

**Na hi pāpaṃ kataṃ kammaṃ,
Sajju khīraṃ va muccati,
ḍahantaṃ bālam'anveti,
bhasmacchanno'va pāvako.**

(Dhp. V. 71)

Just as milk does not curdle at once, an evil deed committed does not produce immediate results.
But it follows the fool, burning him like a smouldering fire covered with ashes.