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Milinda’s Questions

Mindfulness Chapter

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The king asked: “Venerable Nāgasena, is the higher ordination good?” “Yes, your majesty, the higher ordination is good.” “But, Venerable Nāgasena, did the Buddha receive the higher ordination or not?” “The Blessed One, your majesty, reached the highest attainment at the foot of the Bodhi tree, together with omniscience. There was no giving of ordination to the Blessed One by others, in the way that the Blessed One proclaimed a training rule to his disciples, which is not to be transgressed all life long.”

“You are clever, Venerable Nāgasena!”

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