AN 3.18 — The Realm of the Gods

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2. The Chariot-Maker

The Realm of the Gods

“Mendicants, if wanderers who follow another religion were to ask you: ‘Reverend, do you lead the spiritual life with the ascetic Gotama so that you can be reborn in the realm of the gods?’ Being questioned like this, wouldn’t you be horrified, repelled, and disgusted?”

“Yes, sir.”

“So it seems that you are horrified, repelled, and disgusted by heavenly lifespan, beauty, happiness, glory, and sovereignty. How much more then should you be horrified, embarrassed, and disgusted by bad conduct by way of body, speech, and mind.”