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- 1.** Mahāgotama, the supreme conqueror, attained final Nibbāna in Kusinārā;
There was a wide-spread distribution of relics in those various regions.
- 2.** One of Ajātasattu, one in the city of Vesālī;
One in Kapilavatthu, and one in Allakappa.
- 3.** One in Rāmagāma, and one in Veṭṭhadīpa;
One among the Mallas of Pāvā, and one among the Mallas of Kusinārā.
- 4.** The brahmin named Doṇa caused a monument to be built for the urn;
The Moriyas, with satisfied minds, caused a monument to be built for the embers.
- 5.** Eight relic stupas, the ninth the vessel shrine;
The embers stupa the tenth, established at that very time.
- 6.** The turban, the four canine teeth, and the two collar-bone relics;
These seven are unbroken, the remaining relics are as if broken.
- 7.** The great ones are the size of mung beans, and the middling ones are like broken rice grains;
The small ones are the size of mustard seeds, and the relics are of various colours.
- 8.** The great ones are gold-coloured, and the middling ones are pearl-coloured;
The small ones are bud-coloured, and they measure sixteen doṇas of clay.
- 9.** Five great measures, five middling measures;
And six small measures too, these are all the relics.
- 10.** The turban in the island of Ceylon, and the left one in the Brahma world;
And the right eye in Ceylon, all these are established.
- 11.** One tooth was in the city of the devas, one was in the city of the nāgas;
One in the domain of Gandhāra, one of the king of Kalinga.
- 12.** Forty even teeth, hairs of the head and body hair altogether;
The gods carried away each one, to a succession of world-systems.
- 13.** At Vajirā, the Blessed One's bowl and staff and robe;
The inner robe at the family house, the bed-sheet at the city called Kapila.

- 14.** In the city of Pāṭaliputta, a water vessel and a waistband;
In Campā a water-cloth, and woollen cloth in Kosala.
- 15.** The ochre robe in the Brahma world, and the turban in the city of the Thirty-three heaven;
The sitting cloth among the Avantis, and the bed-sheet in the realm then.
- 16.** Fire-sticks in Mithilā, in Videha a forest for the assembly;
An adze and a needle-case too, in the city of Indapatta then.
- 17.** The remaining requisites, in the country of Aparantaka;
Used by the sage, people made then.
- 18.** There was a wide-spread distribution of relics, of Gotama, the great sage;
Out of compassion for living beings, it was ancient at that time.

The Treatise on the Distribution of Relics is concluded.

The Chronicle of the Buddhas is finished.



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