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Text

Milinda’s Question

Great Chapter

7. Careful Attention Question

The king asked: “Is it not, Venerable Nāgasena, that the one who does not reconnect does not do so because of careful attention?” “It is because of careful attention, your majesty, and because of wisdom and other wholesome mental states.” “Is careful attention, venerable sir, the same as wisdom?” “Certainly not, your majesty, careful attention is one thing, wisdom is another. Goats, rams, bulls, buffalos, camels, and donkeys also have careful attention, but they do not have wisdom.”

“You are clever, Venerable Nāgasena!”

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