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Text

Anuruddha

Anuruddha Sutta (SN 9:6)

I have heard that on one occasion Ven. Anuruddha was staying among the Kosalans in a forest grove. Now at that time, a devatā from the retinue of the heaven of the Thirty-three named Jālinī, one of Ven. Anuruddha’s former consorts, went to him and, on arrival, addressed him with this verse:

“Direct your mind

to where you used to live,

among the Devas of the Thirty-three,

empowered
with all sensual pleasures.
Honored, surrounded
by deva maidens,
you
will shine."

Ven. Anuruddha:
"They've gone astray,
deva maidens
established in self-identity.
And they've gone astray,
those beings with deva maidens
as their aim."

Jālinī:
"They don't know bliss
who haven't seen Nandana,
abode of the eminent devas,
glorious,
of the Thirty-three."

Ven. Anuruddha:
"You fool, don't you know
the arahants' maxim?—

'How inconstant are fabrications!
Their nature: to arise & pass away.
They disband as they are arising.
Their total stilling is bliss.'
Jālinī, there is now
in deva company

no further abode

(for me).

With the utter ending

of wandering on in birth,

there is now

no further becoming.”

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See also: SN 5:7; SN 6:15; AN 3:129