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Milinda’s Questions

Nibbāna Chapter

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The king asked: “Venerable Nāgasena, are these five sense bases produced from different kamma or from just one kamma?” “They are produced from different kamma, your majesty, not from just one kamma.”

“Please give me an analogy.” “What do you think, your majesty, if one were to sow different seeds in this field, would a diversity of fruits be produced from this diversity of seeds?” “Yes, venerable sir, they would be.” “In the same way, your majesty, these five sense bases are produced from different kamma, and not from just one kamma.”

“You are clever, Venerable Nāgasena!”

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