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written by prominent scholar-monks between the 16th and 18th

centuries, illustrating the distinctly worldly virtues of