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21. All the great scriptures in the world with one voice, chant the high glories of the unattached souls who keep on to the path of righteousness, casting out all desires. 22. It is impossible to recount in full the glories of the souls, freed from all attachment and desire; One may as well make a count of all the beings born and vanished in this world from the beginning of time! 23. "Liberation" will confer bliss; birth will yield sorrow; fully cognising the nature of these two, the path of renunciation has to be resorted to, to attain "liberation"; the world will glorify greatly the worth of a person who follows this path. 24. The person who subdues and keeps in place the tuskens of the five senses, with the goad of firmness is like the seed which will germinate and yield the fruit of "liberation". 25. The might of the Sage who has given up the five kinds of desires is esteemed very highly. Indra, the Lord of the celestials, who became subject to the curse of Gautama testifies to this. 26. Persons able to control the senses – a rare feat – are the only great ones in the world; the rest are low indeed. 27. Sight, taste, smell, touch, and sound – these five are known as sense – perceptions. To him who cognises their nature fully, the world will become a slave. 28. The Veda with the "mantras" proclaim greatly the glory of the persons freed from attachment and strong in blemishless worlds of great import. 29. If the sages, lofty like a mountain by their worthy qualities, are aroused to wrath, the terrible consequence thereof cannot be impeded by any one, even if the wrath lasts for just an instant. 30. Compassion to all beings, zeal in the observance of virtue, deep involvement in the ordained vows – only those sages who possess all these qualities may be of the highest rank.