"namo tassabhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhassa"

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*NÃMARÛPAVAVATTHÃNA* DETERMINATION OF *NÃMA* AND *RÛPA* 

#### 4. $N\hat{a}mar\hat{u}pavavatth\hat{a}na = Determination of R\hat{u}pa + N\hat{a}ma$

So evium phassâdînam vasena upatthite cattâro arûpino khandhe nâmanti, tesam arammanabhûtâni cattâri mahâbhûtâni, catunnañca mahâbhûtâni upâdâyarûpam rûpanti vavatthapeti. Iti atthârassa dhâtuyo dvâdasâyatanâni pañcakkhandhâti sabbepi tebhûmake dhamme khaggena samuggam vivaramâno viya yamakakâlakandam phâlaya-mâno viya ca nâmañca rûpañcâti dvedhâ vavatthapeti. Nâmarûpamattato uddam añño satto vâ puggalo vâ devo vâ byahmâ vâ nattîti nittam gacchati (Visuddhi-2: 227 - 228).

When the meditator has clearly discerned the *rûpa* phenomena in his conscious-ness, so would the *nâma* phenomena be. In such a discernment of the *nâma* factors, there are three ways:

- 1. The method of concentration starting with *phassa* (contact),
- 2. The method of concentration starting with *vedanâ* (suffering),
- 3. The method of concentration starting with consciousness viññâṇa (perception).

If the meditator concentrated on the *nâma dhamma*s via one of these three ways, then vedanâ-saññâ-sañkhâra-viññâna, referred to as the four-fold nâmakhandhâ, are recog-nized as the *nâmadhammas* which will be acquired in his conscious mind. *Mahâbhûta* = the four great elements and all the *upâdârûpa*s which take the four great elements as their object, are recognized as *rûpa dhamma*s. In this way the 18 elements, 12-fold *âyatana*s, the five-fold khandhâs and all those factors in the three planes of existence = these innumerable  $r\hat{u}pa$ nâma dhammas have been definitely and clearly defined. It comes to the realization that there are just the *nâma* and *rûpa* in the three planes of life, above which there exist no higher individuality-sentient being-life-self-human-devâ-byahmâ (Visuddhi-2: 227 - 228).

According to the above instruction, when one is able to discern both rûpa+nâma at every thought along the path of cittaniyâma, then these  $r\hat{u}pa + n\hat{a}ma$  are taken as object of concentration to discern that in these there are no "individuality-sentient being-life-self-human-deva-byahmâ, but just the  $r\hat{u}pa + n\hat{a}ma$ .

The determination is made of the  $r\hat{u}pa+n\hat{a}ma$  as explained above. (When one has acquired the ability to extend his consciousness to bhahiddha and collectively meditate on the bhahiddha rûpa+nâma in the 31 planes, then one would clearly realize the nonexistence of human-devâ-byahmâ).

#### An Invaluable Resolution

The Venerable Sayâdaw Mathera, referred to respectfully by the desanâ as **Acarivadhammapâla**, has made an invaluable resolution in the domain of meditation in his Mahâtîkâ with respect to the above opening commentary.

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Sabbepi tebhûmake dhamme nâmañca rûpañcâtîti ittha kiñcâpi sabba saddo anavasesapariyâdâyako, nâmarûpabhâvo pana aññamaññavidhuyoti na tadubhayam samudâyavasena parissamâpayetabbam, tasmâ "yadatthe namanlakkhanam, tam nâman. Yam ruppanalakkhanam, tam rûpa"ti evum vavatthepetîti attho. Evum vavatthapan-toyeva

ca tadubhayavinimuttassa tebhûmakadhammesu kassaci dhamassa abhâvato "sabbepi tebhûmakedhamme nâmañca rûpañcâti dve dhâ vavatthapetî"ti vuccati. "Nâmañca rûpañcâ"ti eteneva tassa duvidhabhâve siddhe "dvedhâ vavatthapetî"ti idam nâmarûpavinimutthassa aññassa abhâvadassattham. Tenevâha "nâmarûpamattato uddha"tiâdi. "Sabbepi tebhûmake dhamme"ti pana sabbaggahanañcittha sammasamanupagassa dhamamasanavasesetabbatâya vuttam. Tahñi anavasesato pariññeyam ekamsato virajji tabbam tato ca cittam virâjayam pamocetabbam. Tenâha bhagavâ—

"Sabbam bhikkhave anabhijânam aparijânam (tattha cittam) Avirâjayam appajaham abhabbo dukkhakkhayâya. R. Sabbañca kho bhikkave abhijânam parijânam (tattha citta) Virâjayam pajayam bhabbo dukkhakkhayâyâ"ti. (Sam.-2:249 - 250 Parijânana Suttana; Mahâtî-2: 358).

Iti imassamim sutte tissopi pariññâ kathitâ hunti. "Abhijânan"ti hi vacanena ñâtapariññâ kathitâ, "parijânan"ti vacanena tîrana pariññâ, "virâjayam pajahan"ti dvîhi pahânapariññâti (Sam.-Ttha-3: 6).

The commentator in the above Visuddhimagga commentary has explained as: Sabbepi  $tebhûmake\ dhamme\ nâmañca\ rûpañcâti\ dvedhâ\ vavatthapeti = tebhûmakas$ , within the three planes of life referred to as all of the kâma-rûpa-arûpa, are recognized as  $rûpa\ dhammas$  as well as  $nâma\ dhammas$  (mental factors, material factors) as two distinct groups.

Here, the word sabba = completeness = all is meant to include the entire dhammas of the  $sa\tilde{n}kh\hat{a}ra$  phenomena.  $N\hat{a}ma$  and  $r\hat{u}pa$ , however, are taken to be far apart from one another. (They are not the associated sampayutta dhammas, but are dissociated vippayutta dhammas). Therefore, the  $n\hat{a}ma$  and  $r\hat{u}pa$  dhammas should not be analyzed together as a composite group, but be recognized as two distinct groups, and are to be taken as given below:

- 1. The *dhammas* that are of the nature of being attracted towards the object are *nâma*,
- 2. The *dhammas* that are subject to change are the *rûpa*.

Only when so recognized can the non-existence of a certain *dhamma* (such as the living being, soul, *viññâṇa*, self) of the *tebhûmaka dhamma*s present in the three planes of life and being free from both *nâma* and *rûpa* — the entire *tebhûmaka dhamma*s of the three planes of life are recognized as two distinct *nâma* and *rûpa dhammas*. And this is what the commentator has stressed in his explanation.

The expression " $N\hat{a}ma\tilde{n}ca$   $r\hat{u}pa\tilde{n}ca$ " =  $n\hat{a}madhamma$  and  $r\hat{u}padhamma$  is an adequate indication that the  $n\hat{a}ma$  and  $r\hat{u}pa$  are two distinct words, yet they are further expressed as  $dvedh\hat{a}$  vavatthapeti = recognized as two distinct groups. It was expressed

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so to vindicate the non-existence of a certain *dhamma* (such as the living being, soul,  $vi\tilde{n}\tilde{n}\hat{a}\eta a$ , self) of the  $tebh\hat{u}maka\ dhamma$ s present in the three planes of life and being free from both  $n\hat{a}ma$  and  $r\hat{u}pa$ .

It was expounded in this way to arrive at the determination that there exist no individual--sentient being-life-self-human-deva-brahmâ beyond the nâmarûpa.

Again, it was expatiated as sabbepi  $tebh\hat{u}make$   $dhamme = tebh\hat{u}makadhamma$  — in the word sabba = all is used for purpose of concentration on the three general characters anicca-dukkha-anatta = so as not to leave any of sammasanupaggadhamma.

Indeed, the *tebhûmakadhamma* in the three planes of existence is the *dhamma* which should entirely be understood analytically; the attachment on to these tebhûmaka-dhammas via craving should be eradicated through practice. By practicing to eradicate the craving on these, one should acquire freedom. That is the reason why the Buddha has admonished as follows:

"Bhikkhus .... if the craving for the entire *rûpanâma* phenomena

- 1. are not understood penetratively by *ñâtapariññâ paññâ*,
- 2. are not known analytically by *tîranpariññâ*,
- 3. cannot practice to eradicate and be relieved of the attachment to them by craving, then one is not worthwhile to be relieved of the sorrows of the sansaric circus.

"Bhikkhus .... in fact, if the entire *rûpanâma* phenomena

- 4. are understood penetratively by *ñâtapariññâ paññâ*,
- 5. are known analytically by *tîranpariñâ*,
- 6. has practiced to eradicate the attachment to them by craving, then one is worthwhile to be relieved of the sorrows of the sansaric circus (Sam.-2: 249 -250).

This resolution has been made in Mahâtîkâ with reference that of Aparijânanasuttana of Samyuttapâli Salâyatanavaggasamyutta.

- 1. A statement that Nibbâna can be attained by meditating on just a single *rûpa* element,
- 2. A statement that Nibbâna can be attained by meditating on just a single nâma element, and
- 3. A statement that Nibbâna can be attained by meditating on just a single rûpa element and just a single *nâma* element.

These three statements are definitely the opposite of the resolution described in Mahâtîkâ. He who is in search of the right dhamma, however, should not turn his back on the resolution made in Mahâtîkâ. In fact he should obediently follow that resolution which has been made with reference the Buddha's verbally delivered discourse. [The three kinds of *Pariññâpaññâ* have been explained in Bhuddekarata.]

## **DITTHIVISUDDHI** (PURITY OF VIEW)

Lakkhana-rasa-paccupaṭṭhāna-padaṭṭhânavasena nâmarûpapariggaho diṭṭhivisuddhi nâma. (Abhidhammatthasañgaha).

= Cultivation of nâmarûpa by the power of the lakkhana-rasa-paccuppatthânapadatthâna (salient feature-taste-manifestation-proximate cause) is the purity of the paramattañâna view = ditthivisuddhi. (Abhidhammatthasañgaha).

It is the word explained on the basis of the Atthakathâs such as Dîghanikâya Mahâvagga Atthakathâ = (Dî-Ttha-2: 53), Sayuttanikâya Nidânavagga Atthakathâ = (Sam.-*Itha*:-2: 44) etc. Therefore, *ditthivisuddhi* = for the sake of the purity of *paramat-thañaa* view nâmarûpa factors have still to be cultivated via the power of the lakkhana-rasapaccupatthâna-padatthâna. The way of such cultivation will be described in separate section

on *Lakkhanâdicatukka*. Here, in continuation, the meditation on the nâmarûpa phenomena by

- 1. Method of 18 element
- 2. Method of 12 *Ayatanas* and
- 3. Method of five-fold *Khandhâ*s will be described.

Table 4.1. The 18 elements, the six doors, the six objects and the six viññâna

The Six Doors	The Six Objects	The Six <i>Viññâna</i> s
Receptor Element	Reacting Element	Resultant Element
Visual Element	Material Element	Element of visual
(= Eye clearness)	(= Material object)	Cognition
2. Sound Element	Sound Element	Element of auditory
(= Ear Clearness)	(= Sound object)	Cognition
3. Odor Element	Smell Element	Element of nasal
(= Nose Clearness)	(= Smell object)	Cognition
4. Taste Element	Taste Element	Element of gustatory
(= Tongue Clearness)	(= Taste object)	Cognition
5. Body Element	Contact element	Element of physical
(= Body Clearness)	(= Contact object)	Cognition
6. Mind Element	Dhamma element	Element of mental
	(= Dhamma object)	Cognition

#### **Dhâtu** = **element** - attano sabhâvum dhâretîti dhâtu

It is named *dhâtu* because it possesses its own natural character (*Visuddhi-2*:116).

The atta (self), which is the thought of wrong viewers and whose way of thinking is outside the  $s\hat{a}san\hat{a}$ , when investigated by paramattha eye of wisdom, does not clearly exist. Its non-existence becomes more clearly realized especially when the  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$  are investigated by way of the eye of wisdom after realization of their ultimate truth. Nothing other than  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$  is realized, nor is there the atta, as visualized by  $n\hat{a}na$ . Atta is functionally karaka (producer); atta can appreciate vedaka (feeling). In this way atta has been designated to be karaka and vedaka, but they are not to be. It cannot function nor feel. It is because the atta itself, is claimed to have functioning or

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feeling property, is non-existent.

The ultimate truth, such as *cakkhu* (eye) etc., are capable of performing and existing their own nature. For instance

Rûpâbhighâtârahabhûtappasâdalakkhanam,

Dalukâmatânidânakammasamutthânabhûtappasâdalakkhanam vâ cakkhu (Visuddhi-2: 74).

Element of vision (= eye clear element), upon which impinges on the *bhûtarûpa* (mental qualities of sense-fields) = possesses nature of giving clear vision on the Four Great Elements. In other words, it has the nature of giving clear vision of the Four Great Elements caused by *kamma* arising from wishing to see the material object which are based on *kâmatahnâ*.

As indicated in Section on Rûpakammatthâna,  $r\hat{u}pa$  phenomena are made up of subatomic particles called  $kal\hat{a}pas$ . The  $kal\hat{a}pa$  is the smallest particle of  $r\hat{u}pa$  factors in the sphere of  $r\hat{u}paparamatta$ . Element of vision too does not exist as individuality but according

rûpakalâ called cakkhudasakakalâpa. Included in this cakkhudasaka kalâpa are 10 rûpa phenomena. These rûpa dhammas are the kamma-produced corporeality which resulted from kamma cultivated in the past based on causes avijja-tahnâ-upâdâna. The Four Mahâbhûta Elements are also included in these 10 *rûpa*s of the *cakkhudasaka kalâpa*. These Mahâbhûta Elements are the *dhammas* on which impinges the *rûpa* objects. It is the natural character of element of vision which causes the clearness of the mahâbhûta factors; in every element of vision is present this natural character. Therefore, element of vision has its own nature, and performs in its own nature, and existed in the nature of its own. Note that it also applies to other elements. Since all these 18 dhammas can exhibit the phenomena of the natural characters of their own, they are, therefore, nominated as "dhâtu = element."

Among these 18 elements, the element of vision etc., are by now clearly explained A slight treatment on those still not clear will be made. First, mind element, pañcaviññâdhâtu (the five mind element) element of mental cognition will be described.

## MANODHÂTU (ELEMENT OF APPRECIATION)

Tîni manodhâtucittâni ekâ manodhâtu. (Visuddhi-2: 224).

1. Pañcadvârâvajjan; (2) Ahitakusalavipâkasampatechan; (3) Ahitaakusala vipâkasampatcchan, the three kinds of mind are called the manodhâtu (element of appreciation).

> Antâdikâ manodhâtu, manoviññânadhâtuyâ. Pavesâpagane dvâra-pariyâyene titthti (Nâmarûpapariccheda).

Among the three citta named the manodhâtu, the bhavañga referred to as the manoviññâna (mind cognition) get dissolved when pañcadvârâvajjâna is attained and is thought to have entered into the state of pañcadvârâvajjâna. Therefore, pañcadvârâvajjâna is the dvâra (door) through which bhvañgamanoviññâna enters. Again, the manoviññâna called the santîrana (investigation, decision) made its appearance following the sampaticchana (acceptance). Sampaticchana, again, functions

as the outlet for manoviññâna. With reference to instructions of this nature, the three manodhâtu can be taken as the doors for the manoviññâna. In other words, it means it unusual appreciation.

It is explained in the earlier pages of the section on Nâmakammatthâna etc. that

- 1. Element of bhavañgamano clearness is the manodvâra (mind door),
- 2. Bhavañgamano together with âvajjana (adverting mind) is the manodvâra,
- 3. From point of view of *Tthânûpacâra* (by way of place) or *phalûpacâra* (by way of contact, the *hadayayatthu* (heart-based corporeality) is called the *manodyâra* too. (see pages etc.). Taking of bhavañga as the manodvâra, and of bhavañga together with *âvajjana* as *manodvâra* is the usual way of appreciation.

In pañcadvârâvajjana (five door contemplation) and sampaticchânadve named as manodvâra (mind door), pañcadvârâvajjana, when taken as object, is not effective as taking object of concentration following others nor as repetitively taken object of concentration, because the newly formed object in earlier stage of concentration has been taken only once. That is why the manodvâravajjana and sampaticchanadve are — mano manodhâtu— referred to as the manodhâtu because it is an element which could bring about just the consciousness.

