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The cave on this mountain [is] clothed in the brilliance of Indra's crown... [Verse 29] As long as the sun [shines]... even so long may this spotless maṇḍapa... be enjoyed! [v. 31]

—Varahadeva, the donor of Cave 16, Ajanta

This monolithic excellent maṇḍapa... [v. 24]... is almost measureless and which cannot be even imagined by little-souled men... [v. 25] May this maṇḍapa cause the attainment of well-being by good people as long as the sun dispels darkness by its rays! [v. 29]

—Upendragupta II, the donor of Cave 17, Ajanta

A man continues to enjoy himself in paradise as long as his memory is green in the world. One should [therefore] set up a memorial on the mountains that will endure for as long as the moon and the sun continue. [v. 8]

—Buddhabhadra, the donor of Cave 26