

Fundamental Knowledge of *Abhidhamma*

**Lesson – 28 – (Chapter III)**  
**Compendium Of Functions**

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Suggested reading - CMA. p – 122 to 129

## In the Compendium Of Functions

The eighty-nine types of consciousness are classified by way of function.

- As the Consciousnesses, when they occur, perform the respective functions

➤ **The Fourteen Functions (*Kicca*) & – The Ten Stages (*Thāna*)**

❖ Classification by way of consciousness

❖ Classification by Numbers of Functions

Two types of Consciousness –

(1) (*Vīthi-citta*) – The consciousness within the cognitive process

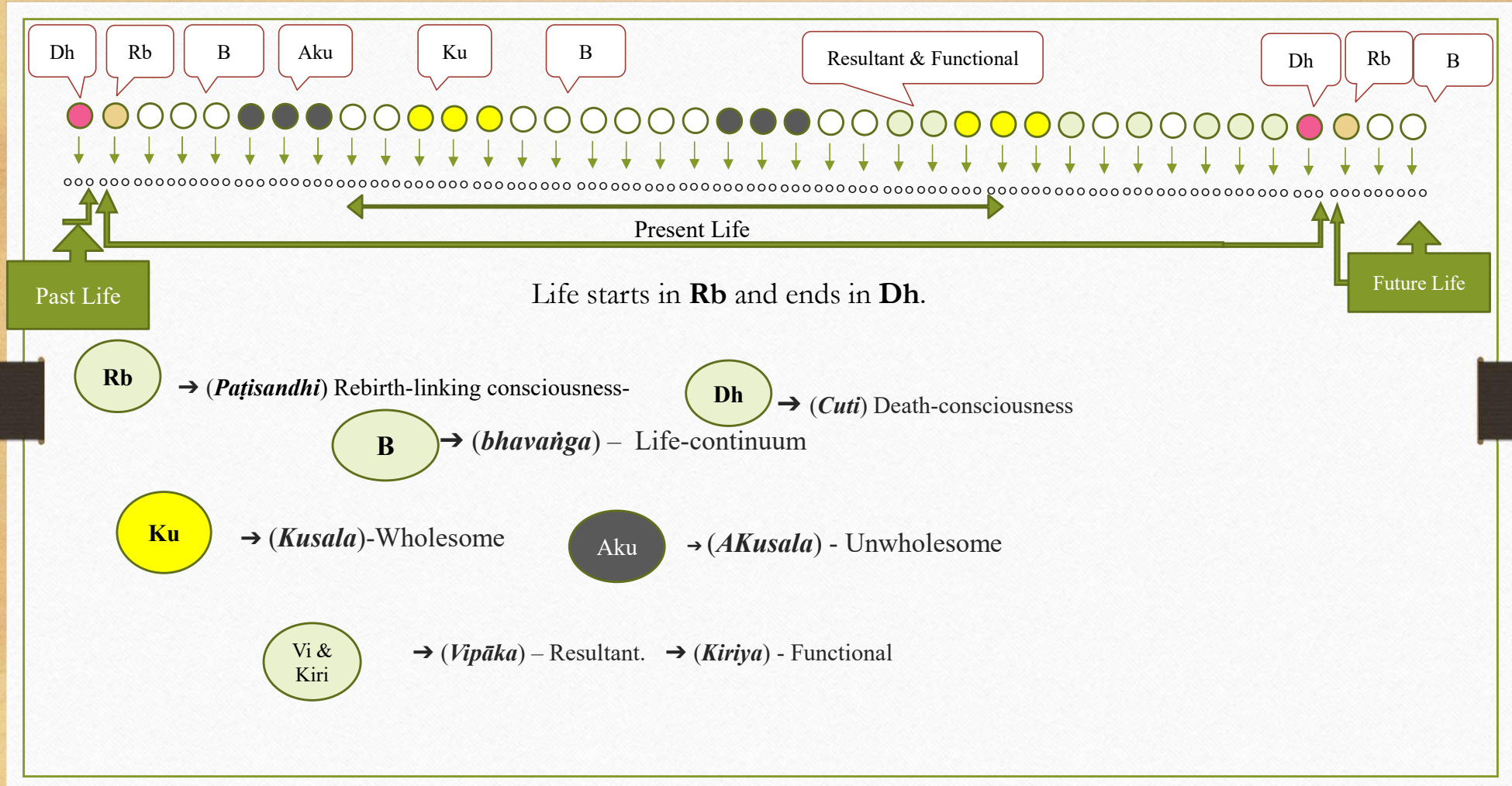
➤ Five-door cognitive process

➤ Mind-door cognitive process

(2) (*Vīthimutta-citta*, process-freed) – The consciousness outside the cognitive process

