

Chapter Notes for Chapter 14: The Time of Gifts

“Association with the disliked is dukkha, separation from the liked is dukkha, not attaining one’s wishes is dukkha.” From the Buddha’s first discourse, Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta, Samyutta Nikaya, chapter 56, The Truths. [SN v, 420].

“Thus you must train yourself...” Anguttara Nikaya, Eights, 63, and several other places. [AN iv, 299].

“Now, as before, suffering and the end of suffering is all I teach.” Samyutta Nikaya, chapter 22, “ten elements,” 86. [SN iii, 118].

Dhammika (1996) gives a history of Bodh Gaya as derived from the accounts of past pilgrims. Stephen Batchelor, referred to in this chapter, is no longer a monk. Known for books on Buddhist practise as well as an award-winning guide to Tibet, we recommend his book on the spread of Buddhism to the West (Batchelor, 1994).

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