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The Conduct Leading to Buddhahood

The Chapter With Akitti

The Perfection of Giving (5th)

Mahāgovinda’s Conduct

“Then again when I was
high priest for seven kings,
I was venerated by the gods among men
as the brahmin Mahāgovinda.
Then in all seven kingdoms
what I received as tribute
I used to give a great gift
unwavering as the ocean.
It was not because I disliked riches or grain,
or because I had a store set aside,
but because omniscience is precious to me,
that is why I gave such fine riches.”