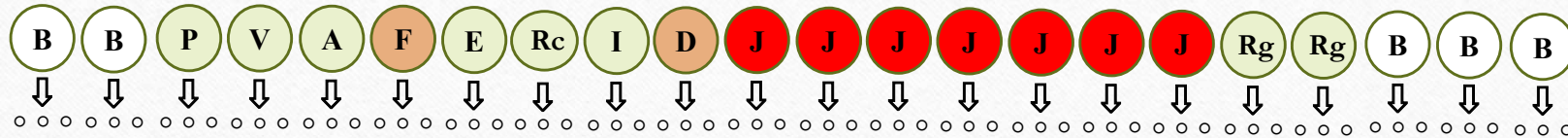


The Fourteen Functions ( <i>Kicca</i> )- 14		& – The Ten Stages ( <i>Thāna</i> ) - 10	
1	<i>Paṭisandhi-kicca</i> – rebirth-linking	1	<i>Paṭisandhi-thāna</i> – rebirth-linking
2	<i>Bhavaṅga-kicca</i> – life-continuum	2	<i>Bhavaṅga-thāna</i> – life-continuum
3	<i>Āvajjana-kicca</i> – adverting	3	<i>Āvajjana-thāna</i> – adverting
4	<i>Dassana-kicca</i> – seeing	4	<i>Pañcaviññāṇa-thāna</i> – fivefold sense consciousness
5	<i>Savana-kicca</i> – hearing		
6	<i>Ghāyana-kicca</i> – smelling		
7	<i>Sāyana-kicca</i> – tasting		
8	<i>Phusana-kicca</i> – touching		
9	<i>Sampaṭicchana-kicca</i> – receiving	5	<i>Sampaṭicchana-thāna</i> – receiving
10	<i>Sanṭīraṇa-kicca</i> – investigating	6	<i>Sanṭīraṇa-thāna</i> – investigating
11	<i>Voṭṭhabbana-kicca</i> – determining	7	<i>Voṭṭhabbana-thāna</i> – determining
12	<i>Javana-kicca</i> – javana “run swiftly”	8	<i>Javana-thāna</i> – javana
13	<i>Tadārammaṇa-kicca</i> – registration	9	<i>Tadārammaṇa-thāna</i> – registration
14	<i>Cuti-kicca</i> – death	10	<i>Cuti-thāna</i> – death



