Vv 72 — Paṭhama Kuṇḍalī Sutta: Deva With Decorated Hair Mansion

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Text

Moggallana Bhante:

Dear Deva, you are extremely beautiful. You are dressed in beautiful divine clothes. You are wearing divine flower garlands and your hands are decorated with divine ornaments. Most importantly, there are beautiful ornaments in your decorated hair and beard. You are very famous and shine like the moon in your mansion.

The sweet music of divine guitars plays throughout the complex. Well-trained goddesses delight in dancing and singing.

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:

Great Bhante, in my previous life I was in the human world. There I saw virtuous monks who had memorized the Dhamma well and achieved special knowledges. Those Arahant

Bhantes were freed from desires and respected by humans and gods. I had confidence in them and I respectfully offered much food and drink.

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 is the meritorious action I did to have such a beautiful body that shines in all directions.