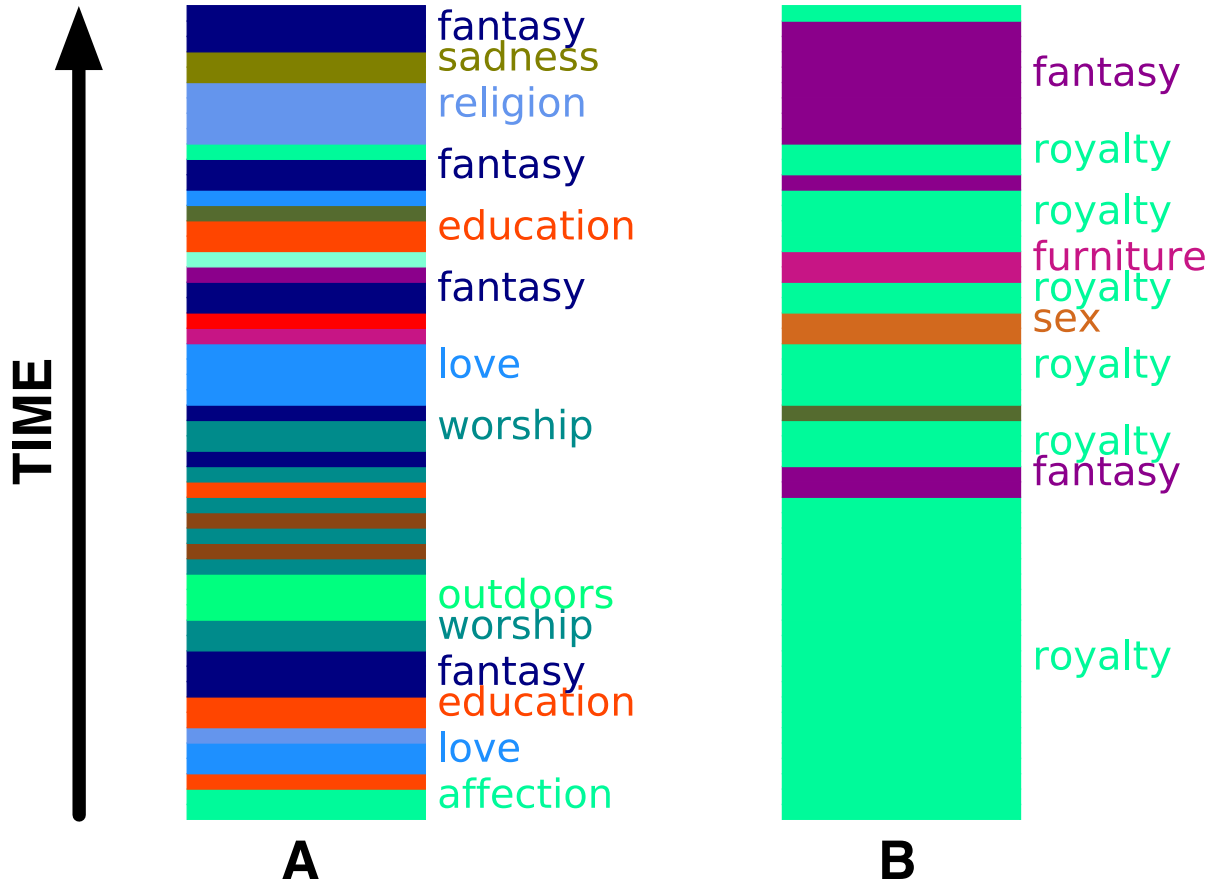


Siddhartha and Govinda



Summary: **Govinda** is **Siddhartha**'s best friend and sometimes his follower. Like **Siddhartha**, **Govinda** devotes his life to the quest for understanding and enlightenment. He leaves his village with **Siddhartha** to join the Samanas, then leaves the Samanas to follow Gotama. He searches for enlightenment independently of **Siddhartha** but persists in looking for teachers who can show him the way. In the end, he is able to achieve enlightenment only because of **Siddhartha**'s love for him.