## The process of eye-consciousness with unwholesome *javana* (Ordinary / trainee)

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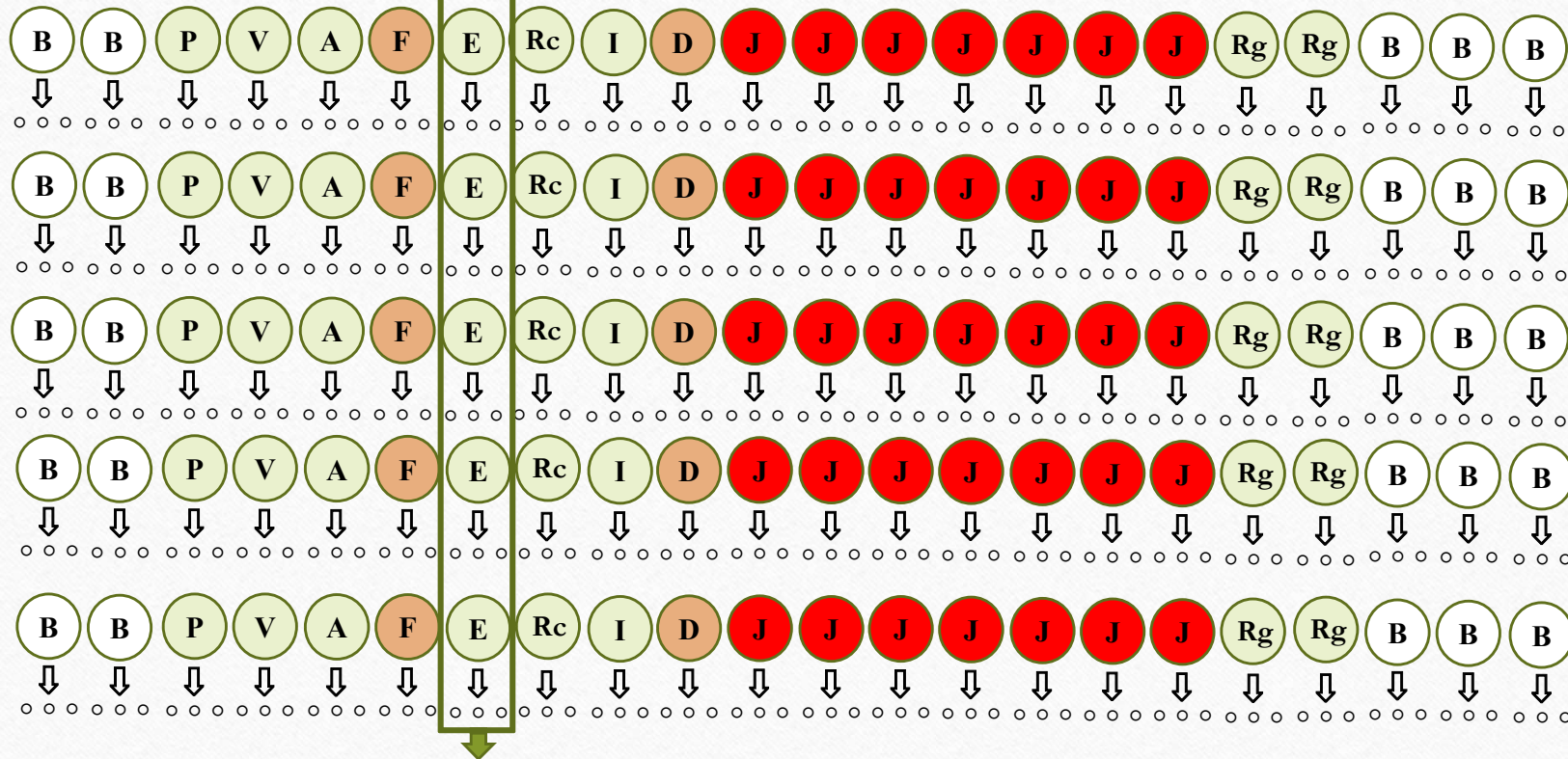
B	<i>bhavaṅga</i> – Life continuum
P	Past <i>bhavaṅga</i>
V	Vibrational <i>bhavaṅga</i>
A	Arrest <i>bhavaṅga</i>
F	Five-door adverting
E	Eye-consciousness
Rc	Receiving
I	Investigation

D	Determining = It just determines the object as its types (e.g – recognizes a visible object as visible object.) This is just mind-door adverting consciousness.
J J J J J J J	<p><b>Javana</b> – “running swiftly” (over the object in the act of apprehending it. Normally seven, all identical in kind)                      {The <b>javana</b> stage is the most important from an ethical standpoint, for it is at this point that wholesome or unwholesome <b>cittas</b> originate. This is so in the case of non-Arahants. For Arahants the <b>javanas</b> are ethically indeterminate. CMA- p.124}</p> <p>Fifty-five <b>cittas</b> that function as <b>javanas</b> are as follow : Unwholesome citta – 12                      Wholesome citta – 21                      Fruition citta – 4                      (except two adverting citta) Functional citta – 18. {see. P.128}</p> <p>( 1) The first <b>Javana</b> moment , being the weakest of all, generates immediately effective <i>kamma</i>.                      (2) The last <b>javana</b> moment, being second weakest in the series, generates subsequently effective <i>kamma</i>.                      (3) The five intermediate <b>javana</b> moments generate the indefinitely effective Kamma (which can ripen at any time from the second future existence onwards, whenever it gains an opportunity to produce results.                      (4) If ripening <i>kammas</i> don't meet the opportunity to produce the result in their respective lives, they become defunct <b>kammas</b>. And, all remaining <b>kammas</b> become defunct after final passing away (<i>parinibbāna</i>) of <i>arahants</i>. (see- CMA p.205)</p>
Rg	Registration (They are occasional)