#### PAÑCAVIÑÑÂNADHÂTU

The panñviñnânas have to simply capture the object which directly appear on the receptive corporeality. Therefore, the force of concentration is more than that of the manodhâtu, and that is the reason why it is nominated as the viñnânadhâtu. It is also named visesanajâtîti viñnânam = takes the object more forcefully than the manodhâtu. Because it is supported by anantara force from the âvajjana (adverting mind), having different objects, and has to support the sampaticchana having different object, it used to

be less forceful than the *manoviññâna* supporting the *viññâna* of similar objects. As instructed in Vibhañga Pâli referred to as Aññatara Abhinipâtamatta it is just that falling upon the respective object of the five-fold object.

[Anantara—Someone becomes successful at the expense of someone else. As this statement goes, two cittas (consciousnesses) cannot come about simultaneously, but one after another. (The earlier consciousnesses disappear after facilitating the appearance of the later). The early cittas arose and, after facilitating the rising of the later, perish away. Before dissolution of the former, the later cittas have no chance to arise. Remember that an old president would relieve himself only after handing over his duties to the new one. The support of the former citta for the appearance of the next one is called anantarapaccaya.]

#### THE MANOVIÑÑÂDHÃTU

Literally *mano* (mind) refers to "knowledge", and so also the *manoviññâna* (mental consciousness) to "special knowledge." The combination of the two explicitly gives the essence of a "wide knowledge, a very high knowledge and very high and wide knowledge." The way the realization is acquired by the very high and wide knowledge is

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this. Unlike the *citta*s described above, it does not take the new object at very early state (even though the capture has to be made in a way similar to *manodvâravajjana*), supported by anantara force of the citta having similar object, supports the later citta of the same material object by force of *anantara* support. Hence the capture on the object is very effective. Therefore, it is a nominated, from *manoviññânadhâtu* point of view, as *mano* with *viññânam* (see Compendium of Buddhist Philosophy, p.182).

#### THE 12 ÃYATANAS

## Inner Six Ãyatanas

## Outer Six *Ãyatana*s

- 1. *Cakkhâyatana* (The Eye Base)
- 2. *Sotâyatana* (Sense Field of the Ear)
- 3. *Ghânâyatana* (Nose Base)
- 4. *Jivhâyatana* (Sense of Tongue)
- 5. *Kâyâyatana* (Sense Field of the Body)
- 6. *Manâyatana* (Mind Base Sense)
- 1. Rûpâyatana (Visible Object Base)
- 2. Saddâyatana (Sound Base)
- 3. Gandhâyatana (Smell/Scent Object Base)
- 4. Rasâyatana (Taste Object Base)
- 5. *Pholabbâyatana* (Tangible Object Base)
- 6. *Dhammâyatana* (Mental Object Base)
- 1. The eye clearness element = the visual sensitivity is called *cakkhâyatana*.
- 2. The ear clearness element = the sound sensitivity is called *sotâyatana*.
- 3. The nose clearness sensitivity = the nasal sensitivity is called *ghânâyatana*.
- 4. The tongue clearness sensitivity = the taste sensitivity is called  $j\hat{a}yatana$ .
- 5. The tactile clearness sensitivity = the tangible sensitivity is called *pholabbâyatana*.
- 6. The seven *lokî* cognition elements are the *manâyatana*.

[Lokiya satta viññânadhâtuyo "manâyatanan"ti.] (Visuddhi 2:224).

- 1. Rûpârammana (visible object) is the rûpâyatana (visible object base).
- 2. Saddârammana (sound object) is the saddâyatana (sound base).
- 3. Gandhâramman (scent object) is the gandhâyatana (smell/scent base).
- 4. Rasârammana (taste object) is the rasâyatana (taste base).
- 5. *Pholabbârammana* (tactile object) is the *pholabbâyatana* (tangible base)
- 6. The 52 *cetasika* (mental concomitants) and 16 *sukhumarûpa* (subtle material forms) are all *dhammâyatana* (mental base).

#### NOMINATION AS ÃYATANA

Visesato pana âyatanato, âyânam tananato, âyatassa ca **nayanato âyatanam**ti Veditabbam (Visuddhi-2: 112).

#### It is so named

- 1. Because of the functions performed by each and every *citta cetasika* (mind and mental concomitants) on their own.
- 2. Because of the capability of  $\hat{a}ya$  (lengthening) the stretched mind and mental concomitants due to exerting effort by each and every one of them.
- 3. Because of bearing full suffering of the rounds of rebirth along the *sansâric* circus.

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- 1. **Ãyatana**. It means âya (cause) according to the meaning of the terms. If there is no eye sensitivity and visible object, there can be no cakkhudvârikavîthicitta (mind door thought process). If there are no cakkhudvârikavîthicitta, each and every mind and men-tal concomitant, appearing every cittakhana (thought moment) within, these cannot per-form their respective functions. Thus, the cakkhupasâda and rûpârammana are the causes for cakkhudvâravîthicitta and of carrying out the respective functions by the cakkhudvârika nâma dhammas (mental phenomena arising through the eye door). This is the reason why the name cakkhâyatana rûpâyatana is given. Note that the same applies to the remaining âyatana pairs.
- 2. Only when there are cakkhudvâra (eye door) and rûpâyamana (physical object), can there be nâma dhammas (mental factors). Without these there be no cakkhu-dvâra nâma dhammas. Note that it is also true for sotadvâra saddârammana etc. Each mind and mental concomitant appearing with reference to the corresponding dvâras (doors) are stretched by the *âyatana*s. Like a photographic enlarger which enlarges the small photographs, the âyatanas enlarge the mind and mental conco-mitants. If any one (ayonisomarikâra = one having unwise attention) comes across a pleasant sound and agreeable beauty, he would exaggerate on what he has just encountered. But he comes across a disagreeable sound or a feature, he would exaggerate on what he has seen with a wry face. He would be smiling within himself and reflecting in his mind of minds. He would be reminiscing on it. This a kind of enlarging the mind mental concomitant. In the life-continuum of a good man of a *yonisomanasikâra* (= one having wise attention) the akusala dham-mas (unmeritorious deeds) do not get enlarged on the basis of these dvârâ-rammanas. The mind and mental concomitants the insight know-ledge, such as aniccanupassanâñana, with dukkhanupassanâñana, anattaanupassanâ-ñana etc., however become enlarged. Such a kind of enlargement leads one to the nibbâna, and is worth culturing.
- 3. In the infinite rounds of rebirth (sansâra), with no beginning, the long suffering of sansâravatta (sansâric function) has not yet ceased with non-reappearing cessation,

the *anupâdanirodha*. As long as they remain, these *âyatana*s would be bearing the full-fledged suffering of the sansâric circus. And hence, they are referred to as the *âyatana*s (Visuddhi. 2:112).

*Manâyatana* — *Dhammâyatana* Mind based sense — Mental object base

Dvârammana bhedena, bhavañtâyatanani ca, dvârammana taduppanna, pariyâyena dhâtuyo (Abhidhammattasañgaha)

Attano sebhâvum dhâretîti dhammo = because they their own specific characters, they are named the dhamma. This being so, since all the paramattha dhammas bear their own specific characters (= the characters), they should be taken as a single "dhammâ-yatana." A question would then arise as to why it is expatiated as 12 âyatanas but treating each separately. The answer follows.

This âyatana desana is exhorted to clearly differentiate the doors and object of

the six kinds of *viññânakâya* (tactile cognition). Since there are six *dvâra*s and six *ârammana âyatanas*, it was expounded as 12 *âyatanas* instead of a single *dhammâyatana*.

- 1. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *cakkhuviññânavîthi* (eye consciousness process), is just the *cakkhâyatana*, and the *rûpârammana* (visible object) is the only object domain.
- 2. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *sotaviññânavîthi* (ear consciousness process), is just the *sotâyatana*, and *saddârammana* (acoustic object) is the only object domain.
- 3. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *ghânaviññânavîthi* (nose consciousness process), is just the *gandhârammana* (olfactory object) is the only object domain.
- 4. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *jivhâviññânavîthi* (tongue consciousness process), is just the *rasârammana* (taste object) is the only object domain.
- 5. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *kâyaviññânavîthi* (body consciousness process), is just the *phothabbârammana* (tactile object) is the only object domain.

Chatthasa pana bhavañgamanasañkhâto manâyatanekadesova uppattidvâram asâdhâranañca dhammâratanam ârammanti (Abhi. Ttha. 2: 43 - 44; Visuddhi 2: 113).

Bhavañgamanasañkhâtoti dvikkhattom calitvâ pavattabhavañgagamansañkhato. Calanavsena bhavañgappavattiyâ sati eva âvajjanassaâpi kâranabhûtamti katvâ vuttam "bhavañganasañkhâto. R. Uppattidvâran"ti. Asâdhârananti cakkhuviññânâdînam asâdhâranam. Satipi asâdhâranabhâve cakkhâdînam dvârabhâvena gahitattâ dhammâyatanena aggahanam datthabbam. Dvârammanabhâvehi vâ asâdhâranam sandhâya "asâdhâranan"ti vuttham (Mahâtî. 2: 173).

6. The door is the plane where all the *viññânas* (cognition), which are included in the *manoviññânavîthi*, arise and part of the *âyatana* referred to as *bhavañgacitta* arising after being vibrated twice.

(This is a translation with reference to Mahâtîkâ. According to speeches made by successive generations of teachers, the plane of formation of all the *viññânas*, included in the *manoviññânavîthi*, is just a part of the *âyatana* referred to as *bhavañgacitta* arising after

vibrating twice. According to the Subcommentary (Tîkâ), the bhavañgaclana (vibration of life-continuum), which arises after vibrating twice, is the manodvâra. Generations of teachers have said that the vibrating  $bhava\tilde{n}ga = vibration$  of life-continuum = arising completely later = bhavañgupaccheda (cessation of life-continuum) The only difference is the usage of bhavañgacalana and bhavañgupaccheda. In essence, however, note that the main  $desan\hat{a}$  is the same. The vibrating  $bhava\tilde{n}ga = bhava\tilde{n}ga$ -calana by the power of which the bhavañga distinctly arises, and âvajjana can only arise when bhavañga arises. Ãvajjana will not arise when the bhavañgacalana does not arise. With bhavañga as the cause of *âvajjana* in mind, the commentator has explained that *bhavañgacalana* (= *bhavñgupaccheda*) referred to as bhavañgamana, which is a part of âyatana, is the plane of dvâra where all the *viññâna* included in the *manoviññânavîthi* are

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formed.)

Ekadesayûpaca - Lokiyasattaviññânadhâtu manâyatanam (Visuddhi 2: 224).

It has been explained that all the seven lokiviññâdhâtu, i.e., all the lokîcitta (the object of insight knowledge) are manâyatana. Note that bhavañga citta, which is a part of manâyatana, is taken by way of ekadesayñpacâya as manâyatana, and again this bhavañgamanâyatana as the manodvâra the support of all manoviññâna.

**Dhammâyatana** — Tasampayuttâ phassâdayo sesarûpañca "dhammâyatanan" ti (Visuddhi 2: 224).

All âyatanas, except the lokîviññânadhâtu and phassa etc. of 25 mind and mental concomitants occurring in each cittakhana and cakkhâyatana etc. of the above 10 rûpâyatana, the remaining 16 sukhumarûpas are the dhammâyatanas. These dhammâyatanas are not associated either as dvâra or object with cakkhuviññâna etc. of the pañcaviññâna.

Another way of taking Manodvâra. "Ayam nâma mano manâdvâram na hotî" ti (Abhi. Tha. 1: 129).

According to this commentary, the early mana (= mind) is beneficial to the later mana (mind). Therefore, all the early mana can be taken as the causative dvâra of the later ones. With reference to this commentary all the citta called manâyatana are mano-dvâra. Taking only the bhavañga as the manodvâra is routine way. Note that all the citta as manodvâra is by way of pariyâya. (A kind of pariyâya refers to the anantara, the proximate cause).

**Dhammâyatana also is a pariyâya**. Rûpâyatana etc. are usually (customarily) referred to as rûpâyatana. Dhammâyatana and dhammâramana, however, are slightly different. As mentioned under *Dhammâyatana* (see earlier pages of this vol.), pasâda-rûpa (clear sensitivity), sukhumarûpa (subtle forms), mind, mental concomitant, nibbâna and paññatti (concept) are included in the phenomena called dhammârammana. Exhorta-tion has been made to selectively include the object of insight knowledge in the *dhammâ-yatana*. But nibbâna and paññatti cannot be included. The five clear sensitivity, which have been specially designated as cakkhâyatana etc., cannot be included in the dhammâ-yatana. Because all the *lokicitta*s have been given a special name *manâyatana*, they are not included in the dhammâyatana. Therefore, it must be noted that designating dham-mâyatana as dhammârammana — the six dvârayatana, the six ârammanâyatana — differentiating 12 âyatanas is because of a kind of pariyâya (conditioned cause). (The âyatana desanâ was expounded for rûpasammûlâ and majjimarûci individuals. See section on Rûpakammatthâna).

[Special Note. Among the 16 subtle forms named *dhammâyata* is also included the very important *hadayavatthurûpa* (heart-based corporeality, which also is the *dhammâyatana*. This is a factor very important in concentrating on the 12 *âyatana* objects and the 18 element objects.]

Again, the six doors, the six objects and the six concepts, developed dependent upon the six objects of concentration, together come to 18 in all — the six each of the doors, the objects and the concepts. It should be noted that, as described in

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dhammâyatana, the dhammadhâtu is called dhammârammana.

#### CULTURING RÛPA — NÂMA BY WAY OF 18 ELEMENTS

In section on  $R\hat{u}pakammatth\hat{a}na$ , the  $cakkhudv\hat{a}ra = 54$  kinds of visual sense (the eye), the true  $r\hat{u}pa$ s have been described in tables. Among these 54

- (A) 1. Clear sensitivity is the visual element, but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. Rûpârammana (visible object base) is the rûpa element.
  - 3. Depending on the *cakkhudhâtu*, and taking the *rûpadhâtu* as the object, there arises the mind which is the *cakkhuvññânadhâtu*.
- (B) 1. *Sotapasâda* (clear sensitivity of ear) is the *sotadhâtu* (sound element), but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. *Saddârammana* is the *saddâdhâtu*
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending on and taking *saddahâtu* as the object, is the *sotaviññânadhâtu*.
- (C) 1. *Ghânâpasâda* (nose clear sensitivity) is the *gânadhâtu* (the scent element), but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. *Gandârammana* is the *gandadhâtu*.
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending on *ghânadhâtu* and taking the *gandârammana* as the object, is the *ghânaviññânadhâtu*.
- (D) 1. *Jivhâpasâda* (tongue clear sensitivity) is the *jivâdhâtu* (the scent element), but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. Rasârammana (taste object) is the rasadhâtu.
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending on *jivhâdhâtu* and taking *jivhârammana* as the object, is the *jivhâviññânadhâtu*.
- (E) 1. *Kâyapasâda* (clear sensitivity of body) is the *kâyadhâtu* (the body element), but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. *Pholabbârammana* (tactile object) is the pholabbadhâtu (tangible element).
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending on *kâyadhâtu* and taking *pholabba* as the object, is the *kâyaviññânadhâtu*.
- (F) 1. Pañcadvâvajjana sampatichannadve is the manodhâtu.
  - 2. The 52 *cetasika* (mental concomitants) and 16 *sukhumarûpa* (subtle material forms) are the *dhammadhâtu*.
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending *manodhâtu* and taking *dhammadhâtu* as the object, is the *manoviññânadhâtu*.

[Note. As a good man the *manoviññânadhâtu*, which can acquired at a *tihita* (3-rooted condition) worldling stage, in your life-continuum are of the following kinds:

1. Akusalacitta (karmically unwholesome consciousness)	12
2. Santîranacitta (investigating consciousness)	3
3. Manodvâravajjana (advertence)	1
4. <i>Mahâkusalacitta</i> (great, wholesome consciousness)	8

5. *Mahâvipâkacitta* (result of great deed)

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6. *Rûpâvacarajana* (*kusala*) (fine material sphere consciousness) 4 (*catukka* method) They all come to a total of 36 kinds.

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If raised to *rûpâvacara* (world of forms) by way of *pañcaka* (five-fold), there will be 37 kinds of *viññânadhatu* (consciousness element). If all the eight *samâpatti* (sustained deep mental absorption) have been acquired, there will be 40 or 41 *viññânadhâtu*.]

