

မာတိကာ

၁။ အမှာ	က
၂။ ခရစ်နှစ် ၁၁၀၁ က ဆောက်တဲ့နန်းတော်	၁
၃။ ကောင်းလျှင်တေး၊ ကောင်းလျှင်တေး (ကောင်းတယ်ဟေ့၊ ကောင်းတယ်)	၇
၄။ ငါတို့လေးဦး	၁၁
၅။ အတိုင်းမသိလိုပဲသတေး	၁၂
၆။ တူရွှင်းတောင်ထက် သိမ်ဆောက်၍	၁၅
၇။ မင်း ဆရာ	၁၈
၈။ သိစပ်မြင်နဲ့ (၁)	၂၀
၉။ သိစပ်မြင်နဲ့ (၂)	၂၄
၁၀။ လင်စုံမယားဖက်	၃၀
၁၁။ အားလုံး ဝတ္ထကမြေ	၃၂
၁၂။ အများနဲ့ မတူ	၃၅
၁၃။ ဆောက်လို့ မပြီးသေး	၃၈
၁၄။ ဆောက်လို့ ပြီးပြီ	၄၂
၁၅။ မဟာဗောဓိ၊ ဗုဒ္ဓဂယာ	၄၆
၁၆။ သာသနာ ပြန်လည်ထွန်းကားရေး	၄၉
၁၇။ နန်းကြော့	၅၅
၁၈။ အခွန်ကောက်မြဲ ကောက်စေ	၅၉
၁၉။ လက်နက်နိုင်ငံတော်မရှိတဲ့ဧကရာဇ်	၆၁
၂၀။ ပစ္စဘုံအမွေမှု	၆၆
၂၁။ ငါးဆူဒါယကာ	၇၆
၂၂။ ဟံသာဝတီပါမင်း	၈၄

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About This Book

Most of the source materials used for these tales are the stone inscriptions written in Pali, Mon and Myanmar of the 11th - 13th centuries AD found in and around Bagan, Bago and Awa, which are the capitals in the 11th, 13th and 15th centuries. When the inscriptions are scarce in the 17th and 18th centuries, the chronicles like **Mahayazawin** (1720) **Hmannan** (1829) and Rulings of Honorary judges become reliable ready references. The author ignores purposely all popular legends. In the old records, the dates are given in *Thetgeyit*. They are converted to Christian dates.

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Preface

An inscription (P1.117b dated 10 February 1199) by Miss Gloria (အိုင်လွှာဝင်း) said:

At Yay Ngwe (ရေငွေ) in Mahlaing, I have had a monastery built for thirty inmates. Two complete sets of robes and two upper garments, were given to the monks. At the shrine, I gave a wishing tree with several gifts hanging (ပတေညံသာဝင်) and one mulch cow, because I want to get myself free from the miseries of rebirth. In another words, I want nirvana. I share the merits that I would receive for all these charities with my fellow workers. One thousand lamps at the shrine, Kahtina robes, 40 needles, 201 water jugs, 4 cups, 5 begging bowls, 1 bell, 20 pairs of slippers were also given (to monks). The capital is small; my wants infinite.

With a little imagination, I write that the lovely young girl called Gloria was a native of Yay Ngwe. The King who came to Meithtila Dam saw her and took her as a concubine. After the death of the king she settled in Bagan. She went to her village and founded a meditation centre. All other stories are similarly based on inscriptions and I have to use a little bit of imagination to make the story interesting. Bo Nyo asked me to write some short stories and I tried, just to please him.

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