

Fundamental Knowledge of  
*Abhidhamma*

**Lesson – 38 – (Chapter IV)**

**Consciousness, Planes and Individuals**

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Suggested reading - CMA. p – 179 to 184

## Rootless and Double-rooted Individuals

<sup>1</sup>- *Duhetukānam'ahetukānañ'ca pana ettha kriyājavanāni c'eva appanājavanāni ca na labbhanti.*

Here, to those with double-rooted and rootless (rebirth consciousness), functional *javanas* and absorption *javanas* do not arise.

<sup>2</sup>*Tathā ñāṇasampayuttavipākāni ca sugatiyaṃ.*

– **Likewise**, in blissful plane, resultants accompanied by knowledge also do not arise.

<sup>3</sup>- *Dugatiyaṃ pana ñāṇavippayuttavipākāni ca mahāvipākāni na labbhanti.*

But in the woeful plane great resultants dissociated from knowledge are not found.

### Triple-rooted Individual

<sup>1-</sup> *Tihetukesu ca khīṇāsavānaṃ kusalākusalajavanāni na labbhanti.*

Amongst those with triple-rooted (rebirth consciousness),  
to Arahants, no **wholesome** or **unwholesome** javanas arise.

<sup>2</sup>*Tathā sekkhaputhujjanānaṃ kriyājavanāni.*

– **Similarly**, to trainees and worldings, **functional javanas** do not arise.

<sup>3-</sup> *Diṭṭhigatasampayutta-vicikicchājavanāni ca sekkhānaṃ.*

Nor do javanas associated with wrong view and doubt arises to the trainees.

<sup>4-</sup> *Anāgāmi-puggalānaṃ pana paṭighajavanāni ca na labbhanti.*

To non-returner individuals there are no javanas associated with aversion.

<sup>5-</sup> *Lokuttara janānaṃ ca yathārahaṃ ariyānaṃ' eva samuppajjantī' ti.*

But the supramundane javanas are experienced only by noble ones according to their respective capacities.

## Consciousness of Cognitive process (*Vīthicitta*) and Process-freed Consciousness (*Vīthimuttacitta*)

*Vīthicitta* – 80

*Vīthimuttacitta* – 9 (Sublime resultants) (which never occur in a cognitive process)

**Nineteen** consciousness which perform the functions of *Paṭisandhi*, *Bhavaṅga*, and *Cuti* – are process-freed.

But two types of investigating consciousness accompanied by equanimity and Eight great resultants arise in the cognitive process while they perform other respective functions.

Two types of investigating consciousness accompanied by equanimity – *Santīraṇakicca*

Eight great resultants– *Tadārammṇakicca*

## The Consciousness and Individuals

**1- *Asekkhānaṃ catucattālīsa , sekkhānaṃ' uddise Chapaññās' āvasesānaṃ, catupaññāsa sambhavā.***

According to circumstances, it is said, those beyond training experience **forty-four** classes of consciousness, trainees **fifty-six**, and the rest **fifty-four**.

1) The **Arahant** – a maximum of **Forty-four (44)**

2) The **trainees** – a maximum of **Fifty-six (56)**

Trainees = Seven noble persons (4-magga, and 3-phala) (except the fruition individual of Arhantship , Arahant) Magga and Fruition individuals of *Sotāpanna*, *Sakadāgāmi*, and *Anāgāmi* and the magga person of Arahantship

3) The **rest** – a maximum of **Fifty-four (54)**  
(*Puthujjana* – worldlings)

## The Consciousness and Individuals

### 1) The **Arahant** – a maximum of **Forty-four (44)**

**Rootless – 18 + Great resultants – 8 + Great functional – 8 +  
Fine-material functionals – 5 + Immaterial functional – 4 +  
Fruition of Arahantship – 1 (18 + 8 + 8 + 5 + 4 + 1 = 44).** (CMA-p.181)

- **to Arahants, no wholesome or unwholesome javanas arise.**
- **This enumeration refers to the Arhatant in the sense-sphere plane**
- **It can change according to the planes of existence**

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(CMA-p.181)

### 2) The trainees – a maximum of Fifty-six (56)

Unwholesome – 7 + Rootless (expect smile-producing) – 17 +  
Great wholesome – 8 + Great resultants – 8 + <sup>(40)</sup>  
Fine-material wholesome – 5 + Immaterial wholesome – 4 + <sup>(9)</sup>  
Supra-mundane (except Fruition of Arahantship) – 7 (7+17 + 8 + 8 + 5+4 + 3= 56).

- At the path of stream-entry, the defilements of wrong view and doubt are eradicated; thus the **four** cittas associated with wrong view (*diṭṭhigata-sampayutta cittas*) and the **one** citta accompanied by doubt (*Vicikicchā-sampayutta*) are eliminated.

<sup>2</sup>*Tathā sekkhaputhujjanānaṃ kriyājavanāni.*

– Similarly, to trainees and worldings, **functional javanas** do not arise.

<sup>5-</sup> *Lokuttara jananāni ca yathārahaṃ ariyānaṃ' eva samuppajjantī' ti.*

But the supramundane javanas are experienced only by noble ones according to their respective capacities.

## The Consciousness Of trainees

(CMA-p.181)

- The **Stream-entry** (*Sotāpanna*) and **once returner** (*Sakadāgāmi*)  
– a maximum of **Fifty (50)**

Unwholesome – 7 + Rootless (expect smile-producing) – 17 +  
Great wholesome – 8 + Great resultants – 8 + <sup>(40)</sup>  
Fine-material wholesome – 5 + Immaterial wholesome – 4 + <sup>(9)</sup>  
Respective Supra-mundane fruition citta – 1 (7+17+ 8 + 8 + 5+4 + 1= 50).

