0.0.1 The Brahmin

1. This indeed was said by the Auspicious One, said by the Arahant, as heard by me.

2. I, O bhikkhus, am a brahmin, ever devoted to [granting] requests, open handed, bearer of my last body, the unsurpassed doctor and surgeon. You are my own sons, born from my mouth, born from the Dhamma, created by the Dhamma, heirs to the Dhamma, not heirs in material things.

3. There are these two givings, O bhikkhus, the giving of material things and the giving of the Dhamma. Of these two givings, O bhikkhus, this is the foremost, namely, the giving of the Dhamma.

4. There are these two sharings, O bhikkhus, the sharing of material things and the sharing of the Dhamma. Of these two sharings, O bhikkhus, this is the foremost, namely, the sharing of the Dhamma.

5. There are these two assistances, O bhikkhus, the assistance with material things and the assistance with the Dhamma. Of these two assistances, O bhikkhus, this is the foremost, namely, the assistance with the Dhamma.

6. There are these two offerings, O bhikkhus, the offering of material things and the offering of the Dhamma.

Of these two offerings, O bhikkhus, this is the foremost, namely, the offering of the Dhamma.

7. This is the meaning of what the Auspicious One said. Thus, this was said there:

> The one free from miserliness who offered the Dhamma offering,
> the Tathagata, compassionate to all beings;
> beings venerate the one who has crossed over being,
> that such-like one, best among devas and humans.

8. "This too is the meaning of what was said by the Auspicious One. Thus was heard by me."