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Milinda’s Questions

Examination Chapter

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“Venerable Nāgasena, what is the distinguishing characteristic of applied thought?” “Mental fixing, your majesty, is the distinguishing characteristic of applied thought.”

“Please give me an analogy.” “Just as, your majesty, a carpenter fixes a superbly crafted piece of wood into a join, in the same way mental fixing is the distinguishing characteristic of applied thought.”

“You are clever, Venerable Nāgasena!”

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