

## Career

53:

Just as from a heap of flowers  
many garland strands can be made,  
even so  
one born & mortal  
should do  
-- with what's born & is mortal --  
many a skillful thing.

66:

Fools, their wisdom weak,  
are their own enemies  
as they go through life,  
doing evil  
that bears  
bitter fruit.

67-68:

It's not good,  
the doing of the deed  
that, once it's done,  
you regret,  
whose result you reap crying,  
your face in tears.

It's good,  
the doing of the deed  
that, once it's done,  
you don't regret,  
whose result you reap gratified,  
happy at heart.

116:

Be quick in doing  
what's admirable.  
Restrain your mind  
from what's evil.  
When you're slow

in making merit,  
evil delights the mind.

145:

Irrigators guide the water.  
Fletchers shape the arrow shaft.  
Carpenters shape the wood.  
Those of good practices control  
themselves.

209:

Having applied himself  
to what was not his own task,  
and not having applied himself  
to what was,  
having disregarded the goal  
to grasp at what he held dear,  
he now envies those  
who kept after themselves,  
took themselves  
to task.

217:

One consummate in virtue & vision,  
judicious,  
speaking the truth,  
doing his own task:  
the world holds him dear.

271-272:

Monk, don't  
on account of  
your precepts & practices,  
great erudition,  
concentration attainments,  
secluded dwelling,  
or the thought, 'I touch  
the renunciate ease

that run-of-the-mill people  
don't know':  
ever let yourself get complacent  
when the ending of effluents  
is still unattained.

281:

Guarded in speech,  
well-restrained in body & mind,  
do nothing unskillful.  
Purify  
these three courses of action.  
Bring to fruition  
the path that seers have proclaimed.

290:

If, by forsaking  
a limited ease,  
he would see  
an abundance of ease,  
the enlightened man  
would forsake  
the limited ease  
for the sake  
of the abundant.

292-293:

In those who  
reject what should,  
& do what shouldn't be done  
-- heedless, insolent --  
effluents grow.

But for those who  
are well-applied, constantly,  
to mindfulness immersed in the body;  
don't indulge  
in what shouldn't be done  
& persist  
in what should  
-- mindful, alert --  
effluents come to an end.

303:

The man of conviction  
endowed with virtue,  
glory, & wealth:  
wherever he goes  
he is honored.

400:

Free from anger,  
duties observed,  
principled, with no overbearing pride,  
trained, a 'last-body':  
he's what I call  
a brahmin.

422:

A splendid bull, conqueror,  
hero, great seer --  
free from want,  
awakened, washed:  
he's what I call  
a brahmin.

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