Vv 49 — Candana Sutta: Honoring Mansion

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Text

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?

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

Devata:

Previously, I was a woman in the human world. I saw many virtuous monks and worshiped their feet with a very happy mind. I worshiped and honored them by putting my hands together.

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.