# The five-door process (*Pañcadvāravīthi*) with unwholesome *javana* (Ordinary / trainee)

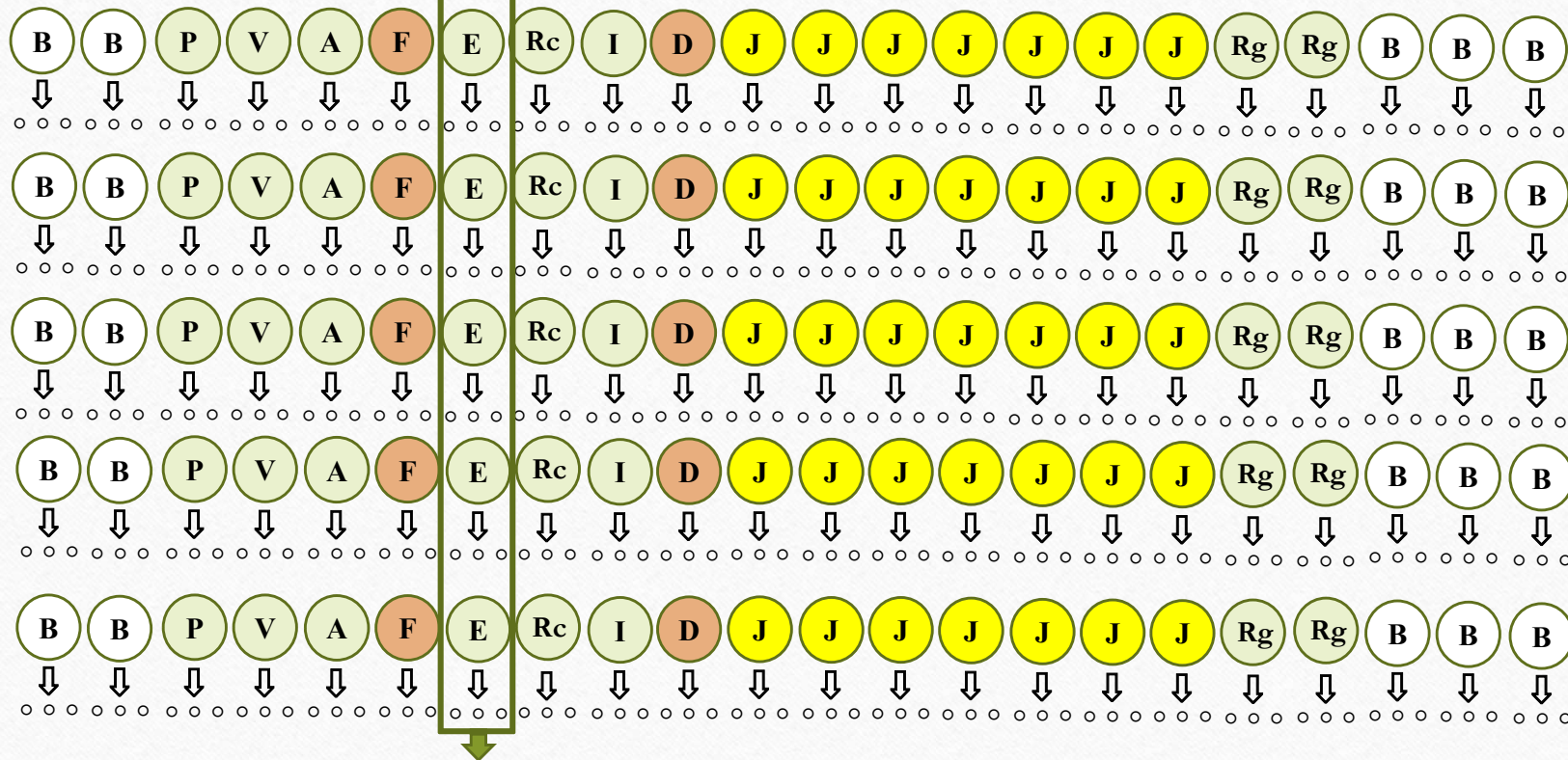
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Eye-sensitivity, Visible object, Eye-consciousness,	Ear-sensitivity, Sound, Ear-consciousness,	Nose-sensitivity, Smell, Nose-consciousness,	Tongue-sensitivity, Taste, Tongue-consciousness,	Body-sensitivity, Tangible object Body-consciousness
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# The five-door process (*Pañcadvāravīthi*) with wholesome *javana* (Ordinary / trainee)

