Vv 69 — Upassayadāyaka Sutta: Second Lodging Giver's Mansion

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Text

Moggallana Bhante:

Dear Deva, your mansion shines in the sky just as the sun 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, 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 offered lodging to an Arahant Bhante. With confident hearts, we also respectfully offered much food and drink to the Noble Sangha.

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.