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The Triple Canon (Tipiṭaka)

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(1. Gaṅgāpeyyālavaggo)

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1-12. The Twelve Discourses Beginning with Power

705-716. "There are, monks, these five powers. Which five? The power of faith, the power of energy, the power of mindfulness, the power of concentration, the power of wisdom - these, monks, are the five powers. Just as, monks, the river Ganges slants towards the east, slopes towards the east, inclines towards the east; so too, monks, a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slants towards Nibbāna, slopes towards Nibbāna, inclines towards Nibbāna. And how, monks, does a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slant towards Nibbāna, slope towards Nibbāna, incline towards Nibbāna? Here, monks, a monk develops the power of faith, based upon seclusion, based upon dispassion, based upon cessation, maturing in release; the power of energy, etc. the power of mindfulness... the power of concentration... he develops the power of wisdom, based upon seclusion, based upon dispassion, based upon cessation, maturing in release. Thus, monks, a monk developing the five powers, cultivating the five powers, slants towards Nibbāna, slopes towards Nibbāna, inclines towards Nibbāna." The twelfth.

The Ganges Repetition Chapter is the first.

Its summary:

> Six slanting from the east, and six slanting towards the ocean;
> These two sixes are twelve, by that the chapter is called.

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