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Then the householder Anāthapiṇḍika went up to the Buddha, bowed, sat down to one side, and said to him, “How many in the world are worthy of a religious donation? And where should a gift be given?”

“Householder, there are two in the world who are worthy of a religious donation: the trainee and the adept. These two in the world are worthy of a religious donation, and that’s where you should give a gift.”

That is what the Buddha said. Then the Holy One, the Teacher, went on to say:

“In this world, the trainee and the adept,

are worthy of offerings dedicated to the gods.

They are sincere in body,

speech, and mind.

This is the field for sponsors of sacrifice—

what’s given here is very fruitful.”