Vv 45 — Caturitthi Sutta: Four Women Mansion

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Text

Moggallana Bhante saw four devatas and questioned each of them.

Moggallana Bhante:

Devata, your beauty shines in all directions like the bright star named Osadhi.

What are the meritorious deeds that led to this happiness?

Tell me Devata, what kind of meritorious action did you do when you were in the human world to have gained this beauty that shines in all directions, and to have earned all these wonderful things?

The first devata, delighted at being questioned by Arahant Moggallana, gladly explained what she had done that resulted in such great happiness.

First Devata:

In the human world I lived in the great city of Pannakata in the mountains of Esika. One day, I saw a monk going on his almsround and I offered him a bouquet of yellow flowers.

Because of this meritorious deed, I have been born as a very beautiful devata and enjoy all the wonderful things that delight my heart.

That is why the pure radiance of my body and limbs is stainless and shines in all directions.

Great Bhante, that is the meritorious action I did to have such a beautiful body.

Moggallana Bhante:

Devata, your beauty shines in all directions like the bright star named Osadhi.

What is the meritorious deed that led to this happiness?

Tell me Devata, what kind of meritorious action did you do when you were in the human world to have gained this beauty that shines in all directions, and to have earned all these wonderful things?

The second devata, delighted at being questioned by Arahant Moggallana, gladly explained what she had done that resulted in such great happiness.

Second Devata:

In the human world I lived in the great city of Pannakata in the mountains of Esika. One day, I saw a monk going on his almsround and I offered him a bouquet of blue water lilies.

Because of this meritorious deed, I have been born as a very beautiful devata and enjoy all the wonderful things that delight my heart.

That is why the pure radiance of my body and limbs is stainless and shines in all directions.

Great Bhante, that is the meritorious action I did to have such a beautiful body.

Moggallana Bhante:

Devata, your beauty shines in all directions like the bright star named Osadhi.

What is the meritorious deed that led to this happiness?

Tell me Devata, what kind of meritorious action did you do when you were in the human world to have gained this beauty that shines in all directions, and to have earned all these wonderful things?

The third devata, delighted at being questioned by Arahant Moggallana, gladly explained what she had done that resulted in such great happiness.

Third Devata:

In the human world I lived in the great city of Pannakata in the mountains of Esika. One day, I saw a monk going on his almsround and I gave him a bouquet of lotuses with white roots and green leaves which I picked from the pond.

Because of this meritorious deed, I have been born as a very beautiful devata and enjoy all the wonderful things that delight my heart.

That is why the pure radiance of my body and limbs is stainless and shines in all directions.

Great Bhante, that is the meritorious action I did to have such a beautiful body.

Moggallana Bhante:

Devata, your beauty shines in all directions like the bright star named Osadhi.

What is the meritorious deed that led to this happiness?

Tell me Devata, what kind of meritorious action did you do when you were in the human world to have gained this beauty that shines in all directions, and to have earned all these wonderful things?

The fourth devata, delighted at being questioned by Arahant Moggallana, gladly explained what she had done that resulted in such great happiness.

Fourth Devata:

In the human world I lived in the great city of Pannakata in the mountains of Esika. One day, I saw a monk going on his almsround and I gave him a bouquet of ivory colored jasmine buds.

Because of this meritorious deed, I have been born as a very beautiful devata and enjoy all the wonderful things that delight my heart.

That is why the pure radiance of my body and limbs is stainless and shines in all directions.

Great Bhante, that is the meritorious action I did to have such a beautiful body.