Vv 60 — Nāga Sutta: Elephant Mansion

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Text

Moggallana Bhante:

Dear Deva, you are sitting on the back of an elephant that travels in the sky using its psychic powers. This all-white elephant has two huge tusks. It is beautifully decorated and very powerful.

On the two tusks are beautiful ponds with crystal clear water and many lotus flowers. In the middle of each lotus, a devata is dancing to divine music.

Oh Deva, you are very powerful even amongst the gods, shining brightly in all directions. What kind of meritorious actions did you do when you were in the human world?

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

Deva:

I offered eight fallen flowers to the stupa that held the relics of the great sage Kassapa Supreme Buddha. I did it with my own hands having a confident mind.

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

Great Bhante, that was the meritorious action I did to have such a beautiful body which shines in all directions.