In this way the various *dhâtu* (elements) are discerned to attain the visual knowledge of their ultimate truth:

- 1. Cakkhudhâtu, rûpadhâtu, cakkhuviññânadhâtu,
- 2. Sotadhâtu, saddadhâtu, sotaviññânadhâtu,
- 3. Ghânadhâtu, gandhadhâtu, ghânaviññânadhâtu,
- 4. Jivhâdhâtu, rasadhâtu, jivhâviññânadhâtu,
- 5. Kâyadhâtu, pholabbadhâtu, kâyaviññânadhâtu,
- 6. *Manodhâtu, dhammadhâtu, manoviññânadhâtu*. (Note that it is not citation *kammatthâna*).

#### DISCERN THE RÛPA - NÂMA

When you are able to concentrate on and take up the rûpa and nâma by your knowledge as

- 1. Cakkhudhâtu, rûpadhâtu, sotadhâtu, saddâdhâtu, ghânadhâtu, gandhadhâtu, jivhâdhâtu, the 16 sukhumarûpa (a part of dhammadhâtu), called the dhammadhâtu, are the rûpadhammas.
- 2. *Cakkhuviññânadhâtu, sotaviññânadhâtu ----- manoviññânadhâtu*, the (52) mind and mental concomitants, called the *dhammadhâtu*s, are the *nâmadhamma*.

In this way take up and discern the *rûpa* and *nâma dhammas* (*Visuddhi* 2: 224).

## DISCERNING RÛPA - NÂMA BY WAY OF 12 ÂYATANAS

- A 1. Cakkhupasâda is the cakhâyatana.
  - 2. Rûpârammana is the rûpâyatana.
- B 1. *Sotapasâda* is the *sotâyatana*.
  - 2. *Saddârammana* is the *saddâyatana*.
- C. 1. *Ghanapasâda* is the *ghânâyatana*.
  - 2. *Gadhâyatana* is the *gandhâyatana*.
- D. 1. Jivhârammana is the jivhâyatana.
  - 2. Rasârammana is the rasâyatana.
- E. 1. *Kâyapasâda* is the *kâyâyatana*.
  - 2. Pholabbâyatana is the pholabbâyatana.
- F. 1. The seven *lokâviññâdhâtu* is the *manâyatana*.
  - 2. the 52 mind and mental concomitants, the *dhammârammana* called the 16 subtle material forms are the *dhammâyatana*.

The *cakkhâyatana-rñpâyatana*, the *sotâyatana-saddâyatana*, the *ghânâyatana-gandhâyatana*, the *jivhâyatana-rasâyatana*, the *kâyâyatana-pholabbâyatana*, the *dhammâyatana*, called the 16 subtle material forms, are all *rûpadhamma*.

The *manâyatana* and *dhammâyatan* (called the 52 *cetasika*) are all *nâmadham-ma*.

In this way concentrate on the *rûpa-nâma* and discern the *rûpa-nâma* (*Visuddhi* 2: 224 - 225).

Here too it is important that the *kammatthâna* is not a citation. One has to understand that the instruction is made to concentrate on these *âyatana*s as object to attain the ultimate truth via perfect knowledge (insight knowledge). The method is to combine the 18 *dhâtus* and the 12 *âyatana*s and to discern on the sum total of these. The discernment analytically of these into finer details is given in Mûlapannasa Commentary as follows. They are the ways of discerning the four *âyatana*s and the four *dhâtus* that arise at every *vîthicittakhana* (mental process moment) along the course of *cittaniyâma* (mental certainty).

#### A WAY OF DISCERNING DHÂTU — ÂYATANA

Tatthâ cakkhu cakkhâyatanam, rûpam rûpâyatanam, dassanam manâyatana vedanâdayo sampayuttadhammâ dhammâyatanam. Evametesam catunnam âyatanânam samavâye âlokanavilokanam paññâyati. Tattha ko eko âloketi, ko viloketi. Tathâ cakkhu cakkhu-dhâtu, rûpam rûpadhâtu, dassanam cakkhuviññânadhâtu, tamsampayuttâ vedanâdayo dhammadhâtu. Evametâsam cakkhunnam dhâtunam samavâye âlokanavikkanam paññâyati. Tatthako eko âloketi, ko viloketi (Ma-Ttha. 1: 268).

If the following four *âyatana*s happen to come together there occurs the state of looking straight and looking askance.

- 1. Eye clear element is the eye base
- 2. Visible object is the visible object base
- 3. Visualizing visual concept is the mind base
- 4. The associated mind and mental concomitant *sampayutta dhamma* groups, such as *phassa-vedanâ-saññâ-cetanâ-ekaggatâ-jîvita-manasikâra*, are the *dhammâ-yatana* (mental object base).

Now who would see this way? Which living being would look straight forward or askance? (It means there is neither straight forward looking nor looking askance ones). A similarly situation holds true for the following.

- 1. *Cakkhupasâda* (the eye sensitivity) is the *cakkhudhâtu* (the element of vision)
- 2. Rûpârammana (the visible object base) is the rûpadhâtu (the mental element).
- 3. Realizing *cakkhuviññâna* (the eye consciousness) is the *cakkhuviññânadhâtu* (the eye consciousness element).
- 4. The associated mental concomitants, such as *phassa* etc., the *phassasampayutta-dhamma* (associated tangible factors) are *dhammadhâtu* (mind element). (*Ma.Ttha.*1: 261).

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The opening of these documentaries explained in such a way that the manifestations become vividly materialized using the *upalakkhanâ* and *nidassana* methods.

Now you good man, discern the *nâmakammatthâna* tables again. Pay attention to them as the object of concentration. Pay attention on the corporeality and mentality once

again. In the above commentary it is explained that the four *âyatana*s and the four *dhâtu*s are realized as the rûpârammana at the instance of the cittaviññâna (mental consciousness) cittakkhana (thought moment).

The mental consciousness cannot arise without pañcadvâravajjana (apprehension through the five sense doors) arising before it. If it is the *cakkhuviññâna* (eye consciousness), a series of thought processes do not halt during the interval of cakkhuviññâna, or of sampaticchana, nor santîrana. It will continue at least up to vuttho (determining consciousness). Even then, the *ârammana* has to be weak *parittârammana* for it to halt the mental processes and come to a bhavañga (rapt.). If the ârammana (the object) is the mahantarâramma, it is usual to continue up to the attainment of jo (impulsion), if atirâm mana up to tadârammana (registering).

Therefore at a consciousness moment of cakkhuviññâna, the four âyatanas and the four dhâtus are formed, so also at the pañcadvâravajjana, sampticchana, santîrana, uttho, tadârammana etc., there are four âyatanas and four dhâtus respectively. A few examples will be cited here. At each thought moment, there will be four *âyatana*s and four *dhâtu*s respectively, where –

- 1. Supporting heart-based corporeality is the *dhammâyatana* (mental object).
- 2. Rûpârammana (visible object) is the rûpâyatana (visible object base).
- 3. Pañcadvârâvajjana citta (conscious mind through the five sense doors) is the manâyatana (mind-based sense).
- 4. The associated mental concomitant sampayutta (association) groups are dhammâ*yatana* (mental base).
- 1. The supporting heart-based corporeality is the *dhammadhâtu*.
- 2. The visible object is the *dhammadhâtu*.
- 3. The *pañcadvârâvajjana citta* is the *manodhâma*.
- 4. The associated mental concomitant *sampayutta* groups are *dhammadhâtu*.

However, the heart-based corporeality and associated mental concomitant dhamma groups are both the *dhammadhâtu*. If such similar *dhammas* are combined, there will be three *âyatana*s and three *dhâtus*. Note that this hold true for the remaining thought processes (vîthicitta). Whether small or large in numbers, all the associated mental concomitant sampayutta dhammas are the dhammayatana and dhammadhatu only.

There still remain some distinct cases. For example, though *sampaticchana* is named manâyatana (the mental object base), but as an element it is manodhâtu (the mental element). It is not nominated as manoviññânadhâtu. Note that the remaining thought processes are manoâyatana as well as manoviññânadhâtu. For those still with immature knowledge the jocittakhana (moment of consciousness impulsion), which includes nâmadhamma, is given as an illustration.

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In each and every jocittakhanâ (character of consciousness impulsion), understand the four *âyatana* 

- 1. The supporting heart-base corporeality is the *dhammâyatana* (= *dhammadhâtu*).
- 2. The *rûpârammana* is the *rûpâyatana*.
- 3. The kusalajoviññâna (meritorious consciousness impulsion) is the manâyatana (= manoviññânadhâtu).
- 4. The associated mental concomitant, the (33) association dhamma groups are the dhammâyatana (= dhammadhâtu).

In other words, if the heart-base corporeality and mental concomitant *dhamma* are combined as they have similar âtatana, there will be three *âyatana*s and three *dhâtus*. In this way concentrate on the four *âyatana*s and the four *dhâtus* at every thought process moment. Discern on all the good and bad groups in accordance with process series. Contemplate covering all the six lines. Concentrate on row after row given in the *Ñâmakammattha* tables. When one is able to also discern *patisandhe-bhavañga-cuti*, continue in a similar way as above.

If one wants to discern another way, after successfully concentrating on the four *âyatan*s and the four *dhatu*s at every thought moment as mentioned above, one may culture the whole row through and through. Lest use see the first row (good group table) of line showing the *rûpârammana* of the good group table. Here, there are *pañcadvârâvajjana*, *cakkhuviññâna*, *sampticchana*, *santîrana*, *vuttho*, seven impulsions, two *tadârammana* manodvârâvajjana, seven impulsions, two *tadârâmmana* respectively. The at every thought process moment, discern as given below.

- 1. The supporting heart base corporeality as object concentrate as *dhammâyatana*, *cakkhâyatana*, *dhammâyatana*, *dhammâyatana* .....
- 2. Taking rûpârammana as object concentrate as *rûpâvatana*, *rûpâvatana*, .....
- 3. Taking each consciousne mind as object collect as manâyatana, manâyatana.
- 4. Taking the associated mental concomitant *sampayutta dhamma* groups as object, concentrate as *dhammâyatana*, *dhammâyatana*.

In this way collect each row four times.

In supporting corporeality, all the *cakkhuviññâna dhamma* groups are upon *cakkhuvutthurûpa* (visual corporeality). All the remaining thought processes arise dependent upon the heart base corporeality called the *dhammâyatana* and *dhamma-dhâtu*. So note that in the supporting corporeality, the *dhammâyatana*s are for the remaining thought processes, and the *cakkâyatana* is for the *cakkhuviññâna*. In continuation, a hint on collection by the 18 *dhâtu* way will be described.

- 1. Taking the supporting corporeality as the only object discern as *dhammadhâtu*, *dhammadhâtu*, *dhammadhâtu*, *dhammadhâtu* ....
- 2. The *ârâmmanarûpa* only is taken as the object and discern as *rûpadhâtu*, *rûpa-dhâru* ....
- 3. Taking each conscious mind as the object discern as *manodhâtu*, *cakkhuviññâna-dhâtu*, *manodhâtu*, *manoviññânadhâtu*.

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4. The associated mental concomitant *sampayutta dhamma* groups are taken as the object and discerned as *dhammadhâtu*, *dhammadhâtu* .....

The above 1 - 4 belong to the eye door thought process and mind door thought process.

The pañcadvârâvajjana and samptaticchana are the manodhâtu, cakkhuviññâna is the cakkhuviññâna dhâtu, and the remaining thought processes are the cakkhuviññâna dhâtu. In contemplating on the cetasika, each is taken with reference to its associated cetasika arising at each thought moment, and collectively taken as the dhammâyatana or the dhammadhâtu.

Collect all the bad and good groups in each row in the line showing *rûpârammana*. Discern in the *saddârammana*, etc. in a similar way. In this method the discernment on both *âyatana* and *dhâtu* phenomena are the same.

Reside singly in arañña (in the forest), rukkhâmûla (under a tree), suññâgâra (in a quiet place) happily, as the Lord has instructed. With the mind set at the nibbana with appamâdadhamma (mindfulness) called the vigilance on the object rûpanâmadhamma sañkhâra, a vigorous concentration is to be made with unvielding zest and zeal.

Now collection of the five-fold corporeality will be described. To begin with, khandhâ (corporeality) and upâdânakkhandhâ (the five clinging aggregate) will be presented.

#### EXTRACTS FROM KHANDHÂ-SUTTANA

Pañca bhikkhave khandhe dassanâni pañcuppâdânakkhandhe ca, tam sunâthe ca bhikkhave pañcakkhandhâ?

- 1. Yam kiñci bhikkhave rûpam atîtâgatapaccuppannam vâ ijjhattam vâ bhahiddhâ vâ olârika vâ sukhumm vâ hînam vâ panîdam vâ yam dûre vâ santiike vâ ayam vuccati rûpakkhandho
- 2. Yam kiñci vedanâ R.
- 3. Yâ kiñci saññâ R.
- 4. Ye keci sañkhâra R.
- 5. Yam kiñci viññânam atîtânagata paccuppannam vâ bhahiddhâ vâ olârika vâ sukhumm vâ hînam vâ panîdam vâ yam dûre vâ santiike vâ ayam vuccati rûpakkhandho. Ime vuccanti bhikkhave pañcakkhandhâ.

## Katame ca bhikkhave pañcuppandhânakkhandhâ

- 1. Yam kiñci viññânam atîtânagata paccuppannam vâ bhahiddhâ vâ olârika vâ sukhumm vâ hînam vâ panîdam vâ yam dûre vâ santiike vâ, sâsavum upâdâniyam, ayam vuccati rûpupâdânakkhandho.
- 2. Yam kiñci vedanâ R.
- 3. Yâ kiñci saññâ R.
- 4. Ye keci sañkhâra R.
- 5. Yam kiñci viññânam atîtânagata paccuppannam vâ bhahiddhâ vâ olârika vâ sukhumm vâ hînam vâ panîdam vâ yam dûre vâ santiike vâ, sâsavum upâdâniyam, ayam vuccati viññânupâdânakkhandho. Ime vuccanti bhikkhave upâdânakkhandhâti.

Bhikkhus .... I shall now admonish to you as regard five-fold corporeality and the five-fold clinging aggregate. Now you all listen.

Bhikkhus .... What are the five-fold corporeality? Bhikkhus ....

#### There are such *dhammas* as

- 1. The *rûpa* dhamma (corporeality phenomena) of the past, future and present, all those that are internal and external, all those that are coarse and subtle, all those that are low and lofty, all those that are far (from the consciousness of the meditator) and near (close to the consciousness of the meditator). All these (11) categories of material forms are the *rûpakkhandhâ* (the aggregate of the matter or of corporeality).
- 2. R. All the vedanâ dhamma (phenomena of suffering) are the vedanakhandhâ (aggregate of sensation or feeling group).
- 3. R. All the saññâ dhamma (phenomena of perception) are the saññakkhandhâ (the aggregate of mental formation or perception group).
- 4. R. all the cetasika sankhâra dhamma (mental formation phenomena) are sankhâranakkhandhâ (aggregate of mental formation).

5. All the *viññâna dhamma* (consciousness factor) of the past, future and present, all those that are internal and external, all those that are coarse and subtle, all those that are low and lofty, all those that are far and near. All these (11) categories of are the *viññâna dhamma*. are *viññânakkhandhâ* (the aggregate of consciousness).

Bhikkhus .... These are the five-fold *khandhâs* (*Sam*. 2: 39; *Khandhâsuttana*).

Bhikkhus .... What are the five-fold *upâdânakkhandhâ*?

