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# Fundamental Knowledge of Abhidhamma

(Chapter-VI) Lesson – 45 –

## The Material Cluster (*Rūpakalāpa*)

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Suggested reading CMA - P. 252 – to - 255

### ***Four characteristics Of Cetasika –***

- 1. Ekuppāda*** – Arise together (with consciousness)
- 2. Ekanirodha*** – Cease together (with consciousness)
- 3. Ekālambaṇa*** – Have the same object (with consciousness)
- 4. Ekavatthuka*** – Have the same base (with consciousness)

***Four characteristics Of Material cluster or group –***

**1. *Ekuppāda*** – Arise together (in the group)

**2. *Ekanirodha*** – Cease together (in the group)

**3. *Ekanissaya*** – Have the same basis (in the group)

The common base of conascent great essentials are

– proximate cause for the dependent matters as well as for each other.

**4. *Sahavuttino*** – Occur together (in the same duration)

They all occur together from their arising to their cessation.

Eight are regarded as the inseparable material phenomena.

## The Twenty-one Material Clusters (*Rūpa-kalāpa*)

- The material clusters produced by *Kamma* – 9
- The material clusters produced by *Citta* (Consciousness) – 6
- The material clusters produced by *Utu* (Temperature)– 4
- The material clusters produced by *Āhāra* (Nutriment)– 2

## Classification the Four types of Matter–

- 1) **Kamma** – Heart-base (1) + faculties (8) = 9  
Four causes: 9, Inseparables (8) + space (1) = 9 } = 18 Kamma-born matter
- 2) **Citta** – Mutable-matters (5) + Sound (1) = 6  
Four causes: 9, Inseparables (8) + space (1) = 9 } = 15 Consciousness-born matter
- 3) **Utu** – Lightness triad (3) + Sound (1) = 4  
Four causes: 9, Inseparables (8) + space (1) = 9 } = 13 Temperature-born matter
- 4) **Āhāra** – Lightness triad (3) = 3  
Four causes: 9, Inseparables (8) + space (1) = 9 } = 12 Nutriment-born matter

# 1) *Kamma-born material clusters* – 9

Pure octad  
Inseparables (8) + Life-faculty(1) = 9

Vital nonad  
(*Jīvitānavaka*)

Heart-base-(1) + Faculties-(8) = 9  
{sensitivity -5 + sexual phenomena – 2  
+ Life faculty-1= (8 - faculties)}

Vital nonad + **eye-sensitivity** = 10

Eye decad (*Chakkhu-dassaka*) ①

Vital nonad + **ear-sensitivity** = 10

Ear decad (*Sota-dassaka*) ②

Vital nonad + **nose-sensitivity** = 10

Nose decad (*Ghāna-dassaka*) ③

Vital nonad + **tongue-sensitivity** = 10

Tongue decad (*Jivhā-dassaka*) ④

Vital nonad + **body-sensitivity** = 10

Body decad (*Kāya-dassaka*) ⑤

Vital nonad + **femininity-faculty** = 10

Female decad (*Itthibhāva-dassaka*) ⑥

Vital nonad + **masculinity-faculty** = 10

Male decad (*Pumbhāva-dassaka*) ⑦

Vital nonad + **heart-base** = 10

(heart-)Base decad (*Vatthu-dassaka*) ⑧

Vital nonad = 9 (*Jīvitānavaka*) ⑨

## 2) *Consciousness-born material clusters* – 6

① **Pure octad Inseparables (8)**  $\leftarrow$  **Pure octad (*Suddhaṭṭhaka*)** **Mutable-matters (5) + Sound (1) = 6**

② **Pure octad - 8** + **Bodily intimation** = **9** **Bodily intimation nonad**  
(*Kāyaviññatti-navaka*)

③ **Pure octad - 8** + **Vocal intimation + sound** = **10** **Vocal intimation decad**  
(*Vacīviññatti-dasaka*)

④ **Pure octad - 8** + **Lightness triad** = **11** **Un-decad of the lightness triad**  
(*Lahutādi-ekādassaka*)

⑤ **Pure octad - 8** + **Bodily intimation**  
+ **Lightness triad (4)** = **12** **Dodecad of bodily intimation and the lightness triad**  
(*Kāyaviññatti-Lahutādi-dvādassaka*)

⑥ **Pure octad - 8** + **Vocal intimation + sound**  
+ **Lightness triad** = **13** **Tridecad of vocal intimation, sound and the**  
**lightness triad**  
(*Kāyaviññatti-Lahutādi-dvādassaka*)



### 3) *Temperature-born material clusters* – 4

① **Pure octad**  
**Inseparables (8)** ← **Pure octad (*Suddhaṭṭhaka*)**      **Lightness triad (3) + Sound (1) = 4**

② **Pure octad - 8** + **sound** = **9**      **Sound nonad (*Sadda-navaka*)**

③ **Pure octad - 8** + **Lightness triad** = **11**      **Un-decad of the lightness triad**  
**(*Lahutādi-ekādassaka*)**

④ **Pure octad - 8** + **sound**  
+ **Lightness triad (4)** = **12**      **Dodecad of sound and the lightness triad**  
**(*Kāyaviññatti-Lahutādi-dvādassaka*)**

#### Internal and External Clusters

- (1) The two material groups produced by temperature –  
the pure octad and the sound nonad – are found externally too.
- (2) All the rest are strictly internal.



#### 4) *Nutrient-born material clusters* – 2

① Pure octad Inseparables (8)  $\leftarrow$  Pure octad (*Suddhatṭhaka*) Lightness triad (3) = 3

② Pure octad - 8 + Lightness triad = 11 Un-decad of the lightness triad  
(*Lahutādi-ekādassaka*)

The 23 matters are enumerated –

as the constituents of the material groups or cluster.

The 5 matters of Space-element (1) and Characteristics (4)

– are not enumerated as the constituents of material groups

(1) Space-element (1) – Because space is just demarcates the material clusters.

(2) Characteristics (4) – Because they just indicate the material clusters.

<b><i>1- Kamma-born material clusters – 9</i></b>	<b><i>Kamma-born matters</i></b>	<b><i>2- Consciousness-born material clusters – 6</i></b>	<b><i>Consciousness-born matters</i></b>
1-Eye decad	<b>Inseparables (8) + sensitivity -5</b>	<b>1-Pure octad - 8</b>	<b>Inseparables (8)</b>
2-Ear decad		2-Bodily intimation nonad	Two intimations (2)
3-Nose decad		3-Vocal intimation decad	
4-Tongue decad		4-Un-decad of the lightness triad	Sound – (1) Lightness triad – (3)
5-Body decad		5-Dodecad of bodily intimation and the lightness triad	
6-Female decad	<b>sexual phenomena – 2</b>	6- Tridecad of vocal intimation, sound and the lightness triad	
7-Male decad			
8-(heart-)Base decad	<b>Heart-base-(1)</b>	<b><i>3-Temperature-born material clusters – 4</i></b>	
9-Vital nonad	<b>Life faculty-1</b>		
<b><i>4- Nutriment-born material clusters – 2</i></b>	<b><i>Nutriment-born matters</i></b>	<b>1-Pure octad - 8</b>	<b>Inseparables (8)</b>
<b>Pure octad - 8</b>	<b>Inseparables (8)</b>	2-Sound nonad	Sound – (1)
Un-decad of the lightness triad	Lightness triad–(3)	3-Un-decad of the lightness triad	Lightness triad–(3)
		4-Dodecad of sound and the lightness triad	