



## Past Lives of Shakyamuni Buddha After Situ's set of the Past Lives of Shakyamuni Buddha

### Date

19th century

### Medium

Pigments on cloth

### Description

In late 1726, before building Pelpung Monastery, Situ Panchen (1700-1774) began sketching a major set of paintings depicting the stories of Shakyamuni Buddha's previous lives (jataka). It was presumably based on a painting from the "Hundred Jatakas" cycle associated with the Third Karmapa, though Tibetan sources do not specify which model he followed. Some nineteen years later Situ gave the text transmission for the "Hundred Jatakas" to

the young Thirteenth Karmapa as one of his first teachings. The painting shows episodes 11 through 19, which are arranged as below: 11. Shakra: A Tale of Bravery 12. The Brahman: A Tale of Conscience 13. She Who Drives Men Mad: A Tale of Self-Control 14. Suparaga: Depending on the Virtuous as Friends 15. The Fish: The Rewards of Virtue 16. The Baby Quail: The Power of Honesty 17. The Jar of Liquor: The Virtuous Turning Others from Evil 18. The Wealthy Prince: The Virtue of Detachment from Worldly Concerns 19. The Lotus Roots: A Tale of Understanding

### Dimensions

35 1/4 x 22 1/8 in. (estimated)