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Milinda’s Questions

Analysis of Formless Dhammas Chapter

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The king asked: “Venerable Nāgasena, is there anybody who, with this mortal body, could go to Uttarakuru or to the Brahma world or to another continent?” “There is, your majesty, someone who could, with this body composed of the four great elements, go to Uttarakuru or to the Brahma world or to another continent.”

“How, Venerable Nāgasena, could one, with this body composed of the four great elements, go to Uttarakuru or to the Brahma world or to another continent?” “Your majesty, have you had the direct experience of jumping a hand span or a cubit on this earth?” “Yes, venerable sir, I have had that direct experience, in fact I jump even eight cubits.” “How, your majesty, do you jump even eight cubits?” “Venerable sir, I generate the thought ‘I will land here,’ and with that thought my body is buoyant.” “In the same way, your majesty, a bhikkhu with psychic power and who has achieved mastery over his own mind, having entrusted his body to his mind, travels in the sky by means of this mind mastery.”

“You are clever, Venerable Nāgasena!”

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