

Verse 72

*Yāvadeva anathāya
ñattam bālassa jāyati
Hanti bālassa sukkamsam
muddham assa vipātayam*

To his ruin, indeed, the fool
gains knowledge and fame;
they destroy his bright lot and
cleave his head.

Meaning

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| <i>yāvadeva</i> | as much as |
| <i>anathāya</i> | not beneficial, ruin |
| <i>ñattam</i> | intelligence; knowledge |
| <i>bālassa</i> | the fool's |
| <i>jāyati</i> | [Lit. to be born, produced] gains |
| <i>hanti</i> | destroy, kill |
| <i>sukkamsam</i> | brightness |
| <i>muddham</i> | Lit. top, summit; head |
| <i>assa</i> | his |
| <i>vipātayam</i> | destroyed, fallen to pieces |