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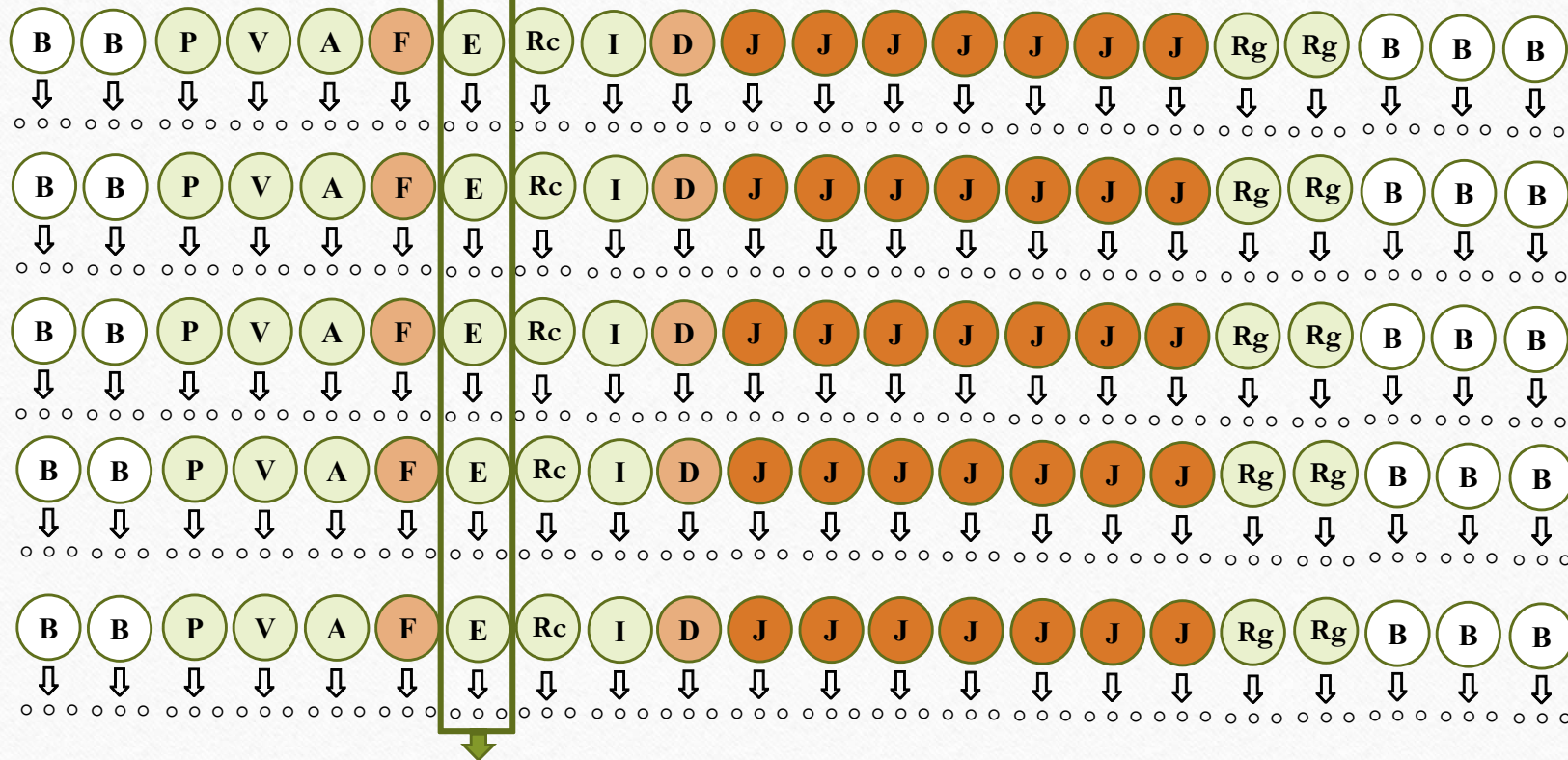