There are such *dhammas* as

- 6. 1. All the *rûpa* phenomena of the past, future and the present, to which are attached as "I, mine" by *tahnâ*, *ditthi* and which are the object of the four *âsava dhamma* (moral intoxicants), all those that are internal and external, all those that are coarse and subtle, all those that are low and lofty, all those that are far (from consciousness) and near (to consciousness). All these physical phenomena are the *rûpupâdânakkhandhâ* (the aggregate as the object of grasping), existing as (11) categories, and attached as "I, mine" by means of *tahnâ*, *ditthi*, the object of the four immoral intoxicants.
- 2. R. All the *vedanâ dhamma* are the *vedanupâdânakkhandhâ* (clinging to the aggregate of sensation).
- 3. R. All the *saññâ dhamma* are the *saññupâdânakkhandhâ* (clinging to the aggregate of perception).
- 4. R. All the *cetasika sañkhâra* dhammas are the *sankârupâdânakkhandhâ* (clinging to the aggregate of formation).
- 5. R. All the *viññâna dhamma* (concept phenomena) are the *viññânupâdânakkhandhâ* (clinging to the aggregate of sensation) (*Sam.*-2:39, *Khandha-suttana*)

## KHANDHÂ AND UPÂDÂNAKKHANDHÂ (THE AGGREGATES AND THE AGGREGATES AS OBJECT OF CLINGING)

Chatthe rûpakkhandho kâmâvacaro, cattâro khandhâ catubhûmakâ. R. Idhâpi rûpakkhandho kâmâvacaro, avasesâ tebhûmakâ vipassanâcâravasena vuttâ. Evmettha rûpam râsatthena khandhesu pavittham, sasavrâsatthena upâdânakkhandhesu. Vedanâdayo sâsavâpi atthi, anâsavâpi atthi. Te rasatthena sabbepi khandhesu pavitthâ, tebhûmakâ panettha sâsavatthena upâdânakkhandhesu pavitthâti (Sam.-Ttha.-2: 249).

- 1. In the five-fold *khandhâ*, *rûpakkhandhâ* is the *kâmâvacara* (the realms of sensual pleasures). The *vedanâ-saññâ-sankhâra-viññâna*, called the four-fold *nâmakkhandhâ* (the mental aggregate) are the *kâma-rûpa-arûpa-lokuttarâ* (the sensual existence-deva corporeal-formless existence), the *dhamma*s of the four *bhavana* (planes) of existence. The first *Khandhâdesanâ* was expounded to show that, whether in the mundane or supra-mundane, all the *dhamma*s that can be taken collectively as aggregates
- 2. In the *upâdânakkhandhâ*, expounded as the second *desanâ*, corporeal aggregate is the *kâmâvacara dhamma*. *Vedanâ-saññâ-sankâra-viññâna*, the four *nâmak-khandhâ*, are those *tebhûmaka dhamma*s formed in the three planes of existence as *kâma-rûpa-arûpa*. The Buddha has to again expatiate the *upâdânakkhandhâ* (the clinging aggregate) as the object of *vipassanañâna* (insight knowledge) referred to as the *vipassanacâra* (vipassanâ exercise).

For a meditator still at the three-root plane of mundane mind and mental concomitant, called the *lokuttarakhandhâ* are the *dhamma* he has not acquired yet. vipassanâbhâvanâ kammatthâna, taking the lokuttarakhandhâas the object, cannot be made by analytical knowledge. But those who have acquired the *lokuttara dhamma* can. The lokuttara mind and mental concomitant, however, the sañkhata (results produced by specific action) dhamma too. With reference to —

Tînimâni bhikhave sañkhatassa sañkhatalakkhanâni. Katamâ tîni, uppâdo paññâyatti, vayopañâvati, tthitassa aññatthattam paññâvati (Am. 1: 150).

the sañkhata suttana desanâ, formation-static-dissolution = upâdâ-tthî-bhañga, there are definitely three sañkhata (results produced by specific action) characters. Because of these three, they are also the sañkhata dhammas. They are the dhammas dependent upon the phenomena of anicca, dukkha and anatta of the sañkhata dhamma — arising only when supported by the forceful object of upanissaya property of insight knowledge called dhammaditthi. Also when supported by the force of arammana paccaya (the object condition) of asañkhata dhâtu (the unconditioned and absolute element) only can these dhammas arise. They are the sañkhâra dhammas too. Therefore, it is true that they are the anicca, dukkha and anatta dhammas.

Although these lokuttarâ citta-cetasika (the supra-mundane mind and mental concomitants) are the sañkata and sañkhâra dhammas included in the anicca-dukkha-anatta dhamma groups, the magga dhammas (the Path factors) are those that relieve one from the suffering of the rounds of rebirth = the good *niyânika* (leading to salvation)

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dhammas. The phala (Fruit) dhammas are also the good causes definitely leading to enjoyment of the santisukha of the nibbana = the great peacefulness. Therefore the discernment on these lokuttarâ citta and cetasika by vipassanâ as anicca-dukkha-anatta are not meant to become wearied of worldly life by nibbinda ñâna (knowledge of tedium) But when the vipassanâ exercise is made taking as object only on the *lokî citta-cetasika-rûpa*, recognized as the causes for suffering of the sansâric circus, then the nature of citta-cetasika will vividly be understood. Then the *nibbinda ñâna*, which become entirely tedious of the five-fold *upâdânakkhandhâ*, referred to as the suffering of the *sansâr*ic circus, will arise. That is why only the lokî khandhâs (mundane aggrgate) taken as object in exercising vipassanâkammatthâna. With a view to contemplate in this way. the Buddha has to admonish *upâdânakkhandhâ desanâ* solely of the *lokî khandhâs*.

Since the *rûpa dhamma* means aggregate, it is also included in the *khandhâ*s. It also bears the meaning of aggregate as the object of *âsava* (canker, fetter) *dhammas*, hence it is included in the *upâdânakkhandhâ*s too.

The four-fold nâma khandhâs, such as vedanâ (feeling) etc., are the khandhâs that are the object of the *âsava dhammas*. There are those *khandhâs* which are not the object of the âsava dhammas. The lokî citta-cetasika included in this four-fold khandhâs are the object of *âsava dhammas*, but *lokuttarâ citta-cetasika* are not.

Included in the three planes of life, kâma-rûpa-arûpa, are the lokî citta-cetasikavedanâ-saññâ-sañkhâra-viññâna. These are included in upâdânakkhandhâ because it bears the meaning of being the object of *âsava dhammas*.

The of the *lokî citta-cetasika-rûpa* included in the three planes of life —

- 1. The 28 species of *rûpa* are *rûpupâdânakkhandhâ*.
- 2. *Vedanâcetasika* is the *vedanupâdânakkhandhâ*.
- 3. *Saññâcetasika* is the *saññûpânakkhandhâ*.
- 4. The remaining (50) cetasikas are all vedanupâdhânakkhandhâ.

[N.B. To make it easier, the five-fold upâdânakkhandhâ are sometimes expressed as the *rûpakkhandhâ*, *vedanâ-kkhandhâ*, *sañhâ-kkhandhâ*, *sañkhârakkhandhâ* and *viññânakkhandhâ*, or *rûpa-vedanâ-saññâ*, *sañkhâra-viññâna* respectively. When you come acroos such usage, note that they all refer to the *upâdânakkhandhâ*s, the object of vipassanâ meditation. In the *viññânakkhandhâ* is mentioned *lokîcitta*. These *lokîcittas*, however, refer only to those that can arise in one's *santânas* (life continuum). Note also that the cetasika refers to those associated with the corresponding *cittas*.]

#### DISCERN NÂMA-RÛPA SEPARATELY

Iti rûpakkhandho rûpam, cattâro arûpno khandhâ nâmanti evameko pañcakkhandhavasena nâmarûpam vavatthapeti (Visuddhi 2: 225).

Discern rûpa and nâma separately as "rûpadhamma and nâmadhamma as follows

- 1. Rûpakkhandhâ is the rûpadhamma.
- 2. The four-fold *nâma khandhâ* is the *nâmadhamma*

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This is the way the  $r\hat{u}pa-n\hat{a}ma$  are discerned by method of the five-fold  $khandh\hat{a}s$ . This is the way all the  $r\hat{u}padhammas$  and  $lok\hat{i}$   $n\hat{a}ma$   $khandh\hat{a}s$  are collectively concentrated upon.

- 1.  $Arûpasammûlh\hat{a}$  = he who lacks clear consciousness on the  $n\hat{a}madhamma$ .
- 2. Samkhittaruci = he who enjoys any thing concise.
- 3. Tikkhapaññava = intelligent and sharp-minded person

With reference to the above three kinds of person, the Buddha has to expound the vipassanâ meditation by method of *khandhâ desanâ*.

Discerning collectively in this way can be accomplished only by sharp-minded person. The following meditation method is given for slow-minded persons.

## DISCERNING IN DETAIL — THE FIVE-FOLD KHANDHÂ METHOD

Ittha hi cakkhu ceva rûpañca rûpakkhandho, dassanam viññânâ-kkhandho, tam-sampayuuta vedanâ vedanâ-kkhandho, saññâ saññâ-kkhandho, phassâdikâ sañkhârakkhando.

Evametesam pañcannam khandhânam sammavâye âlokanavilokanam paññâyati. Tattha ko eko âloketi, ko viloketi (Ma.-Ttha.-1: 267 - 268).

In the *pañcadvâravîthi* (the five-door consciousness process) at a thought moment of consciousness by way of sight, the straight visualization and visualization at a glance vividly appear when the five-fold corporeality are captured together as

- 1. The eye clear element and *rûpârammana* are the *rûpakkhanda* (aggregate of matter),
- 2. The consciousness by way of sight, having visual capability, is the aggregate of consciousness,
- 3. The *vedanâ* (suffering) associated with the aggregate of consciousness is the aggregate of sensation or feeling group.,
- 4. The perception is the aggregate of perception,
- 5. The contact etc., of the five-fold mind and mental concomitant are the aggregate

of mental formation.

Now which individual would have straight visualization and which one has glancing ability? (What it means is that there is neither any individual of straight visualization nor glancing, it is only the phenomenon of the five-fold aggregate coming together.)

As explained in many places above, the consciousness by way of sight cannot arise without the *pañcadvâravajjana* (apprehension through the five sense doors), nor *sampaticchana, santirana, vuttho*, nor impulsion if it is *mahantârammana*, nor the impulsion-tadârammana (the then object) if it is atimahntârammana. Because of this, the five-fold aggregate as the object of concentration, at the thought moment of consciousness by way of sight, has been indicated by the Commentator. Note that it is described as an instruction made via *upalakkhana* (way of distinguishing) and *nidassana* (compartive way). Therefore, the five-fold aggregate is taken as the object of meditation on consciousness by way of sight, so also is it in the following.

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- 1. The five-fold aggregate in pañcadvârâvajjana,
- 2. The five-fold aggregate in sampaticchana,
- 3. The five-fold aggregate in *santîrana*,
- 4. The five-fold aggregate in vuttho,
- 5. The five-fold aggregate in *javana* (impulsion),
- 6. The five-fold aggregate in tadârammana,

Again in *manodvâravîthi* (in *manodvâravîthi*s that follows)

- 1. The five-fold aggregate in manodvârawajjana,
- 2. The five-fold aggregate in each *javana*,
- 3. The five-fold aggregate in each tadârammanas,

Note that it is the same in cases of *sotadvâravîthi* etc.

#### A GOOD DISCIPLINE

In meditation on  $r\hat{u}pa$ - $n\hat{a}ma$  by way of the five-fold  $khandh\hat{a}$ , practice along the rows have been found to have a clearer consciousness. Refer back to the good groups along the  $r\hat{u}p\hat{a}rammana$  rows in the table of  $Kammatth\hat{a}na$ . Take cakkhu- $dv\hat{a}rav\hat{i}thi$  and  $manodv\hat{a}rav\hat{i}thi$  (eye-door thought process and mind-door thought process), influenced by  $mah\hat{a}kusala$  (great moral) impulsion, which occupy the first row of the table as an example. The concentration is made described below.

- 1. The 54 species of corporeality as object together with *rûpârammana* of each and every *cittakhana* (thought moment) in the *cakkhudvâravîthi* and *manodvâravîthi* are understood by wisdom as *rûpa*, *rûpa* .......
- 2. Every *vedanâ* (suffering) associated with each *cittakhana* are taken as object and understood by wisdom as *vedanâ*, *vedanâ* ....
- 3. Every  $sa\tilde{n}\tilde{n}\hat{a}$  (perception) associated with each *cittakhana* are taken as object and understood by wisdom as  $sa\tilde{n}\tilde{n}\hat{a}$ ,  $sa\tilde{n}\tilde{n}\hat{a}$  ....
- 4. All *cetasika*s (mental concomitants), other than *vedanâ-saññâ*, are taken together as object and understood by wisdom as *sañkhâra*, *sañkhâra* ....
- 5. Every *citta* (consciousness) associated with each *cittakhana* are taken as object and understood by wisdom as *viññâna*, *viññâna* ....

The good and bad groups in  $r\hat{u}p\hat{a}rammana$  are meditated in similar ways. Note that the same applies to those along the  $sadd\hat{a}rammana$  (sound base).

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#### WHAT TO CONCENTRATE UPON WHEN UNDERSTOOD

If you have successfully practiced up to stage mentioned above, you should be able to answer the question. If not, the answer follows.

At every thought moment of *manodvâravîthi*, that continue taking as object *cakkhudvâravîthi rûpârammana* that appears while discerning on the *rûpârammana*, the ultimate truth and *dhâtu* essence of the *rûpa-nâma* should be understood by wisdom as follows.

- 1. **Four each of âyatana** according to âyatana desanâ ways.
- 2. **Four each of** *dhâtu* according to *dhâtu desanâ* ways.
- 3. **Five each of khandhâ** according to khandhâ desanâ ways.

Now this is the answer to the above query. This answer is just made referring to  $n\hat{a}ma$ - $r\hat{u}papariccheda~\hat{n}\hat{a}na$  (insight knowledge of mind and matter) = ditthivisuddhi (purification of views).

Suppose you have come up to *paccayapariggaha ñâna* (knowledge of discerning the cause and result), you must discern the cause and result at every thought moment. (This will be appreciated well in section on Paticcasamppâda).

A meditator ultimate reality of every individual of the ultimate element of the five-fold aggregate, by way of *lakkhana-rasa-paccupatthâna-padatthâna*, at individual thought moment of the *cakkhudvâravîthi* and *manodvâravîthi*, when he has come up to Lakkhanâdicatukka. (This will be clear in section on Lakkhanâdicatukka).

Again, if the meditator has attained the stage of *viappsanâ* he will have to concentrate on the three general characters, *anicca-dukkha-anatta*, of the *khandhâ*, *âyatana* and *dhâtu*, which are present at every thought moment of the *cakkhudvâravîthi* and *manodvâravîthi*. (This will be clear in section on Vipassanâ). It is the same in the case of concentration on sound.

All these are instructions of the Pâli-Atthakathâ-Tîkâ indicating how, when and what to discern regarding the *paramatta* elements while at seeing and hearing stages.

For the meditators who are searching for the true *dhammas* of the Buddha the Sabbaññuta Sammâsambuddha, those who are willing to penetratively understand, even in this existence, *asankhatadhâtu*, the element of peacefulness leading to the Path and the Fruit, those who are eager to be delivered from the *apâya* (miserable existences), those who are willing to be relieved entirely of the miserable ageing, death and decay, these are

the instructions to take to heart, follow carefully and obediently.

#### HE WHO DEFIES ABHIDHAMMÂ

Abhidhammam patibâhunto imassamin jinacakke pahâram deti, sabbaññutaññânam patibâhati, satthu vesârijjañânam patinivatteti, sotumâkam parisam visamvâdeti, ariyamagge âvaranam bandhati. Atthârasasu bhedakaravatthusu ekassamin sandissati, ukkhepanîyakammakijjanîyakammâraho hoti. Tam tam lammam katvâ uyojetabbo "gaccha vighâsâdo hutvâ jîvissatî"ti (Abhi.-Ttha.-1: 30).

The above descriptions in the Atthakathâ are a warning to those who deny that the Abhidhammâ is not admonished by the Buddha, and to those who are under the impression that the *vipassanâ* exercise need not be made on the ultimate truth of *rûpa* and *nâma*, called the khandhâ, âyatana and dhâtu, as instructed in the Abhidhammâ. What it really means is as follows.

One who rejects the fact that Abhidhammâ is Buddha's expatiation and hinders it, and that the rûpa and nâma, called the truth of khandhâ, âyatana, and dhâtu, that have been expounded in the Abhidhammâ should not and need not be meditated, is in fact hindering and deviating from the Buddha's noble sâsanâ. He is preventing the Buddha's sabbaññnuta ñâna knowledge of Omniscience. He lets down the Buddha's brave vesârajja ñâna (the brave knowledge of perfect self-confidence). He misleads those who are willing to listen to and practice the Abhidhamma dhamma (= rûpa-nâma in Abhi-dhammâ are not concerned with sâvakas but are for Sabbaññ Sammâsambuddha and the Arahants—those who are willing to listen to the Abhidhammâ are misled in this way to an erroneous concept). It is the same as blocking the Path leading attain nobleness; it is one of distinct the factors that causes that brought about dissention among the Sanghâ

called *bhedakara* (causing disunion in the Sanghâ).

