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Text

When a trader’s cart axle broke, a man made a new axle from wood and gave it to him. The man was then reborn as an earth deva as a result of this gift. The earth deva goes to the trader’s house and praises giving.

Earth Deva:

The result of giving will not always equal the gift itself. The result that is experienced will always be multiplied. Therefore, one should give gifts frequently. Having practiced generosity, one can get rid of suffering in this life and in the next. As a result of giving, beings are born as humans and gods. Therefore, you should be enthusiastic about doing good deeds. Do not miss this opportunity.