

## Dhammapalam Gatha – Verses that protect the Truth (English Translation)

Not to do evil;  
To cultivate the good;  
To purify the mind;  
This is the Teaching of the Buddhas.

Lead a righteous life,  
Not one that is corrupt.  
The righteous live happily,  
Both in this world and the next.

He is not versed in Dhamma who  
merely speaks much. He who hears  
but a little (of the Teaching) but  
sees the Truth and observes it well  
indeed he is truly called  
'one versed in Dhamma'.

No other refuge than the Wake,  
Refuge supreme, is there for me.  
Oh by the virtue of this truth,  
May grace abound, and victory!

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Homage to the Buddha!  
Homage to the Dhamma!  
Homage to the Sangha!