That *Mahâthera* should neglected from daily affairs by the Sanghâ and to relieve him from the Buddhist order = an act of *upakkhepaniyakam*. He should be censured by Sanghâ by way of tajjniyakam. [What it means is: the argument that Buddhabhâsita (Buddha's utterances) Abhidhamma is not the Buddhabhâsita is referred to as vivâda (contention). "The Buddha Abhidhammâ would not bestow any benefit on human beings, the sâvakas cannot meditate on the ultimate truth of the *rûpa* and *nâma*, how could any one concen-trate on these hundreds of millions of *nâma dhamma*s which would have arisen and perished away within a blinking moment." The demerit of the Abhidhamma are again indicated in this way. Now the argument on the Abhidhammâ from negative side means committing dhamma avannabhâsana (speaking bad of

dhamma). The *ukkhepaniyakam* as well as *tajjaniya* action should be taken on him.].

By taking these actions he should be sent off ordering him "Eater of others' remainder—Make your living as a pauper." (Abhi.-Tha.-1: 30).

Gentlemen, if you are willing to attain nibbana, be careful not criticize the Abhidhamma without reason and be obedient to the warnings contained in the above Atthakathâ.

#### THE FOUR-FOLD VESÂRAJJA ÑÂNA

Bhikkhûs .... The Buddha's brave knowledge called *vesârajja ñâna* are of four-fold. The Lord fully endowed with these vesârajja ñânas has declared himself to be the highest and possessed of sabbaññuta ñâna. He possesses self-confidence in preaching of the way leading to salvation to the people. He sets into Motion the Wheel of Truth.

These four are as follows.

1. The Buddha who declares himself to have penetratively realized, without any one's help, by *sayambhû ñâna* (self-dependent knowledge) and to be the Sammâsambuddha (the perfectly enlightened one), said "I have acquired peace

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and tranquility, freedom and bravery, because no one, be a *sâmana*, a *byamana*, a *devâ*, a *mâra*, in this world can argue as there still are *dhammas* that I have not realized."

- 2. To the Buddha, who has declared himself to be a *khinâsava* (one whose mind is free from the mental obsessions), in whom all the *âsava dhammas* have been extinguished = an *Arahant*, it has been asserted as "such and such *âsava* still remained to be extinguished." I have not come across any *nimitta* (sign), in either *samana*, or *byamana*, or *deva*, or *mâra* or any one in this world, who could have the right reason to indicate so. For this reason I have attained the peace and tranquility, freedom and bravery.
- 3. "The assertion that the *dhammas* that I have admonished are impediment to *jâna-magga-phala* is, in fact, not so to those who practice these *dhammas*." I have not encountered any *nimitta* in either the *samana*, or *byamana*, or *deva*, or *mâra* or any one in this world, who could have the right reason to indicate so. For this reason I have come to acquire the peace and tranquility, freedom and bravery.
- 4. "The indications that the *dhammas* that I have given for purpose of cessation of the suffering from the rounds of rebirth, in fact, cannot afford deliverance to any one practicing on these *dhammas*." I have not encountered any *nimitta* in either the *samana*, or *byamana*, or *deva*, or *mâra* or any one in this world, who could have the right reason to indicate so. For this reason I have come to acquire the peace and tranquility, freedom and bravery.

Bikkhus ---- These are the 4-fold *vesârajja nanas* causing bravery. The Buddha, endowed with these *vesârajja nanas* and admitting to possess *sabbaññuta ñâna*, delivered the *dhamma*s bravely and set the wheel of *dhamma* into motion (*Am.*-1: 315. *Vesârajja-Suttana*).

Of these four-fold  $ves \hat{a}rajja \, \tilde{n}\hat{a}na$ , pay a careful attention to the fourth  $ves \hat{a}rajja \, \tilde{n}\hat{a}na$ . As has been repeatedly explained previously—in Salâyatanavagga Samyutta Pâli Aparijânana-Suttana that if the  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$  dhamma not completely understood analytically by means of the 3-fold pariñña paññâ to attain the magga and phala, there is no way of liberating from the suffering of sansâric circus (Sam.-2: 249 – 250).

The eight noble *dhammas*, called pubbbhâga satipatthâna magga preceding the *ariya magga* (the Noble Path) have to be meditated, by the three-fold *pariñâ pañâ* to analytically realize the *rûpa* and *nâma* so as to attain *magga* and *phala*. The 8-fold magga, the noble practice, are the *niyyânika dhammas* (sanctifying factors) leading to salvation. In other words, if these 8-fold *magga dhammas* are practiced step by step, the *rûpa* and *nâma* are analytically realized by the 3-fold *pariñña paññâ* to have attained the *magga* and *phala*. Such a realization itself is the *niyyânika dhamma* delivering one from the suffering of sansâric circus (the rounds of rebirth).

Suppose you are under the impression that "the  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$  given in the Abhi-dhammâ are not to be concentrated, but such and such phenomena, other than  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$ , are to be concentrated in such and such a way." With reference to such a person the Atthasâlini Atthakathâ Sayâdaw given an explanation.

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"An individual who hinders the Abhidhammâ is infact defying the noble dhamma called Buddha sasanâ. He is reproving the sabbaññuta ñâna of the Buddha. He is letting down the Buddha's very brave *vesârajja nana*. He is misleading those gentle persons who are willing to listen to and to practice the good *dhamma*." (*Abhi.-Ttha.-*1: 30).

#### Even a learned can err sometime.

#### THE ITTHÂRAMMANA-ANITTHÂRAMMANA CONCEPT

1. Samâsana Vâda (Theory of Similar Concept)

To begin with, similar statements made by honorable teachers, called the Samâsana vâda, is be presented.

The *ârammana* (the object) that is unpleasant and should not be sought (*rûpa-vedanâ*saññâ-sankhâra) is the anitthârammana. Whoever seeks that ârammana, in fact, it is the ârammana that should not be concentrated upon. It is the kind of ârammana that is not acceptable, unglamorous, not to be taken to heart, that is not conducive to kusala citta (meritorious mind).

In fact, it is completeness = far from pleasantness and hence an unpleasant *âram*mana that should not be accepted nor sought after. [The Sampatti here refers to sampatti bhava (blissful life) of sentient beings and devâs.]

In fact, the anitthârammana (physically), among the kamma-produced corpo-reality, are the results of karmically unwholesome deeds. (These are the vipâka nâma groups that have arisen from the akusala kamma of nâma dhamma).

Because it not the cause for the sukhavedanâ, this ârammana should not be acceptable. Because it is not the true cause for the *sukhavedanâ* in the kind of *citta* that is not conducive to mental faculty.

In this mind-produced corporeality, the five-fold *ârammana karmaguna* (5-fold craving) produced by akusala kamma are all anitthârammana. There is not such a thing as anitthârammana in kamma-produced corporeality arising from kusala kamma. All the kamma-produced corporeality following the kusala kamma are the itthârammana (Abhi.-Ttha.-2: 8-9).

The arising of the *kamma*-produced *ittha-anittha* is related to the sentient being bringing about that *kamma*-produced corporeality. If a living being has cultivated *akusala* kamma, then it will encounter an anittârammana kamma-produced corporeality. If it is the kusala kamma that is cultivated, an itthârammana kamma-produced corporeality will be the result in due course. Tasmâ kammajanam itthanitthatâ kamma-kârakasatthassa vasena yojanârahâ siya. (Mûlatî.-2: 8).

The explanations given by this Atthakathâ-tîkâ are a priceless medicine for a gentle man. The encounter of various unpleasant *anitthârammana* is the result of the cultivation of *akusala kamma* in the past. One should not grumble by various sorts reasons as "It is because of something that it has occurred. If so, then you are committing a great blunder referred to as *ayoniso manasikara* (a purposeless attention).

When the *kusala kamma* is still in force, then that *kamma* will always be creating encounters with discontent *ârammana* and the discontent sentient beings. Whenever the anitthârammana are encountered, and if they can be taken heart as "well, every body is the nmaker of his own future," then in your *santâna* (life-continuum) *yonisomanasikara* (a wise attention), the true basic causes of *kusala*, has made its appearance. If the three characters of anitthârammana are concentrated by vipassanâ until their ultimate truth is acquired, then it is a kind of *yonisomanasikara* which has attained the peak of *vipassanâ ñâna* (insight knowledge).

#### AN EXPLANATION BY MÛLATÎKÂ

The above *atthakathâ* has explained—*kusalakammajam anittham nâma natthi* = as a rule, *kamma*-produced corporeality resulting from *kusala kamma* never is an *anitthâ-rammana*. The explanation does not include *Akusalakammajam nittham nâma natthi* = as a rule, *kamma*-produced corporeality resulting from *akusala kamma* never is an *itthâ-rammana*. Because of this situation, if *akusala kamma*-produced *rûpa* happens to be pleasant (even though it is an *anitthârammana* for you who have cultivated *akuso kamma* beforehand), it may be *itthârammana* for other sentient beings. Again other teachers are of the opinion that all the *kuso kamma*-produced corporealities are *itthârammana* for both self and others.

As a continuation further explanations will be given. Some sentient beings do not appreciate nor like the human features and his appearance. Because of this dislike they would run away from his presence. In the same way humans are frightened by the appearance and features of the *devâs*. Though the humans and sentient beings are scared away, the *cakkhuviññâna* (visual perception) etc. of *vipâkaviññâna* (resultant perception) takes that corporeality as object (physical object) that has arisen in the *santâna* of these frightened beings, appear as just the *kusalavipâkaviññâna*. Similarly, in living beings scared of humans and humans scared of the *devâs*, these features as *ârammana* cannot be pleasant because they lack the power resulting from good deed. This is the opinion of the some *kecisayâs*. (The idea of *kecisayâ*'s is that all *kusala kamma*-produced corporealities are *itthâramman*. Those who do not have adequate power in their *santâna* find these not charming when they come across these *itthârammana*. As the mûlatîkâsayâdaw disagrees with these assertions, he has retorted as follows.)

The explanation of the *Atthakathâ sayâ* is that the absence of *anitthârammana* in all *kusala* the *kamma*-produced corporeality as well as the absence of the pleasant *itthârammana* in all the *akusalakamma-produced* corporeality, is an apt explanation.

Indeed, the *kamma*-produced corporeality in the *santâna* of the sentient beings, 27

like elephant etc. during the start of life, are the result of *akusala kamma* performed during a certain past existence. The encounter by humans of the *akusala kamma*-produced corporeality of these beings, such as elephant etc., are the *akusalavipâkacitta* that appear due to taking these as object in their *santâna*. (It means *Pañcaviññâna-sam-paticcha-nasantîrana-tadârammana*).

When such beings as elephant etc. has grown into adult after growing gradually, called *pavatti* (formative stage), however, after period of rebirth stage, (to become a *mangala* hsin (lucky elephant) the kuso kamma-produced corporeality have the chance to make its appearance. (The elephant, before attaining an elephant's life when akusala dhammas are cultivated to attain such a life on one hand, while on the other hand kusala meritorious deeds, such as dâna (alms-offering), were made so that both kusala and akusala are amix. If rebirth resultant occurs because akusala has acquired more chance, the kusala kamma result can also arise so that pavatti results may occur in continuation. By the power of kusala kamma, which could produce pavatti results, kusala kammaproduced corporeality in the form of a white elephant etc. may make its appearance.)

By taking as object the kusala kamma-produced corporeality of sentient beings, such elephant etc., called *itthârammana*, which have gradually grown at the time of *pavatti* period, kusalavipâkacitta can arise in humans. (Pañcaviññâna-sampaticchanasantîrana-tadârammana-citta is meant here.)

The encounter by humans of *itthârammana* is also related to their *kusala kamma*, but not to that sentient beings such as elephant etc.

Although it is true that the *kamma*-produced corporeality of sentient beings such as elephants etc. can be an object of the human kusalavipâkaviññâna, but in the santâna of the sentient beings can there be *itthârammana kamma*-derived corporeality as well as the anitthârammana kamma-derived corporeality. It means that as there can be kusala kammaderived corporeality referred to as itthârammana, so can there be the akusala- kammaproduced corporeality, called the *initthâramma*. Therefore, the *itthârammana* and anitthârammana are mingled. In such a mingled state in the elephant etc., anitthâ-rammana rûpa called the akusala kamma-produced corporeality is only a minor case in the santâna of it when maturity is attained at a time of pavatti period. The itthârammana, the kusala kammaderived corporeality (adequate enough to have attained the state of a mangalâ elephant) of the previous and present, however, is an overlapping major case. Therefore, however mingled the itthârammana of kusala kamma-produced and anitthâ-rammana of akusala kamma-produced corporealities may be, the akusala kamma-produced anitthârammana, as a minority, cannot be the real cause for arising of the many akusalvipâkacitta in the santâna of humans. Probably, it could be asserted this way. (In the santâna of elephant etc., during the time of pavatti period, only the itthâramma, which are the majority, is taken as object. In the santâna of humans, concentrating on the itthârammana, kusalavipâkacitta has the chance to arise. For this reason, *akusala kamma* produced-corporeality-*anitthârammana* cannot be the cause for the appearance of the akusalavipâkacitta in the humans. This is what the whole idea is meant). (Mûlatî-2: 8).

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## THE OUTSTANDING FRATURES OF THE TWO VÃDAS

According to the *kecivâda* the splendid material forms, arising in the sentient beings such elephants when they have gradually attained maturity, are only the anitthâ-rammana rûpa akusala kamma-produced corporeality due to their cultivation in the past of the akusalakamma.

According to Mûlatîkâsayâdaw, the patisandhe kammaja rûpa (kamma-produced rebirth phenomena) of the elephant etc. are only the akusala kamma-produced anitthârammana rûpa. It has been exsaptiated that the splendid rûpas, which appear at pavatti

period when maturity is attained, are the *kusokammajarûpas* = the *itthârammana rûpas*, which were cultivated in the past existence of these sentien beings. (That is to mean that the ugly and inferior  $r\hat{u}pas$  are the *akusalakammaja rûpas*. It is consistent with Añguttaranikâya Dassakanippâtti Jânusoni-suttana. See Am. 3: 478 – 482).

**So tattha lâbhî hotî**ti so tattha hatthiyoniyam nibbattopi mañgalahatthitthânam patvâ lâbhî hoti. (Am.-Ttha. 3: 339).

In the sant ana of elephant etc., during pavatti period, although the  $itth anamana \ r u pa = akusalakammaja \ r u pa$  and  $anitth anamana \ r u pa = akusalakammaja \ r u pa$  are intermingled, the latter are infinitesimal, but  $kusalakammaja \ r u pa$  are of considerable magnitude. Therefore, the Mulatikasayadaw is of the opinion that such an infinitesimal  $akusalakammaja \ r u pa$  cannot be the cause for the arising of akusalavipakacitta in the sant ana of sentient beings like humans. The sayadaw once again expounded as given below.

Vipâkam pana kattaco na sakka vañcetunti vipâkavasena itthânitthârammanava-vatthânam sutthu vuttam. Tasmâ tam anugantvâ sabbattha itthânitthatâ yojetabbâ. (Mûlatî- 2: 8).

Again in whichever *ârammana* it may be, the *vipâkviññâna* cannot be deceived. Because of this determination of *itthârammana* or *anitthârammana* by virtue of *vipâkaviññâna* (*Abhi.Ttha.*-2:10), as explained by Tipitakasûlâbhayathera, has been mentioned in attakthâ. Therefore, the determination *ittha* and *anittha* by power of that *vipâkaviññâna* only, the formation of *ittha* and *anittha ârammana* should be associated (Mûlatî.-2: 8).

Now this is the similarity of meaning by all the *atthakathâ sayâdaws*, the similar *attakathâ = samanavâda*.

## VITANTAVÂDÎ VÂDA SOPHISTRY

An individual who would make fallacious speech that could disheartened the men of wisdom is the vitandavâdî (a sophist). He would speak oout as

**Itthânittham** nâma pâtiyekkam pativibattam natthi, tesam tesam rûcivasena kathitam (Abhi.-Ttha.-2: 9).

There is no such a thing a the *itthârammana* and *anitthârammana* which can be analyzed individually as a single item each. Determination of an *ârammana* as either the

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*itthârammana* or the *anitthârammana* is related to individual living being's like or dislike of it (that *ârammana*). To the Great King Kosala the Buddha himself has admonished as follows.

