "Your supporter, O Bhante, has gone out. Having taken porridge from the pot, having taken curry from the saucepan, eat." So then, I, O Great King, having taken porridge from the pot, having taken curry from the saucepan, having eaten, having risen up from my seat, I departed. Then, O Great King, Ghatikara, the potter, approached his mother and father. Having approached, he said this to his mother and father. "Who, having taken porridge from the pot, having taken curry from the saucepan, having eaten, having risen up from his seat, has departed?" "It was the Auspicious One Kassapa, my son, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One who, having taken porridge from the pot, having taken curry from the saucepan, having eaten, having risen up from his seat, has departed." Then, O Great King, for Ghatikara, the potter, this occurred. "Indeed it is a gain for me, it is a great gain for me that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One has confidence in me thus." Then, O Great King, happiness and pleasure did not abandon Ghatikara, the potter for half a month, nor his mother and father for a week.

23. On this one occasion, O Great King, I was dwelling in the market town of the village, Vehalinga. On that occasion my hut was leaking. Then I, O great king, addressed the bhikkhus. "Go, O bhikkhus, to Ghatikara, the

potter's house and find out about grass." When thus was said, O Great King, the bhikkhus said this to me. "There is not grass, O Bhante, at Ghatikara, the potter's house. But there is the grass thatch [roof] on his work-shop." "Go, O bhikkhus, to Ghatikara, the potter's work-shop and take off the thatch [roof]." So then, those bhikkhus, O Great King, took off the thatch [roof] from Ghatikara, the potter's work-shop. Then, O Great King, Ghatikara, the potter's mother and father said this to those bhikkhus. "Who is taking off the thatch [roof] from the work-shop?" The bhikkhus, sister, the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One's hut is leaking." "Take it away, O dear Bhante." So then, O Great King, Ghatikara, the potter, approached his mother and father. Having approached, he said this to his mother and father. "Who has taken off the thatch [roof] from the work-shop?" "It was the bhikkhus, my son, the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One's hut is leaking, so they say." Then, O Great King, for Ghatikara, the potter, this occurred. "Indeed it is a gain for me, it is a great gain for me that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One has confidence in me thus." Then, O Great King, happiness and pleasure did not abandon Ghatikara, the potter for half a month, nor his mother and father for a week. So then, O Great King, for all that three months [of the rainy season], the work-shop stood with the sky for roof, yet no rain fell in. Such, O Great King, is Ghatikara, the potter.

24. “Indeed it is a gain for Ghatikara, the potter, it is a great gain for Ghatikara, the potter that the Auspicious One Kassapa, the Arahant, the Supremely Awakened One has confidence in him thus.” Then, O Ananda, King Kiki of Kasi, sent five hundred cart loads measure of specially prepared fine rice with the husks removed for Ghatikara, the potter, along with only the suitable curries appropriate for that. Then, O Ananda, those King’s assembly men, having approached, they said this to Ghatikara, the potter. “This, O Bhante, is five hundred cart loads measure of specially prepared fine rice with the husks removed for you, along with just the suitable curries appropriate for that. Please, O Bhante, accept it. The king is busy and has much to be done.” “Mine is enough. Let this be just for the king.”

25. ““Now it may occur to you, O Ananda, that at that time, the brahmin youth, Jotipala, was someone else.” But, O Ananda, this should not be seen thus. At that time I was the brahmin youth Jotipala.”

26. This is what the Auspicious One said. Delighted, the venerable Ananda rejoiced in the Auspicious One’s words.