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# Fundamental Knowledge of Abhidhamma

(Chapter-VI) Lesson – 46 –

## The Occurrence of Material Phenomena

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Suggested reading P. 255 – to – 258

## *Occurrence in the Plain of Existence– §29*

### **1. *Kāmāvacara* – in the Sensuous world**

At the moment of Rebirth

During the course of existence

### **2. *Rūpāvacara* – in the Fine-material world**

At the moment of Rebirth

During the course of existence

a) *Asaññasatta* –  
Non-percipient - 1

a) *Rūpāvacara* –  
other fine-material world - 15

## ***Materiality At the moment of rebirth in sensual world –***

**1. – All the material phenomena are obtained during the course of existence in the sensuous world.. (with no deficiency)**

**2. *At the moment of rebirth-linking – according to the types of being***

***Gabhbaseyaka – Womb-born being***

***Aṇḍaja – the egg-born beings***

***Jalābuja – the womb-born beings***

***Samsedaja – the moisture-born beings***

**- include certain lowly forms of animal life.**

***Opapātika – the spontaneous-birth beings***

**(generally invisible to physical eye – *Petas* and *devas*)**

Types of Beings	Material clusters	Material phenomena
<b><i>Samsedaja</i></b> – the moisture-born beings  <b>And</b>  <b><i>Opapātika</i></b> – the spontaneous-birth beings	1)-Eye decad ( <i>Chakkhu-dassaka</i> )	<b>Inseparables (8)</b> <b>Life faculty-1</b> + <b>sensitivity -5</b> <b>One of the</b> <b>sexual phenomena – 2</b> <b>Heart-base-(1)</b>
	2)-Ear decad ( <i>Sota-dassaka</i> )	
	3)-Nose decad ( <i>Ghāna-dassaka</i> )	
	4)-Tongue decad ( <i>Jivhā-dassaka</i> )	
	5)-Body decad ( <i>Kāya-dassaka</i> )	
	6)-Female decad ( <i>Itthibhāva-dassaka</i> ) (Or) Male decad ( <i>Pumbhāva-dassaka</i> )	<b>Outside the clusters –</b> <b>(Space +</b> <b>Characteristics) = 5</b>
	7)- (heart-)Base decad ( <i>Vatthu-dassaka</i> )	
There arise at most seven decads of material clusters... As a minimum, sometimes (Four decads of) Eye-, Ear-, Nose-, and Sexual-decad are not obtained ...		4

Types of Beings	Material clusters	Material phenomena
<b><i>Gabhaseyaka</i> – Womb-born being</b>	1) Body decad ( <i>Kāya-dassaka</i> ) 2) Female decad ( <i>Itthibhāva-dassaka</i> ) Male decad ( <i>Pumbhāva-dassaka</i> ) 3) (heart-)Base decad ( <i>Vatthu-dassaka</i> )	<b>Inseparables (8)</b> <b>Life faculty-1 +</b> <b>One of the</b> <b>sexual phenomena – 2</b> <b>Heart-base-(1)</b>  <b>Outside the clusters – (Space +</b> <b>Characteristics) = 5</b>

There arise at most three decads of material clusters...

As a minimum, sometimes, however, Sexual-decad is not obtained ...

There after during the course of existence, gradually there arise the eye decad and so forth.

## ( Bases in the Plains of existences)

- 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.

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## In the Fine-material World - 1

In the Fine-material World, the decads of nose, tongue, body, sex, and the material groups produced by nutriment are not found.

Types of Beings	Material clusters	Material phenomena
other fine-material world - 15	Four material clusters produced by <i>Kamma</i> : 1)-Eye decad ( <i>Chakkhu-dassaka</i> ) 2)-Ear decad ( <i>Sota-dassaka</i> ) 3)-(heart-)Base decad ( <i>Vatthu-dassaka</i> ) 4)-Vital nonad ( <i>Jīvita-navaka</i> )	<b>Inseparables (8)</b> <b>Life faculty-1 +</b> <b>sensitivity (eye, ear) - 2</b> <b>Heart-base-(1)</b>  <b>Outside the clusters – (Space +</b> <b>Characteristics) = 5</b>

There after during the course of existence, material phenomena produced by consciousness and by temperature are found.

There after during the course of existence, gradually there arise the eye decad and so forth.

## In the Fine-material World - 2

- (A) In the Fine-material World, the decads of nose, tongue, body, sex, and the material groups produced by nutriment are not found.
- (B) Among the non-percipient beings, the eyes, ear, heart-base, and sound are also not found.
- (C) Similarly, no consciousness-born material phenomena are found.

Types of Beings	Material clusters	Material phenomena
Non-percipient - 1	Only one of -Vital nonad ( <i>Jīvita-navaka</i> ) - produced by <i>kamma</i>	Inseparables (8) Life faculty-1

During the course of existence,  
– material phenomena produced by temperature, with the exception of sound, continue..



# The occurrence of Material phenomena – For First and Last moment–

**1) *Kammaja*** – From the arising sub-moment of rebirth-linking citta

In every sub-moments of consciousness

**Up to the** – Arising sub-moment of seventeenth consciousness preceding the death-consciousness.

Kamma-born material phenomena **no longer arise** starting with the stage of **presence** of the seventeenth consciousness preceding the death consciousness.

– Kamma-born material phenomena that arouse earlier occur till the death-moment and cease.

The life span of material phenomena is **17** mind-moments

$$17 \times 3 = 51$$

# The occurrence of Material phenomena – For First and Last moment–

2) *Cittaja* – From the arising sub-moment of second citta (first Bhavaṅga)

In every arising sub-moments of (75 kinds of) consciousness

**Up to the** – Arising sub-moment of the death- consciousness (except Arahant's).

– **Consciousness-born** material phenomena (that arise at the arising sub-moment of death) cease at the time of 48<sup>th</sup> mind-moment after dissolution sub-moment of death consciousness. (dissolution sub-moment of **sixteenth** moment after death.)

Three sub-moments of death - 3

+

16 x 3 = 48

17 x 3 = 51



• The occurrence of Material phenomena –For First and Last moment–

3) *Utuja* — From the presence sub-moment of of rebirth-linking citta

In every presence sub-moments

– The temperature-born material phenomena persist in the form of the corpse and continue *till* the end of world (universe).

4) *Āhāraja* — From the presence sub-moment nutritive essence  
(when it is swallowed)

In every presence sub-moments nutritive essence

– The nutriment-born material phenomena

– arise at the dissolution sub-moment of death consciousness.

– They cease at the time of 50<sup>th</sup> mind-moment after dissolution sub-moment of death.

dissolution of death - 1

+

50

$17 \times 3 = 51$

## Notes –

### **Round cycle of material phenomena in the existences**

Thus to deceased beings, again in a subsequent life, material phenomena arise, starting from rebirth-linking, in the same way. {See § 26 }

- **The** material phenomena born of four conditions –  
uninterruptedly flows on in the sense sphere till the end of life,  
like the flame of a lamp or the stream of a river.
- **In the sense planes**, twenty-eight material phenomena are found;
- **In the fine-material planes**, twenty-three;
- **among the non-percipients**, seventeen;
- **but** none in the immaterial plane. {See § 29 }
- **At the moment of conception**, sound, mutability, decay, and death are not found.  
In the course of existence, there is nothing that is not obtained. {See § 29 }