"The Great King .... Among the five-fold *kâmaguna ârammana*, I have indicated that only the *ârammana* that is attractive and the heart's liking is the extreme determinant and is noble. The Great King .... Even that individual *ârammana*s can be a heart stimula-ting for some, but not for the others. The Great King .... A single kind of sounds, smells, tastes and touches can be the balm to the heart of some, but not to that of others." This what the Lord has expatiated in Sagâthâ-vaggakosala-samyutta Pañcarâja-suttana (Sam.-1: 80).

With reference to the method as indicated above, a single *rûpârammana*, *saddâ-rammana*, *ganfhârammana*, *pholabbârammana* etc. may be pleasant and attractive

*ârammana* for one, and cause the arising of clinging, attachment and *lobha* (greed) to that *ârammana*. To the other these *ârammana*s could cause anger, a feeling of sorrow, and hate. These *ârammana*s themselves may be the attractive, pleasing and adorable *itthârammans* for one. These may again be the disgusting, disagreeable and unadorable anitthârammanas for the other.

The same *ârammana*s are taken by optimist as pleasing and adorable, on the other hand, they displeasing unadorable for a pessimist. Therefore, there no such a thing as ittârammana separate from anitthârammana in its own entity.

In fact countrymen living in the extreme periphery paccantavâthî) of the Majjhimadesa (the Middle Region) would find even the earthworms to be *itthârammana*, attractive and adorable. For those living right inside the Majjhimadesa, however, would find these earthworms to be anitthârammana, irritable and rejectable. Again the paccan-tavâthî, the countrymen, would find the meat of peacock to be irritable, inedible and unpleasant. This is the the way of thinking of vitantavâdî with regard to itthârammana and anitthârammana (Abhi.-Ttha.-2: 9).

#### THE REPLY

In response to the idea of *vitantavâdî*, the *atthakathâ* has retored as follow.

Ask the vitantavâdî as

Do you mean there is no such a thing as itthârammana and anitthârammana in its entity to determine separately?

Suppose his answer was "âma natthi = well, no, there is not." Ask him the same question three times, and make him answer âma natthi three times admittedly. Afterwards give him a problem to see what his answer would be.

The question is "Is the Nibbâna atta or anatta"? The vitanta vâdî might answer, through knowledge of his own, indeed nibbana is the ittharammana.

He might remain silent, but in fact nibbâna is the *itthârammana*.

Some people are sensitive and become angry when the merits of the nibbana are

mentioned, and would angrily answer as follow.

Well now you are talking about the merits and goodness of the *nibbâna*. I would like to ask you if there were adequate and various kinds of eatables, flowers, perfume, essence, cosmetics, clothings and place to sleep—the five-fold kâmaguna ârammana in the nibbâna?

The answer to question put by the *vitanda vâdî* would simply be "No." If such an answer is given by sakavâdî, a person whose idea is with the framework of the sâsanâ, and in continuation the *vitanda vâdî* should be told: You would close your ears and say "No. *Alam tava nibbânena* = your nibbâna would be not advantageous."

The great noble *nibbâna dhamma* is indeed an *itthârammana*. Even though it is so, there are no five-fold *kâmaguna ârammana*s to enjoy, for which the *nibbâna* when viewed from the vitanda vâdî's standpoint comes to be known as anitthârammana.

Anitthârammana it may be for those who does not want, the great noble nibbâna dhamma should not and must not be taken as anitthârammana. A person who implied the

nibbâna to be anittha is one who possesses *viparitasaññâ* (altered perception) = wrong perception associated with the *lobha* (greed) associated with the enjoyment of the five-fold *kâmaguna ârammana*s. Because of this wrong perception, he has asserted the remark "Hold it. There is no benefit derivable from your nibbâna."

Because of changes of perception =  $vippanl\hat{a}sa$  (transposition) alteration in the perception, an  $\hat{a}rammana$  may be  $itth\hat{a}rammana$  for one who is in search of it. At the same time that  $\hat{a}rammana$  may be disagreeable and unacceptable for another (Abhi.-Ttha.-2: 9 – 10).

Now these are the assertions in atthakathâ made in response to that of the *vitanda*  $v\hat{a}d\hat{i}$ .

## SAÑÑÂVIPALLÂSA (THE CONCEPT TRANSPOSITION)

The perceptions associated with *lobha* clinging to the *kâmaguna ârammanas*, which are not the true *ittha*, and believe them to be the *ittha*, the *nibbâna dhamma* and other *ârammanas* which are wrongly taken to be the true *anitth*—the perceptions which here are said to be *viparitasaññâ* = perceptions subject to changes. That *viparitasaññâ* is again explained as *saññâvipallâsa*. Because of the *viparitasaññâ* the nibbâna, which lacks *kâmaguna ârammanas* inform of food and enjoyable substances, he simply honestly said "alam tava nibbânena = That is enough. There is no benfit in your nibbâna." The majority of the present day persons wishing for "immediate attainment of *nibbâna*" are, infact, usually have one thing in mind and another in the mind. They want to acquire the nibbâna in no time. They, however, do not practice in the right way to attain the nibbâna following the right path. Having a heart of acquiring nibbâna, though they cannot practice presently, should be said to have a great merit.

## THE THREE-FOLD VIPALLÂSA

**Vipallâsâ**ti anicca-dukkha-anatta-asubhesuyeva vatthûsu iccam sukhan attâ subha"ti evum pavatto saññâvipallâso cittavipallâso ditthivipallâso ime tayo (Visuddhi-2: 324).

In the five-fold *upâdânakkhandhâ rûpa-nâma dhamma*s, which are the true *anicca*, *dukkha*, *anatta* and *asubha*, in other words in the *dukkha-saccâ* and *samudaya-saccâ dhamma*s, there are three-fold *vippllâsas*:

- 1. Wrong perception as (a) Nicca, (b) Sukha, (c) Atta, (d) Subha = Saññâvipallâsa
- 2. Wrong notion as (a) Nicca, (b) Sukha, (c) Atta, (d) Subha = Cittavipallâsa
- 3. Wrong view as (a) Nicca, (b) Sukha, (c) Atta, (d) Subha = Ditthivipallâsa.

In this way there are three-fold *vippllâsas* as *Saññâvipallâsa*, *Cittavipallâsa*, and *Ditthivipallâsa*. There are four categories in each making it 12-fold of *vippllâsa dhammas* (Visuddhi-2: 324).

Perceptions subject to change = viparitasaññâ arise because the vippalâsa dhammas distinctly do exist from which no deliverance has been attained. Based on the viparita saññâ, the living beings wrongly perceived ittha as anittha and vice versa. They are having wrong notions and wrong perceptions and these are, indeed, the ayoniso manasikâra (the unwise attensions). There is every possibility that akusala dhammas could arise based on these ayoniso maniasikâra.

# DETERMINATION OF *IŢŢHÂRAMMANA* AND *ANIŢŢHÂRAMMANA* ACCORDING INDIVIDUALS OF MEDIOCRE LIVING BEINGS

Iţţhânitthârammanam pana pâtiyakkam vibhattam aţţhîti. Kassa vasena vibhattanti? Majjhimakasattassa (Abhi.- Ţṭha.-2: 10).

Determination of *itthârammana* and *initthârmmana* is given in the *Atthâkathâ*. It is not ture that there never exist itthârammana and anitthârammana as asserted by the vitandavâdî. Then how is it determined which are itthâramana and which are aniţthârammana? The explanation in the Atthakathâ is that it is made by virtue of wish a Mediocre person.

Further explanation. Determination of an *ârammaṇa* as either *ittha* or *anittha* should, however, be made by virtue of the great president, the King Mahâsudassanasak-kâya, King Dhammâsoka etc., who are of great power. Indeed, these powerful rulers, belonging to the higher strata, are not contended with nor appreciate an *ârammana* like ordinary foods, of celestial origin, comparable to the five-fold *ârammana karmaguna*, though the food is an itthâramman. In their mind this ârammana is taken to heart as not appreciable nor stumlating to their heart.

For very poor, and of low strata, humans and sentient beings for whom getting a daily meal is hard effort, even the meal made broken rice, foul rice and curry would be delicious and will be *ittha* though it is indeed *anittha*.

In dertermining whether an *ârammana* is *ittha* or *anittha*, it should be according to the middle class humans' (Pâmokkha, Minister, rich man, merchant etc.) definition.

Therefore, good rûpa-sadda-gandha-rasa-pholabba-dhamma for middle class

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humans are all *itthârammanas*. The hard-to-come-by physical appearance and the sound of the Sammasambuddha etc. and those of man and woman are very pleasant and adorable atiitthârammanas. The smell of faecal materials, rotten dead dog and man are of repulsive kinds; disturbing sounds, unpleasant smell, disagreeable tastes and touches are anitthârammanas. This is how determination is made regarding the itthârammana and anitthârammana. This is the atthakathâvâda; the samânavâda. (Abhi.-Ttha.-2: 10).

In this *vâda*, note that the formation of *ittha* or *anittha* on an object among the upper. Medium and lower strata humans does not occur during the *vipâkaviññâna*, but during by *javanasena* = the force of *javanna* (impulsion)

## TIPIŢAKACÛLÂBHAYATTHERA VÂDA

Tipiṭakacûļâbhayatthero panâha— "Iṭṭhâniṭṭham nâma vipâkavasena paricchinnam, na javanavasena. Javanam pana saññâvippallâsavasena iṭṭhassamim yeva rijjati, iṭṭhas-samim yeva dussati. Aniţţhassamim yeva rijjati, aniţţhassamim yeva dussatî"ti. Vipâkavaseneva panetam ekantato paricchijjati. Na hi sakkâ vipâkacittam vañcetom. Sace ârammaṇam iţţham hoti, kusalavipâkam upajjati. Sace aniţţham, akusalavipâkam upajjati (Abhi-Ţṭha-2: 10).

The Venerable *Tipiṭakacûlâbhayatthera* has indicated as follows.

The iţţhârammana and aniţţhârammana are determined not by the force of javana (impulsion) but by the force of vipâkaviññâna (consciousness acquired through practice). Because of wrong concept = the clinging, the attachment = may result in lobha, and also dosa, can be formed within a single itthârammana by force of vipalâsa. Within a single aniţthârammana can be formed the attachment = lobha, and also dosa. Therefore, the

iţţhârammana and aniţţhârammana should not be determined on the basis of the force of javana.

Therefore, the *iţṭhârammaṇa* and *aniṭṭhârammaṇa* should be determined only by virtue of *vipâkaviññâṇa*. In fact *vipâkacitta* never deceives. An *ârammaṇa* may be an *iṭṭhârammaṇa*—(let the *javana* dominated by any one of *kusla*, *akusala*, *somanassa*, *domanassa*, *upakkhâ*), then the *vipâkaviññâṇa*s are definitely *kusalavipâka*, *pañcaviññâṇa*, *sampaṭicchana*, *santîrana* of *tadârammaṇa*s. An *ârammaṇa* may be an *aniṭṭhâram-maṇa*—(let the *javana* dominated by any one of *kusla*, *akusala*, *somanassa*, *do-manassa*, *upakkhâ*), then the *vipâkaviññâṇa*s are definitely *akusalavipâka*, *pañcaviññâṇa*, *sampaṭicchana*, *santîrana* of *tadârammaṇa*s. For this reason, the determination of the *iṭṭhârammaṇa* and *aniṭṭhârammaṇa* should, in deed, be made by virtue of *vipâkaviññâṇa*.

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Kiccâpi hi micchâdiţţhikâ Buddham vâ samgham vâ mahâcetiyâdîni vâ uļârâni âram-manâni disvâ ekkhîni pidahanti, domanassam âpajjanti, dhammasaddam sutvâ kanne thakanti, cakkhuviññâṇasotaviññâṇâni pana nesam kusalaviâkâneva hunti (Abhi-Tha-2: 10).

Micchâditthi (wrong viewers), those with conception outside the bounds of the sâsanâ, turn their blind eyes when they encounter Sammâsambuddha (the Enlightened One), or Ariya-Sanghâ (the Noble Sanghâ) or Mahâ-Cetiya (e.g. Shwedagon) etc. of noble *ârammaṇa*s, feel unhappy at heart. They would close their ears when the Buddha's sermon is heard. Their eyes and ears may be closed, and having heavy hearts, yet the chance of instantaneous vision of Sammâsambudhas, and hearing of their sermons are due to their past kusala (meritorious deeds of their previous existence). Because of these deeds, the cakkuvññâna (seeing consciousness) and sotaviññâna (hearing consciousness) are the kusalavipâkas (results of meritorious actions).

When countryside pigs sense the smell of human organic refuse, they feel happy at heart due to the notion that they are going to have a feast on it. The cakkhuvññâna that enable the pigs to see, the ghânaviñnâna that enable them to smell, and jivhâviñnâna that enable them to taste the refuse are akusalavipâkaviññâna which have resulted from the past akusala actions. A pig, tied with ropes, may be laid on a comfortable bed by its owners, but the pig may be squeaking distressfully. But, because of saññâvipallâsa, the wrong perception, the comfort provided could not be appreciated. By such a wrong perception, a jhâna (absoprtion) of grief, instead of comfort, arises in the pig's jhâna. The comfortable feeling of the bed =  $k\hat{a}ya-vi\tilde{n}\hat{n}\hat{a}na-citta$  (consciousness by way of touch), associated with the sukha-vedanâ (feeling of joy) and which realizes phoţţhabbâ-rammana, is the result of good deeds in the previous life. It is, therefore, only the kusala upâka. The ârammana is the itthârammana (Abhi- Tha-2:10).

#### Salient features of the Three Vâdas

With regard to recognizing *ârammana* (object) as *ittha* (agreeable) and *anittha* (disagreeable) as described above, three vâdas have been recognized: rucivasena, jhânavasena, and vipâkavasena.

- 1. Rucivasena (sophistry) A sophist differentiates ârammana either as ittha or anittha according to his own liking. Ruci is a kind of chandha that arises at javanacittupâda (beginning of impulsive consciousness) moment. In the sophistry, the nature of *ittha* and anittha are not considered separately.
- 2. Javanavasena (determination of ittha and anittha by virtue of impulsion) In the vâda of porânakatthcariya (ancient authorities), taking of a jhâna as ittha or anittha by the people of upper, middle and lower strata does not arise at the instant of vipâka-viññâna, but only when *jhâna* is attained. This *vâda*, therefore, is referred to as the principle of determining *ittha* and aniţtha by means of javana. In this porânakaţthcariya, there is a determination, in relation to sentient beings of middle stratum, of ittha and anittha. (In

sophistry, there is no such a determination).

3. Vipâkavasena – In the vâda of Tipiţakadhara cûla-abhaya mathera the nature of the iţţha and aniţţha of a javana are separately recognized. In so doing, it is not related with the jhâna, as is the case in the porâṇakaţţhcariya, but with vipâka. In the iţţhârammana may arise kusalavipâka, pañcaviñîâna, sampaticchana, and tadârammana only. In the aniţţhârammana may arise only the kusalavipâka, pañcaviñîâna, sampaticchana, and tadârammana. The ârammana (the object of meditation) of the kusalaviñîânas is the iţţhârammana, the aniţţhârammana being the ârammana of akusalaviñîânas. The relation of determination of iţţha and aniţţha with vipâka, but not with jhâna, is the only distinct feature of vipâkavasena.

#### The Vâda that the Venerable Mahâbuddhaghosa Appreciated

Of the three above *vâdas*, the Venerable Mahâbuddhaghosa seems more favorable to that of the Venerable *Tipiṭakadhara cûla-abhaya mathera*, as indicated below.

Yathâ cittha, evum sabbattha – yo yo aṭṭhakathâvâdo vo theravâdo vâ pacchâ vuccati so pamâṇto daṭṭhabbo (Vi- Ṭha - 1:260)

It has been asserted in *Parâjikam Aţţhakathâ* second *Parâjika Padabhâjanî-yavuṇṇa* as – Such and such *aţţhakathâ vâda* as well as *theravâda* have been explained lastly. And that last explained *vâda* is worth taking to heart.

