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Hitopadesa is a collection of Sanskrit fables in prose and verse; it is similar to, though distinct from, the Panchatantra.

The people of the world having once been deceived, suspect deceit in truth itself.

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No man should ever display his bravery unless he is prepared for battle, nor bear the marks of defiance, until he has experienced the abilities of his enemy.

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A store of grain, Oh king is the best of treasures. A gem put in your mouth will not support life.

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The mind is lowered through association with inferiors. With equals it attains equality; and with superiors, superiority.

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Is anyone simply by birth to be applauded or punished?

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Greatness does not approach him who is forever looking down.

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Learning is a livelihood.

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That one is learned who has reduced his learning to practice.

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No wise person should make known the loss of fortune, any malpractice in their house, his being cheated, or having been disgraced.

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When a husband is embraced without affection, there must be some reason for it.

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She is a wife who is the soul of her husband.

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When the leader passes over all alike, not making a distinction, then the endeavors of those who are capable of exertion are entirely lost.

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No one should form an acquaintance with one who has an evil character. A piece of coal, if it is hot burns, and if it's cold, blackens the hands.

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One should not lift the rod against our enemies upon the private information of another.

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Subdue fate by exerting human strength to the maximum; and if, when the effort has been made and success is not achieved, no one else can be blamed.

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What ever is the natural propensity of a person is hard to overcome. If a dog were made a king, he would still gnaw at his shoes laces.

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Youth, abundant wealth, high birth, and inexperience, are, each of them a source of ruin.

What then must be the fate of those in whom all four are combined.

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In time of danger it is proper to be alarmed until danger be near at hand; but when we perceive that danger is near, we should oppose it as if we were not afraid.

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