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# The five-door process (*Pañcadvāravīthi*) with functional *javana* (Arahant)

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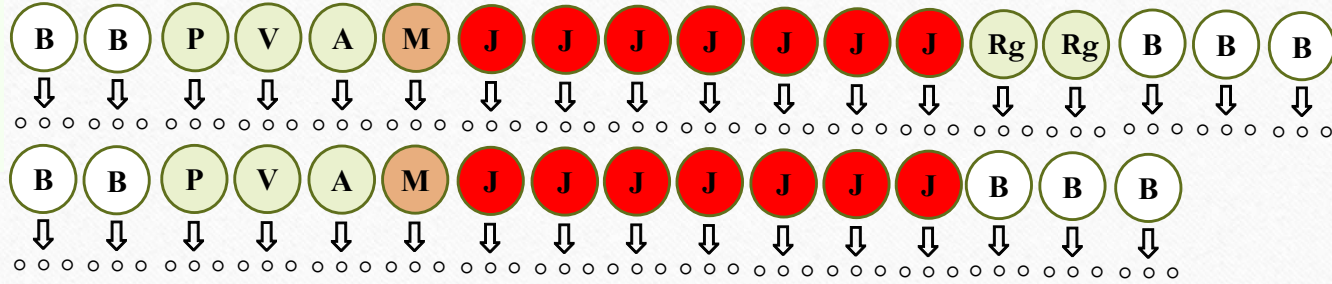
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# The Mind-door Processes (*Manodvāravīthi*)

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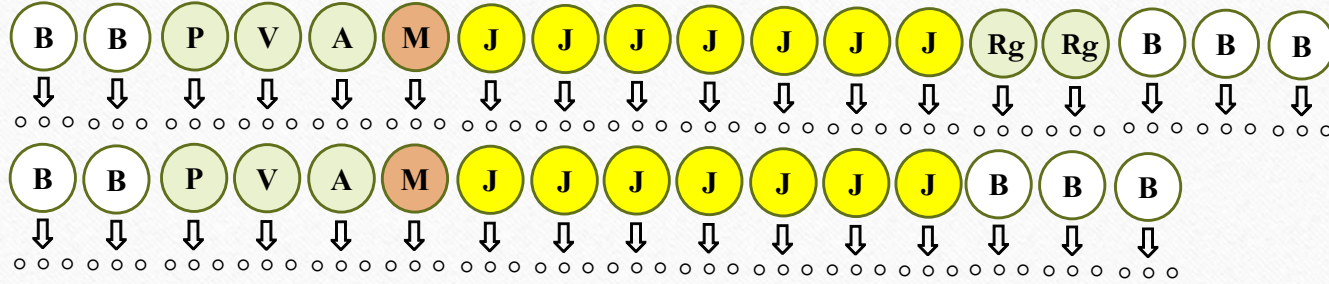
The mind-door process with unwholesome *javana* (Ordinary / trainee)