Mûlatîkâ Sayâdaw too has stated as given below.

Vipâkam pana katthaci na sakkâ vañcetunti vipâkavasena iţţhâniţţhârammanavavutthânam suţţu vuttam (Mûţaţî-2:8)
Vipâkavasena sundaram vuttanti vipâkavasena Tipiţakadhara-cûţa-abhayattherena vuttham su sundaram, rucivasena javanavasena vuttham sundaranti addhippâyo. – Madhu.

Vipâkaviññâna cannot be circumvented whatever the ârammana may be. The explanation that determination of iţţha and aniţţha only by virtue of vipâkaññâna is a good work. Therefore, the Mûlaţîkâ Sayâdaw Venerable Ãnandâ Mathera also seems to like the determination of a jhânana either as iţţha or aniţţha by power of vipâkaviññâna, but not the one made on the basis of one's own liking.

#### **A Hard Nut to Crack**

For a noble person possessing knowledge that analytical realization, and when encountered with a *jhâna*, can determine whether *pañcaviñâna*, *sampaţicchana*, *Santîrana* and *tadârammana* are *kusalavipâkaviñâna* or *akusalavipâkaviñâna*. This is made so based on the number and kinds of *cittacetasikka sampayutta dhamma* (*dhammas* associated with mental factors) groups included in the culture *vipâka ñaṇa*. For a foolish *andhabâla* (blinded by folly) *puthujana* (human), who is still blind to the *paramattha ñaṇa* (eye of knowledge of ultimate truth) on encountering a *jhâna* cannot determine either as *kusalavipâkaviññâna* or *akusalavipâkaviññâna*. Here, however, realization by one of either *kusalavipâka* or *akusalavipâka* is not necessarily important. It must be noted that arising of *kusalavipâkaviññâna* in *iţţhârammana* and of *kusalavipâkaviññâna* in *iţţhârammana* is of prime importance.

Realization by one's own self is concerned only with acquirement of *nâma-rûpa* pariccheda ñaṇa.

#### It is Not Only Due to Saññâvippallâsa

The *vippallâsa* is not the only cause for wrong notion of

- 1. Ittha as anittha and
- 2. Aniţţa as iţţha.

It can also be due to

- 1. By power of *sîtatejo* (cold temperature) in cold season when the temperature is in extreme condition, and *ohnatejo* (hot temperature) is in extreme condition, and changes of element called dhâtukkhobha (alteration of elements) = shock due to altered elements and
- 2. The causes such as poor eyesight, hard of hearing, lost of taste, and old-age debilities of controlling principles, for example the eye power etc.

Because of the wrong notion of the *Ittha* as *anittha* and vice versa, the *Kusala*vipâka and akusalavipâka are formed correspondingly.

Cold water during the hot season can relieve one of suffering from heat, and it is the cause from arising of kusalavipâkaviññâna. For that person cold water is an iţţhârammana which a gives a good feeling on contact.

The cold water again becomes the cause for arising of akusalavipâka kâvaviññna for a person suffering cold during the cold season. The cold water on contact gives a bad feeling of aniţţhârammana on the person feeling very cold.

A piece of cotton wool, which usually gives a smooth feeling on touch, could be the cause for painful feeling when applied on a fresh wound, for akusalavipâka dukkha sahagutta kâyaviñâna. The touch with the cotton wool is an aniţţhapholabbârammana causing a painful feeling on the wound.

The contact with the cotton wool is the cause of good feeling for a person without wound. The cause for arising of kusalavipâka sukasahagutta kâyaviñâņa. The contact with the cotton wool is an enjoyable feeling of itthapholabbarammana for a person without wound. Message with a gentle hand will be a good feeling and forms kusala-vipâka sahagutta for the one messaged. This is because the object is an itthârammana. The same gentle hand will cause an unpleasant suffering and akusalavipâka sahagutta when slapped in the face. It is an anitthapholabbârammana for the one being slapped.

Determination of *ittha* and *anittha* based on *vipâka* as explained by the Venerable *Tipiṭakadhara cûla-abhaya mathera* is quite acceptable (*Mûlaţî* – 2:10).

With reference to the determination of *ittha* and *anittha*, the early teachers used to assert "vipâka as the right and jhâna the opposite." It is the kusalavipâka if the object is itthârammana, and anitthârammana object for the akusalavipâka. The jhâna, even if it is itthârammana, may be influenced by dosa-jhâna (impulsion of hate), instead of somanassajhâna (impulsion of feeling of joy), because of the saññâvipallâsa. It so happens because, though the right arising *vipâka-citta* (resultant consciousness) occurs, the arising of *jhâna citta* (impulsion consciousness) is abnormal.

## Determination of Ittha – Anittha by Way of Dvâra

One should also know the way of determining ittha and anittha by virtue of dvara. Soft and delicate texture of human organic refuse is repulsive to cakkhu-dvâra (eye door) and ghâna-dvâra (nose door) is anitthârammana. Because of its smooth texture to the contact with the hand, it is *pholabbârammana* to *kâyadvâra*.

For those who have been thrown at with ruby by King Cakkavatta, or one who has been pierced through with his gold lance, find these two to be the anitthârammanas to their

*kâyadvâra*, but are *iţţhârammana*s to their *cakkhudvâra*. This is because the ruby or the lance in the presence case cause a great suffering to the subject. It should be, in fact, noted that, determination of either *iţţha* or *aniţţha* is made via the power of *iţţha-vipâka citta*.

In this way the determination of either *iţţha* or *aniţţha* can be achieved by the following ways:

- 1. By way of wish in individuals of middle strata,
- 2. By the power of *vipâka citta*,
- 3. By way of the dvâra (sense door), and
- 4. By way of the season such as cold or hot.

#### USSADA KITTANA KATHÂ

(The Dominance Expresses Itself)

The description of the causes of the merits of *guṇa* of *alobha* and demerits of *lobha* in many and varied ways are referred to as *Ussada Kittana Kathâ*. It is section which gives a good lesson, as given below, to those who are only at the stage of sansâric travelers.

- 1. To be delivered from the *bhava*,
- 2. For attainment of a bhava of a higher state,
- 3. To change the *citta-dhâtu* to a better state,
- 4. To elevate the *citta-dhâtu*.

If a meditator happens to be an *Uttamapurisa*, a man of highest ideal, who can terminate the sansaric journey in the present existence, then this section would not necessarily apply to him. For one who cannot end the sansaric journey however hard he tried, or expecting future existence, then this section will be of utmost importance.

If you meditator have successfully cultivated the  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$  dhammas analytically to the ultimate truth, then it is expected of you that you have realized

- 1. The causes of kusala and
- 2 The causes of the *akusala*

The merits and demerits of *kusala* and *akusala* through out the *sansâric* circus have been described in this chapter. This *Ussada Kittana Kathâ* is explained in *Aţţhâlinî Aţţhakthâ* as follows.

In the santâna of sentient being traveling round and round sansâric circus are

- 1. Excessive *lobha*,
- 2. Excessive dosa,
- 3. Excessive *moha*,
- 4. Excessive *alobha*,
- 5. Excessive adosa, and
- 6. Excessive amoha.

What makes these permanent, and what causes these excessive?

Pubbehetu niyâmeti. Kammâyûha-nakkhaneyeva nânattam hoti (Abhi-Ţţha-: 1 – 308).

*Pubbehetu*, the factors of the past, are the cause for permanency and variety, and exert management over these. When effort had been made in the past, which has resulted in the

still functioning kamma of the present bhava, they have been of various kinds, differing in different individuals. The kammas have caused the resultants as greedy persons or non-greedy persons etc. See the following explanation sensu lato.

#### INDIVIDUALS OF THE FIRST KIND

Yassa hi kammayûhanakkhane loko balavâ hoti, alobho mando, adosâmoho blavunto, dosamohâ mandâ, tassa mando alobho lobham pariyâdâtum nasakkoti, adosomohâ pana balavunto dosamohe pariyâdâtum sakkonti. Tasmâ so tena kammena dinnapaţissandhivasena nibbatto luddho hoti, sukhasîlo akkomano, paññâvâ pana hoti vjirûpañaņoti (Abhi-Ttha-: 1-308).

In the *santâna* of a person at the moment of cultivating in the past for acquiring the five-fold *khandhâ*s of the present the following would prevail.

- 1. Lobha would in its full strength.
- 2. Alobha would be weak and in dormant state.
- 3. Adosa (=  $mett\hat{a}$ ), amoha (=  $pa\tilde{n}\tilde{n}\hat{a}$ ) are in their full strengths.
- 4. *Dosa* and *moha* are weak and in dormant state.

When effort had been made on the *kamma* cultivation, the weak and dormant alobha was not able to exert its influence on the eradication or overcoming of lobha.

Again at a time of kamma was cultivation the adosa and amoha were so strong that they overcome and eradicate the *dosa* and *moha*. Therefore, a person in a certain life time, via rebirth, when a kamma of high dosa was functioning, will result as an individual given below.

- 1. A greedy person (result of being greedy).
- 2. Thought greedy, he lives a peaceful life. Not easily angered = not short-tempered. (result of being non-greedy).
- 3. A man of wisdom with sharp mental properties. (result of *amoha*) (Abhi-Tha-: 1-308).

Because when kamma was performed, it was overwhelmed with greed, resulting in a greedy person highly attached to both living and non-living kâmavatthu. Because of adosa = powerful mettâ-kamma on other living beings, sukhasîla = he used to lead a peaceful life, being not annoyed, not angered and of a good temperament. Because of amoha = kamma of high nâṇa paññâ, he becomes a person of wisdom sharp like a thunderbolt. The property of the past element is reflected in the present. And such properties will exert their influence in the future life.

The story of the would-be wealthy Jotika and his elder brother, each offering a sugar cane to a paccekabuddha, at a certain time before the enlightened Vipassî and prior to the arrival of sâsanâ should be flashed back.

The younger brother, offering a sugar cane, wished for the peaceful existence as human-devâ-nibbâna, while the elder brother wished for the nibbâna only.

The alms offered are similar as was the alms recipient. But their minds were set differently. The younger brother Jotika cultivated his dâna kamma surrounded by lobha attached to richness as a human and a vedâ. While making such an offer, he had adosa mettâ dhâtu upon the paccekabuddha. The knowledge of Sammâdiţţhi-ñâṇa, which understands the kamma and its resultant formations, prevails in his heart. As the elder brother made a wish only for the *nibbâna*, his *dâna-kamma* was surrounded by *alobha*, adosa amoha dhatus only. These three elements were in full power then.

At the time of resultant formation of these kamma, the two brothers were reborn to an extremely rich man. On encountering the  $s\hat{a}san\hat{a}$  of the Enlightened Vipassî, the elder brother, who had cultivated the kamma surrounded by alobha, adosa and amoha, transferred al his wealth to his younger brother, and entered the world of the  $s\hat{a}san\hat{a}$ . He practiced on the dhammas to become an ascetic. He was able to relieve himself of attachment to all the wealth acquired based on  $alobha\ kamma$ , for which he became a non-greedy person. By power of  $adosa = mett\hat{a}-dh\hat{a}tu$ , he led a peaceful ascetic life. By the power of  $amoha = \tilde{n}\hat{a}\eta a\ pa\tilde{n}\tilde{n}\hat{a}$ , he had realized the four Noble Truth analytically so as to attain Arahatta-Magga (the Path of Arahatta) and Arahatta-Phala (the Fruit of Arahatta). He acquired a life of a man of great wisdom.

The younger brother, on the other hand, cultivated the *kamma* surrounded by *lobha* and with attachment to richness, could not relieved himself of his wealth. Greatly attached to his wealth, he became a greedy person. The *alobha-dhâtu* of his could not overwhelm the powerful *lobha-dhâtu*. That *kamma* was, however, surrounded by  $adosa = mett\hat{a}$ - $dh\hat{a}tu$  and  $amoha = \tilde{n}\hat{a}\eta a \ pa\tilde{n}\tilde{n}\hat{a}$ , for which he had a powerful  $mett\hat{a}$ - $dh\hat{a}tu$  upon the Enlightened Vipassî. He built a monastery which he offered as  $d\hat{a}na$  to Him. He also bore a great  $mett\hat{a}$ - $dh\hat{a}tu$  upon all human beings.

With a mind influenced by *mettâ*, he spread rubies knee-deep around the monastery. A declaration allowing any body to take a handful of rubies has also been made. This was made for mankind to acquire kusala-cetanâs by paying homage to the Enlightened Vipassî, to be able to culture kusala dhammas by listening to His sermon, and to acquire special knowledge. He bore very high loving-kindness on human beings. He had in mind that those who did not want to pay homage, but still want the rubies, would come to the monastery. Then they would pay homage and listen to the expatiation of the Enlightened Vipassî. If so they could acquire Magga ñâna and Phala-ñâna. These are the noble mettâ and noble consciousness the he had on the mankind. These are results of causes such as adosa and But because his *alobha-dhâtu* could not annihilate the *lobha-dhâtu*, he had to journey through (91) worlds. In the duration of each world, the collection of human bones of a single person, if left undestroyed, could attain the height Mount Vepulla. If a man has to pass through (91) worlds, then the total heap of his bones will of the height of (91) such mountains. Therefore, clinging to the human bhava and the riches, or culturing a kamma surrounded by lobha-dhâtu clinging to a human bhava or its riches is no better than attachment to death and decay resulting in such a huge heap of bones. The wealthy Jotika, on the other hand, also wished for *nibbâna* and has resulted in being relieved of all the worldly affairs during time the

Buddha sâsanâ.

If Ussada Kittana Kathâ scrutinized, it will be seen that depending upon the past *kamma*, the corresponding results would arise in the present existence as given below.

- 1. A greedy and non-greedy person,
- 2. A bad-tempered person and a good-tempered one,
- 3. A man of great wisdom and of an inferior wisdom.

One can realized that the past *kamma* organized the above three situations. Whatever *kamma* one may have performed in the present existence, it would give corresponding results in the consecutive lives to come.

Therefore, in cultivating a *kamma* it should be surrounded by noble *mettâ-dhâtu*, *karuṇâ* and higher wisdom, but not by inferior *dhâtu*s such as the *lobha*, *dosa*, *mâna* (conceit), *issâ* and *micchera*.

Now that we are in the domain of Buddha sâsanâ, we should practice as given below.

Way of practice for acquirement of samâdhi is in hand, all we have to do is to make effort to have lofty mettâ-dhâtu, good consciousness and mettâ-javana. There also are instructions for practicing to acquire higher status of karunâ-dhâtu, muditâ-dhâtu and upekkhâ-dhâtu and maintained in the heart.

If you have successfully practiced these samâdhi exercises and put to practical application, the mettâ-dhâtu karuṇâ-dhâtu, muditâ-dhâtu and upekkhâ-dhâtu will always reside in your consciousness. Then your mind will always be of very highly state. If you cultivate a kamma surrounded by such a high state consciousness, then when a result has a chance to arise in certain existence you will be endowed the following qualities on the sentient beings

- 1. A person of great *mettâ-dhâtu*,
- 2. A person of great karunâ-dhâtu,
- 3. A person of great *muditâ-dhâtu*, and
- 4. A person of great *upekkhâ-dhâtu*.

These are minds of higher state a traveler along the sansaric journey should have upon fellow travelers. These are the most desirable very noble exercises and are therefore designated as the *brahmacariya* (good walk of life).

In this sâsanâ also are present very high standard of exercises for paññâ. Just refer back to the section on the rûpa-kammaţţâna and nâma-kammaţţhâna described previously. Exercise in discerning infinitesimal particles, called *rûpa-kalâpa* in the *rûpa-loka* (material world), realization by eye of wisdom of these atomic particles and their ultimate truth, vîthicitta (thought process) that arises along the citta-niyâma (methods of mental culture) concentrated to the attainment of the ultimate truth are all explicitly given in the Sammâ-Sambuddha Buddha sâsanâ. The exercises for concentration on causal relationship paticcasamuppâda and for vipassanâ are available in this sâsanâ only. If practically successful in exercising on these, then the following can be acquired.

- 1. *Nâma-rûpa-pariccheda ñâṇa* the insight knowledge of mind and matter,
- 2. Paccaya-pariggaha ñâṇa the analytical knowledge realizing the causes of mind and
- 3. *Vipassanâ ñâṇa* the insight knowledge that realizes the *anicca*, *dukkha*, *anatta* of sankhâra dhammas to the attainment of the Path and the Fruit,
- 4. *Ariya Magga Ñâṇa* Noble Path knowledge,
- 5. *Ariya Phala Ñâṇa* Noble Fruit knowledge.

