AN 8.37 — Gifts of a True Person

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4. Giving

Gifts of a True Person

“Mendicants, there are these eight gifts of a true person. What eight? Their gift is pure, good quality, timely, appropriate, intelligent, and regular. While giving their heart is confident, and afterwards they’re uplifted. These are the eight gifts of a true person.

He gives pure, good quality, and timely gifts

of appropriate food and drinks

regularly to spiritual practitioners

who are fertile fields of merit.

They never regret

giving away many things of the flesh.

Discerning people praise

giving such gifts.

An intelligent person sacrifices like this,

faithful, with a mind of letting go.

Such an astute person is reborn

in a happy, pleasing world.”