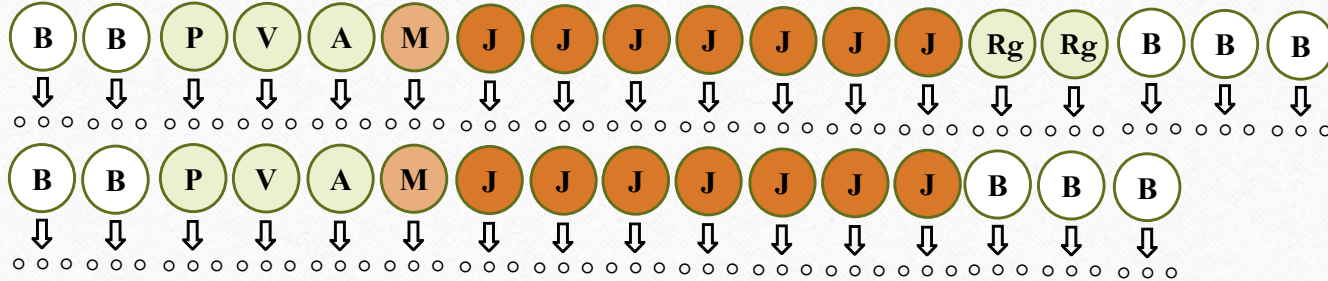
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The mind-door process with wholesome *javana* (Ordinary / trainee)



The mind-door process with functional *javana* (Arahant)



## Functions and Mental process

- (1) *Paṭisandhi-kicca* – rebirth-linking
- (2) *Bhavaṅga-kicca* – life-continuum
- (14) *Cuti-kicca* – death

Process-freed

- (4) *Dassana-kicca* – seeing , (5) *Savana-kicca* – hearing
- (6) *Ghāyana-kicca* – smelling, (7) *Sāyana-kicca* – tasting
- (8) *Phusana-kicca* – touching
- (9) *Sampaṭicchana-kicca* – receiving
- (10) *Sanṭīraṇa-kicca* – investigating
- (11) *Voṭṭhabbana-kicca* – determining

Five-door  
cognitive process

- (3) *Āvajjana-kicca* – adverting
- (12) *Javana-kicca* – javana
- (13) *Tadārammaṇa-kicca* – registration

Five-door and mind-door  
cognitive process



- The same type of consciousness performs the **three functions** of rebirth-linking, life-continuum, and death. (see-p.125)
- The **rebirth-linking** consciousness, **life-continuum** consciousness, and the **death** consciousness in one (particular) birth are similar and have an identical object. (CMA.p-199)

(1) *Paṭisandhi-kicca* – rebirth-linking

*Paṭisandhi-citta* – the consciousness that performs the function of rebirth-linking  
- occurs only once in any individual existence, **at the moment of rebirth** (conception).

(14) *Cuti-kicca* – death

*Cuti-citta* – the consciousness that performs the function of death  
- also occurs only once in an individual existence, **at the last moment** of the life.

(2) *Bhavaṅga-kicca* – life-continuum

*Bhavaṅga-citta* – the consciousness that performs the function of life-continuum  
- most evident during deep dreamless sleep,  
- but it also occurs during waking life, between the active processes.  
❖ occurs whenever there is no active cognitive process taking place.

***Bhavaṅga*** = ***Bhava-*** (existence) + ***aṅga*** - (factor) = the factor of existence (the indispensable condition of the existence, by which the continuity of the life is preserved from conception to death whenever there is no active cognitive process taking place. )

***Javana-kicca*** – javana – “running swiftly”

= runs swiftly over the object in the act of apprehending it

– normally occur seven times, all identical in kind

- The most important from an ethical standpoint

***Tadārammaṇa-kicca*** – registration – “having that object”

= taking as object that had been apprehended by the *Javanas*.

– occur two times immediately after the ***javana*** phase

❖ Only at the end of sense-sphere ***javana***

❖ Only to the sense-sphere beings

❖ Only when sense-sphere phenomena become object (CMA .. p.175)

(when the object is either very prominent to the sense (***Atimahanta***) or clear to the mind (***Vibhūta***)).



## The Classification by way of Consciousness

### (19) Process-freed Consciousnesses (*Vīthimutta-citta*)

- The **nineteen** types of consciousness perform the functions of rebirth-linking, life-continuum, and death. They are: two types of investigating consciousness accompanied by equanimity; eight great resultants; and nine fine-material-sphere and immaterial-sphere resultants ( $2 + 8 + 9 = 19$ ). (CMA-p.125)

Types of rebirth	19- rebirth-linking Cittas	
Rootless	two types of investigating consciousness accompanied by equanimity – 2 (Wholesome-resultant-1 and unwholesome-resultant-1)	Sense-phere rebirth-10
Sense-sphere beautiful	Eight great resultants – 8	
Fine-material-sphere	Fine-material-sphere resultants – 5	Sublime rebirth-9
Immaterial-sphere	Immaterial-sphere resultants – 4	

