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Nibbāna Chapter

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The king said: “Venerable Nāgasena, you say this great earth is established on water, water is established on air, and air is established on space. I do not believe this assertion.” The elder took some water in a water vessel and explained to King Milinda, “Just as, your majesty, this water is supported by the air, so too is that water supported by air.”

“You are clever, Venerable Nāgasena!”

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