

Samyutta Nikaya I.42
Kindada Sutta
A Giver of What

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Introduction:

The self-enlightened Buddha is the Teacher of *Devas*, *Brahmas* and *human, encompassing the entire 3 planes of existence*. Once, a Deva by the name of *Kindada* approached him to ask the following questions. Buddha gave the Deva the most valuable lesson for the Deva to embrace, his Dhamma.

[Kindada deva:]

**A giver of what, is a giver of strength?
A giver of what, a giver of beauty?
A giver of what, a giver of ease?
A giver of what, a giver of vision?
And who is a giver of everything?
Being asked, please explain this to me.**

[The Buddha:]

**A giver of food, is a giver of strength.
A giver of clothes, a giver of beauty.
A giver of a vehicle, a giver of ease.
A giver of a lamp, a giver of vision.
And the one who gives a residence,
is the one who is a giver of everything.
But the one who teaches the Dhamma
is a giver of the Deathless.**