## Individuals (*Puggala*) and Rebirths (*Paṭisandhi*)

Classification of Individuals			Rebirths consciousness( <i>Paṭisandhi-citta</i> )
<i>Asekkha</i> (Arahant)	Nine tripled individuals	<i>Aṭṭha Ariyapuggala</i> (Noble persons) - 8	Imaterial-sphere resultants - 4 Fine-material-sphere resultants -5 Sense-sphere resultants
Seven Trainees <i>Sekha</i> ( <i>Sekha</i> )		4-Tihetuka ( <i>putthujjana</i> ) – Triple-rooted individual	accompanied <b>by three roots</b> - 4
<i>Putthujjana</i> - 4 (Worldlings) Ordinary person	3-Dvihetuka ( <i>putthujjana</i> ) – Double-rooted individual		Sense-sphere resultants accompanied <b>by two roots</b> - 4
	Two rootless individuals	2-Sugati-ahetuka ( <i>putthujjana</i> ) - Blissful rootless individual	Wholesome-resultant investigating consciousness accompanied by equanimity – 1
		1-Duggati-aketuka ( <i>putthujjana</i> ) - Woeful rootless individual	<b>Unwholesome-resultant</b> investigating consciousness accompanied by equanimity – 1



## The Classification by way of Consciousness

4	<i>Dassana-kicca</i> – seeing – (2)	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>(Dvipañca-viññāṇa)</b>  <b>Two sets of fivefold sense consciousness-10</b> </p>
5	<i>Savana-kicca</i> – hearing – (2)	
6	<i>Ghāyana-kicca</i> – smelling – (2)	
7	<i>Sāyana-kicca</i> – tasting – (2)	
8	<i>Phusana-kicca</i> – touching – (2)	
9	<i>Sampaṭicchana-kicca</i> – receiving – (2)	Two receiving consciousness
10	<i>Santīraṇa-kicca</i> – investigating – (3)	Three investigating consciousness
11	<i>Voṭṭhabbana-kicca</i> – determining – (1)	Mind-door-adverting consciousness

## The Classification by way of Consciousness

12	<b><i>Javana-kicca</i></b> – javana – (55)	Twelve unwholesome Cittas, Twenty-one wholesome Cittas, Four supramundane fruition Citta, Eighteen functional Cittas
		Unwholesome Cittas – 12 + <b>Great</b> wholesome Cittas – 8 + <b>Great</b> functional Cittas – 8 + <b>Sublime</b> wholesome Cittas – 9 + <b>Sublime</b> functional Cittas – 9 + Supramundane wholesome ( <b><i>Magga</i></b> ) Cittas – 4 + Supramundane fruition ( <b><i>Phala</i></b> ) Cittas – 4 +
13	<b><i>Tadārammaṇa-kicca</i></b> – registration – (11)	<b>Great</b> resultant Cittas – 8 Investigating consciousness – 3



## Classification by numbers of Functions

1. *Upekkhāsahagata-santīraṇa* –  
two investigating consciousness  
accompanied by **equanimity** – (2)

*Paṭisandhi, Bhavaṅga, Cuti,  
Tadārammaṇa, and Santīraṇa*

5

2. **Great** resultant Cittas – 8

*Paṭisandhi, Bhavaṅga, Cuti, and Tadārammaṇa*

4

3. **Sublime** resultant Cittas – 9

*Paṭisandhi, Bhavaṅga, and Cuti*

3

4. *Somanassa-santīraṇa* – the investigating  
consciousness accompanied by **joy** – (1)

*Santīraṇa and Tadārammaṇa*

2

5. *Voṭṭhabbana-citta* –  
mind-door-adverting consciousness – (1)

*Voṭṭhabbana, and Āvajjana*

2

6. *Sesāni sabbāni*– All the remaining types of consciousness

– only one function

1

*Javana- 55 + Manodhātuttika-* (The triple mind element) – 3 + *Dvipaṇcaviññāṇa* - 10 = 68

**The triple mind element:** the five-door-adverting and the two types of receiving consciousness