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Readership: Students and scholars in the fields of philosophy, religious studies and South Asian history, with interests in ancient Indian philosophy and materialism.

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