

Verse 3 & 4

*Iti hetam vijānāma
Pathamo so parābhavo
Dutiyam Bhagavā bruhi
Kim parābhavato mukham*

This we learn is the first cause of one's downfall.
Pray, O Blessed One,
tell us the second
cause of one's downfall.

*Asantassa piyā honti
Sante na kurute piyam
Asatam dhammam roceti
Tam parābhavato mukham*

The wicked ones are agreeable to him,
in the virtuous he finds nothing pleasing,
he favours the teachings of the foolish ones –
this is the cause of one's downfall.

Meaning

<i>iti</i>	thus
<i>hetam</i>	[= <i>hi etam</i>] indeed
<i>vijānāma</i>	(we) understand
<i>pathamo</i>	the first
<i>dutiyam</i>	second
<i>Bhagava</i>	Blessed One
<i>brūhi</i>	tell; teach; reveal; explain
<i>asanta</i>	the wicked, foolish, non-virtuous
<i>piyā</i>	dear, agreeable, friendly (to)
<i>sante</i>	the good, true (people)
<i>na</i>	not (with)
<i>kurute piyam</i>	endearing, pleasing
<i>dhammam</i>	teachings
<i>roceti</i>	to be pleased with, to consent with
<i>tam</i>	this is