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Milinda’s Questions

Analysis of Formless Dhammas Chapter

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The king asked: “Venerable Nāgasena, you say thus, ‘There are long bones extending one hundred yojanas.’ Since there is no tree extending that far, how then could there be long bones extending one hundred yojanas?”

“What do you think, your majesty, have you heard that in the great ocean there are fish extending for five hundred yojanas?” “Yes, venerable sir, I have heard so.” “Is it not, your majesty, that the long bones of such a fish would extend for a hundred yojanas?”

“You are clever, Venerable Nāgasena!”

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