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12. With Kesi

Speed

“Mendicants, a fine royal thoroughbred with four factors is worthy of a king, fit to serve a king, and reckoned a factor of kingship. What four? Integrity, speed, patience, and gentleness. A fine royal thoroughbred with these four factors is worthy of a king. …

In the same way, a mendicant with four qualities is worthy of offerings dedicated to the gods, worthy of hospitality, worthy of a religious donation, worthy of veneration with cupped palms, and is the supreme field of merit for the world. What four? Integrity, speed, patience, and gentleness. A mendicant with these four qualities … is the supreme field of merit for the world.”