

Part Two:

Indian (and other emic) perspectives on giving and taking

Imaginary dialogues between premodern Indian, Roman, and Christian points of view on giving and taking are presented. That is, we focus on the “emic” concepts and present some comparisons between giving to Brahmins, giving motivated by Christian ideas, *beneficium* in Seneca’s understanding, and giving to Buddhist monks. The quotations from this part also serve to provide future reference. The next part will turn to the “etic” perspectives on these emic concepts.