- The **Non-returner** (*Anāgāmi*) – a maximum of **Forty-eight (48)**

Excluding two hatred-rooted cittas from the fifty consciousness of stream-entry and once returner and exchanging into own fruition.

<sup>4</sup>- *Anāgānipuggalānaṃ pana paṭighajavanāni ca na labbhanti.*

To non-returner individuals there are no javanas associated with aversion.

Four supramundane path consciousness occur to each respective path individuals



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3) The rest (*Puthujjana* – worldlings) – a maximum of **Fifty-four (54)**

Unwholesome – 12 + Rootless (expect smile-producing) – 17 +  
Great wholesome – 8 + Great resultants – 8 + <sup>(45)</sup>  
Fine-material wholesome – 5 + Immaterial wholesome – 4 + <sup>(9)</sup>  
(12+17 + 8 + 8 + 5+4 = 54).

<sup>2</sup>*Tathā sekkhaputhujjanānaṃ kriyājavanāni.*

– **Similarly**, to trainees and worldlings, **functional javanas** do not arise.

## Analysis by way of Planes (*Bhūmibheda*)

<sup>1</sup>- *Kāmāvacarabhūmiynam pan'etāni sabbāni pi vīthicittāni yathārahaṃ upalabbhanti.*

In the sense-sphere plane all there foregoing cognitive processes occur according to circumstances.

<sup>2</sup>*Rūpāvacarabhūmiyaṃ paṭighajavana-tadārammaṇa-vajjitāni.*

– In the fine-material sphere plane (all occur) with the exception of javanas connected with aversion and registration moments.

<sup>3</sup>- *Aūpāvacarabhūmiyaṃ paṭhamamagga-rūpāvacara-hasana-heṭṭhimāruppa-vajjitāni ca labbhanti.*

– In the immaterial sphere plane (all occur) with the (further) exception of the first path, fine-material-sphere consciousness, smiling consciousness, and the lower immaterial classes of consciousness.

Analysis by way of Planes (*Bhūmibheda*)

Special Cases (**Absence**)

❖ *Sabbatthā pi ca taṃtaṃ dvārikavīthiccittāni na labbhant' eva.*

In all planes, to those who are devoid of particular sense organs, cognitive processes connected with the corresponding doors do not arise.

❖ *Asaññasattānaṃ pana sabbathā pi cittappavatti natth' evā ti.*

– To the non-percipient beings there is absolutely no cognitive process whatsoever.

❖ *Asīti-vīthiccittāni kāme rūpe yathārahaṃ*

*Catusaṭṭhi tathārūpe dvecattālīsa labbate.*

– In the sense-sphere plane, according to circumstances, **eighty** kinds of process consciousness are found, in the fine-material plane there are **sixty-four**, and in the immaterial plane, **forty-two**.

## ( Bases in the Plains of existence)

- All six bases are found in the sense world (*Kāmaloka*)
- Three bases of Nose-base, Tongue-base, and Body-base –  
are not found in the fine-material world (*Rūpaloka*) (except *Asaññasatta* )
- In the immaterial world (*Arūpaloka*) no base exists.

The heart-base (*Hadaya-vatthu*).

In the canonical *Abhidhamma* the heart-base is not expressly mentioned.

***Paṭṭhāna*** –

“ that matter in dependence on which the mind element and  
mind-consciousness element occur”.

The commentaries specify “that matter” to be the heart-base (*Hadaya-vatthu*),  
a cavity situated within the physical heart.

## The Consciousness in the planes

1. In the sense-sphere plane all **Eighty *vīthicittas*** (occur according to circumstances)
  - Except the nine sublime resultant, which never occur in the cognitive process
2. In the fine-material plane (all occur) – 64 *Vīthicittas*  
 (excluding (16) – Hatred-rooted citta – 2 + Great resultants – 8  
 Nose-consciousness –2, Tongue-consciousness –2, Body-consciousness –2 + )
  - Because aversion was well suppressed in the preliminary training for attaining jhāna
  - Registration moments are absent because the brahmas are not sense-sphere beings
  - Six sense consciousnesses cannot occur due to the absence of their sense organs.

In the fine-material plane (64) –  
 Unwholesome – 10 + Rootless cittas (except the pairs of nose-, tongue-, and  
 body-consciousness) – 12 + Great wholesome and functional – 16 +  
 sublime wholesome and functional – 18 + Supramundane – 8 = (64)

## The Consciousness in the planes

3. – In the immaterial sphere plane (all occur) – 42 *Vīthicittas* with the (further) exception of the first path, fine-material-sphere consciousness, smiling consciousness, and the lower immaterial classes of consciousness.
- Aversions and registration are also absent in the immaterial plane (-10).
  - **Sotāpattimagga citta** cannot occur (because it is contingent on hearing the Dhamma, which presuppose the ear faculty) (-1)
  - Smiling cannot occur without a physical body (-1)
  - Fine-material wholesome and functional cittas (-10) (and lower immaterial jhānas) = (-22)cittas

The pairs of Nose, Tongue, and Body consciousness = 6

The rest sense consciousness of eye-consciousness - 2, and ear-consciousness – 2 = 4

**Three Mind elements** (five-door-adverting – 1 + receiving – 2) which occur only in the five door process = 3 + Investigating cittas – 3 (-16)

In the immaterial plane (42) –

Unwholesome – 10 +

Rootless mind-door-adverting – 1 +

Great wholesome and functional – 16 +

Immaterial wholesome and functional – 8 +

Supramundane (except the path of stream-entry) – 7 = (42)

For the higher immaterial planes – the wholesome and functional cittas of lower planes have to be excluded.