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Chapter 17 Shloka 20

दातव्यमिति यद्दानं दीयतेऽनुपकारिणे ।
देशे काले च पात्रे च तद्दानं सात्त्विकं स्मृतम् ॥

dātavyam-iti yad-dānaṁ
dīyate'nupakāriṇe ।
deśe kāle ca pātre ca
tad-dānaṁ sāttvikaṁ smṛtam ॥

“Any gift offered considering it is noble to give, and given in the right place, on the right occasion, to the right recipient, looking for no reciprocal benefit, is deemed sāttvika dāna.”



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