Vv 68 — Paṭhama Upassayadāyaka Sutta: Lodging Giver’s Mansion

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Text

Moggallana Bhante:

Dear Deva, your mansion shines in the sky just as the moon shines brightly, freed from the cover of clouds.

Powerful Deva, you have become a leader among devas. The pure radiance of your body and limbs is stainless and shines in all directions.

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

Deva:

Bhante, in the human world, my wife and I lived like a pond filled with water – very generously. With confident hearts, we respectfully offered lodging to an Arahant along with much food and drink.

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

Great Bhante, those were the meritorious deeds I did to have such a beautiful body that shines in all directions.