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Verses of the Senior Monks 2.34

The Book of the Twos

Chapter Four

Isidinna

I’ve seen lay disciples who have memorized discourses,

saying, “Sensual pleasures are impermanent”.

But they’re obsessed with jeweled earrings,

concerned for their partners and children.

To be honest, they don’t know Dhamma,

even though they say “Sensual pleasures are impermanent”.

They don’t have the power to cut their lust,

so they cling to children, wives, and wealth.