These are knowledges of very high status, not available anywhere except in the Buddha sâsanâ, nor are they available in the modern science world, nor in philosophies outside the sâsanâ.

A meditator's mind decorated with such knowledge of higher state is also highest citta-dhâtu. The rûpa-nâma santâna of a meditator's mind practiced to attain a high state could provide the following benefits.

- 1. Deliver him from *apâya* (miserable world)
- 2. Deliver him from miserable phenomena of ageing, suffering, death and decay and rebirth.

3. If the meditator is still going round the sansaric journey, it will organize in such a way as to make him a clever man of wisdom.

These indicate how you can uplift your *citta-dhâtu* by cultivating high state *mettâ-dhâtu*, *karuṇâ-dhâtu*, *muditâ-dhâtu*, *upekkhâ-dhâtu*, *alobha-dhâtu*, *adosa-dhâtu* and *amoha-dhâtu* (wisdom). In this way the wisdom would raise your *bhava* to a higher status and relieved you of miserable sufferings. In a way, it uplifts a man above ordinary man and a deity above the other deity.

The *buddhas*, innumerable as sand grains on the banks the River Ganges, have become enlightened because of cultivating *citta-dhâtu* decorated with better elements such as the ten-fold *paramîs*. You, gentleman, can also have the mind which can be enlightened if you make great effort in improving it.

If you culture your mind surrounded by inferior *citta-dhâtu*, then your *citta* will be of inferior status, and you would be leading a variety of *bhava*s of low quality.

Suppose you cultivated your *kamma* surrounded by *lobha* as attachment to one another as a husband and a wife and wishing that you are always together be it the life of a bird, and suppose you two have perform *kusala kamma* together. At a certain time, when that *kamma* bears result, and if you happen to encounter one another, then you will always be intimately together. Unfortunately, if one partner has been a drunkard, you, as wife, will still be attached to him however much abuse he would inflict on you.

In the same way if you had wished for a life as a wealthy person, and the time for result has come, then you will acquire a wealthy life attached to your wealth like the wealthy Jotika. If your wish has been for higher professional post, you will be attached to it.

If you have cultivated a *kamma* surrounded by *dosa*, and dissatisfaction, you will become a man of great anger and of dissatisfaction when that *kamma* bears the result. You will not be satisfied with any body in the world.

Suppose you cultivated *kamma* been surrounded by *citta-dhâtu* of boastfulness, will to take advantage over others, being self-esteemed, and looking down upon others – that is *lobha* and *mâna*. Then that *kamma* will result in you being a boastful person, and high-handed in dealing with others, will always be thinking high of yourself.

If your *kamma* is cultured surrounded by envious mind on others, then when that *kamma* produced result, you lead and envious *bhava*. This *issa dhamma*, which is a mind envious on others' success or wealth endowed with powers which can end the life a *devâ*.

A *kamma* cultivated with *maccheriya-dhâtu* (selfishness) would result in a person overwhelmed by *maccheriya*. He would be too sensitive to those even lingering to his possessions including his wealth, wife and children.

Realizing the above situations, if you would like to be delivered from the sansâric circus, or like to lead a *bhava* of higher status, then you will have change your mind and raise to a higher standard. Every day and from moment to moment, with the motion of your hands, legs and mouth there occur *kâya-kamma*, *vajî-kamma* and *mano-kamma*,

(the body function, verbal function and mental function). For these *kammas* to be surrounded always by good elements effort is made on *samatha*, *vipassanâ* and *bhâvanâ* exercises most the time. In other words, the *kammas* should be surrounded by *saddhâ*, *vîriya*, *sati*, *samâdhi* and *paññâ*.

#### INDIVIDUALS OF THE SECOND KIND

Yassa pana kammayûhanekkahne lobhadosâ balavunto hunti, alobhadosâ mandâ, amoho balavâ, moho mando, so purimanayeneva luddho ceva hoti duţţho ca, paññavâ pana hoti vajîrûpamañâno, dattâbayatthero viva

A person, at the moment of cultivating a kamma, might have lobha and dosa in his santâna. He would have a heap of lobha attached to the prevailing bhava, to the material things and his status in the society while trying to cultivate meritorious kamma. At that moment alobha and adosa (metta-dhâtu) factors very recessive. Ahoma, paññâ, however, quite dominant. When the kamma, cultured with surrounding lobha, has the chance to bear result, the person would be a greedy one. The kamma cultured surrounded by dosa, would result in a person of great dosa (anger). Because of amoha-dhâtu during that moment, the person would be of sharp wisdom like Tattâbhaya Mathera.

#### INDIVIDUALS OF THE THIRD KIND

Yassa pana kammâyûhanaekkhaņe lobhadosamohâ balavunto hunti, ittare mandâ. So purimanayeneva liddo ceva hunti candho ca, sukhasîlako pana hoti ekkodhano

A person at the moment of culturing a kamma (= a kusala kamma resulting in a human bhava) has powerful lobha, adosa and moha in his santâna. The alobha, dosa and amoha, on the other hand, are weak. At a time when that kamma produces a resultant bhava by rebirth power, the person would be a greedy individual. It is because the weak alobha could not influence the powerful lobha. In the same way, the weak amoha could not overwhelm the poweful moha, for which the person would become mentally low, dumb and dull individual. When the kamma was cultivated, however, dosa was recessive but adosa was dominant. Because of powerful *adosa* = *metta*, it could dominate the weak *dosa*, resulting in man having peace of mind and of a good tempered in nature.

#### A FACT TO BE NOTED

It should be noted of the fact that if a good deed is done by someone without wisdom, then the resultant individual in a certain bhava will be an ignorant person of inferior mentality. A kamma should not performed without due consideration. It is because once a kamma has been performed, then it cannot be withdrawn. (The cause kamma will always produce result, good or bad). It can only be eradicated by Vipassanâ ñâṇa, Magga-ñâṇa, and The eradiation is the function of Arahatta-Magga-ñâṇa. The kammas of Phala-ñâna. whatever kind that is going to give results in the wake of parinibbânacuti can only be eradicated by *Arahatta-Magga-ñâṇa* because it has the power to do so.

At the expense of money, one performs a good deed, but it results in an ignorant, dumb and low-grade person, which is thing of sorrow. Therefore, whatever good deed is done it has to be associated with wisdom. Now a brief explanation on nana and panna is pertinent here.

# CATUSACCASAMMÂDIŢŢĦI

(The Right Vision on the Four-Fold Realities)

Katamâ ca bhikkhave sammâdiţţhi? Yam kho bhikkhave dukkhe ñâṇam, dukkha samudaye ñâṇam, dukkha nirodhe ñâṇam, dukkhagâminiyâ paṭpadâya ñâṇam. Ayam vuccati bhikkave sammâdiţţhi (Ma.- 1:88).

Sammâdiţţhi, paññindre = paññâ, amoha, dhammavicaya all different terms referring to the single *dhamma paññindre cetasika*.

- 1. The knowledge that realizes the five-fold *upâdânakkhandâ* and *dukkhasaccâ dhammas* existing as *atîta* (past), *anâgata* (future) and *paccuppanna* (present), *ijjhatta* (internal), *bahiddha* (external), *olârika* (gross), *sukhuma* (subtle), *hîna* (low), *paṇîda* (lofty), *dûra* (far), *santika* (near) phenomena. Among the *saccâ dhamma* group are included *jhâna dhammas*.
- 2. As exhorted in the Añguttora Tikanipâta Tithâyatana Suttana, the knowledge that realizes the causal relationships of paţiccasamuppâda in its real sense and understands the samudaya-saccâ Here in this case, kammassakatâ sammâdiţţhi, which can pene-tratively realize the kamma-its results, involved completely. This is the kammassakatâ sammâdiţţhi of highest status. This knowledge, not acquired from others, but from one's own penetrative practical realization of the kamma and its resultants, is therefore referred to as highest state of knowledge. Knowledge of kamma-resultant acquired from the teachers is not as high as that from one's own practical understanding. Though relatively not high, for puthujana humans who cannot yet attain paramatta by eye of wisdom, the knowledge acquired through the teachers could be employed as basis to guess kamma-resultant phenomena by means of anumâna consciousness. This can be kammassakatâ –sammâdiţţhi. If realization cannot be made even of kammassakatâ sammâdiţţhi, or not acquired at all, then any kusala-kamma would be of very low status. If that kind of

*kamma* bears result, the person would be ignorant, dumb and inferior.

- 3. Vipassanâ ñâņa (insight knowledge) that penetratively understands the bhañga or perishing away of the arising and dissolution of sankhâra dhammas, asankhata-dhâtu, peaceful element the nibbâna which are the dhammas of the cessation of the sankhâras = ariya magga ñâņa which penetrtatively realizes nirodha saccâ phenomenon, are all the sammâdiţţhi ñâṇa. (The vipassanâ ñâṇa is the lokî sammâdiţţhi, and the ariya magga ñâṇa the lokuttara sammâdiţţhi). This the sammâdiţţhi which understands the nirodha sacca (the truth of cessation).
- 4. Realization of the *lokî magga saccâ* and *lokuttarâ magga saccâ* penetratively, via penetrative exercises, to the attainment of *nibbâna*, where the *dukkhas* (sufferings) have ceased, is *sammâdiţţhi* too. All that is *sammâdiţţhi* are included in *catusaccasammâdiţţhi*, and oriented towards it. Therefore, *sammâdiţţhi* can be classed as follows.
- 1. *Kammassakatâ sammâdiţţhi = Sammâdiţţhi* that realizes the fact that *kamma* is the only possession of yours.
- (a) The *Kammassakatâ sammâdiţţhi*, the belief based on knowledge handed down from the teachers, a knowledge called *anumâna ñâna*.
- (b) The *Kammassakatâ sammâdiţţhi* that understands the nature of causal relationship of the *dukkha saccâ* and *samudaya saccâ dhammas* by means of *nâma-rûpa pariccheda ñâṇa* and *paccayapariggaha ñâṇa* acquired through penetrative realization of *paccakkha ñâṇa*.
- 2. Châna sammâdițțhi = sammâdițțhi that is associated with châna sammâdi (belongs to the  $\tilde{n}$ âna that realizes the dukkha saccâ).
- 3. Vipassanâ sammâdiţţhi = the sammâdiţţhi ñâņa that is associated with vipassanâ ñâņa which penetratively realizes the nature of anicca, dukkha and anatta of dukkha saccâ and samudaya saccâ dhammas.
- 4.  $Magga \ samm \hat{a} ditthi = the \ \tilde{n} \hat{a} n a$  that is associated with the ariya magga.
- 5. Phalasammâditthi = the  $\tilde{n}$ âna that is associated with the ariya phala.

The *sammâdiţţhi ñâṇa* can grossly be divided into five kinds in this way. All the five are included in the *catusaccâ sammâdiţţhi*. These *sammâdiţţhi ñâṇa*s are usually

referred to as  $amoha = pa\tilde{n}\tilde{n}\hat{a}$  (wisdom).

In cultivating a kusala kamma (meritorious deed) one should at least have Kammassakatâ sammâdiţthi acquired through the teachers and which understands the fact that kamma is the only one you possess. If not so and if the right concept could not be appreciated, then whatever kusala kamma you do will only be ñâvippayutta kusala. The consequences of such kusalas would result in a dull, dumb, ignorant and inferior personality.

If possible, one should attempt to acquire the *kammassakatâ sammâdiţţhi* arising from contemplating on the nâma-rûpa pariccheda ñâna and paccaya pariggaha ñâna. If a kusala kamma is cultured led by these ñâṇas, then it can be a kamma of high status. If that kamma produces a result at a certain *bhava* of person, then he would be man of high wisdom.

If one is endowed with jhâna sammâdiţţhi ñâṇa, then the jhâna kusala cetanâ, associated with it, would have the power to produce to attain a high status byahmâ bhava. These *jhâna*s can be maintained, the person can attain the realm of brahma at the time of his death.

If a kamma has been cultured surrounded by vipassanâ-sammâdiţţhi ñâṇa, then a noble man among men and noble deity among deities would be the result. However, it is essential that rûpa-nâma kammatthâna is concentrated, as mentioned in this doctrine, to the attainment of the ultimate truth and of wisdom. If such a person perform a kusala kamma, such as alms-giving, by

- 1. Concentrating by means of analytical knowledge, in his *santâna*, on the three general characters anicca-dukkha-anatta of the rûpa-nâma-paramatta phenomena,
- 2. Rûpa-nâma-paramatta in the santâna of the alms-receivers, being externally similar, are collectively taken and contemplated upon their three characters by vipassanâ ñâna.
- 3. And if the donated materials discerned in the form of the 4-fold dhâtus, kalâpa only the atomic particles will be visualized. These *kalâpa*s are just only the tejo *dhâtu*s located interiorly = *ojatthamaka rûpa*s having eight *oja* serially produced by physical changes (utu). By concentrating on the ojatthamaka rûpas after analyzing with the wisdom, and meditating on the three characters of these.
- 4. Concentrating on mahâkusala manodvâravîthi, the nâma dhamma groups, led by dâna kusala cetanâ while exercising vipassanâ bhâvanâ on the three characters of these

If a dâna kusala has been cultured surrounded by vipassanâ ñâṇa, then it will be surrounded by the highest *vipassanâ ñâṇa*. When it has the chance to express its result in certain bhava of a man by virtue of patisandhe, the he will be a man of penetrative and sharp wisdom.

The following is an example of sharp  $\tilde{n}$ ana as expounded by the Buddha in Sotanugata Suttana.

So muṭṭhaassati kâlam' karuṇâno aññataram' deva nikâyam' uppajjati, tassa tattha sukhito dhammapadâ palavunti, danto bhikkhave satuppâdo, atha so satto khippanyeva visesagâmî hoti (Am'-1: 505).

A certain ascetic failed to attain magga ñâṇa (Path Knowledge) and phala ñâṇa (Fruit Knowledge) in spite of hard exercise he made on vipassanâ bhâvanâ. When he expired as an ordinary worldling he arrived, as a paţisandhe (Opapâtikapaţisandhe), at a certain plane of

deities. In the *santâna* of that deity in that plane, where ease of mind prevails, will be *rûpa-nâma-sankhâra dhamma* groups which are the object of *vipassanâ ñâņa* will be conspicuous. Bhikkûs .. the formation of *sati* (mindfulness) associated with *vipassanâ ñâņa* which can concentrate on these ultimate truth of these *dhamma* groups is still too slow. In fact, the deity can rapidly attain (the Path Knowledge, and Fruit Knowledge) the Noble *dhamma* called the *nibbâna* (*Am'*-1: 505).

This is an example of how higher wisdoms are acquired, leading to *nibbâna*, by cultivating *kamma* surrounded by higher *vipassanâ ñâṇa*.

Tassa te sotânugatâ hunti vacasâ paricitâ manassânupekkhitâ diţţhiyâ suppaţividdhâ (Am´-1: 505).

**Diţţhiyâ suppaţividdhâ**ti atthato ca kâraṇato ca paññâya suļu paţividdhâ paccakkham katâ (Am'-Ţţha-2: 505).

The deity, while existing as an ascetic in the human world, has learned the Buddha's dhamma and recited offhand, understood the real meaning of ultimate truth of the rûpa and nâma. He could realize the real causes of the rûpa and nâma penetratively by means of sammâdiţţhi ñâṇa acquired through sammâdiţţhi ñâṇa paññâ. And has acquired the vipassanâ sammâdiţţhi ñâṇa. He was able to exercise on the vipassanâ bhâvanâ kammaţţhâna up till maraṇâsanna javana (death consciousness). While doing so his death consciousness is concentrating on the nature of anicca, or of dukkha, or of anatta of the sankhâra dhammas as the object.

The *paţisandhe* (rebirth), *bhavañga* (consciousness of life continuum) and *cuti* (the redeceased) of that deity will use in continuation the near death consciousness of the ascetic as the object of concentration.

As the *bhavañga* of recipient is concentrating on the *sañkhâra dhammas*, i.e., on the nature of either *anicca*, or *dukkha*, or *anatta*, then a *sati* (mindfulness) associated with *vipassanâ ñâņa* which always reflect on those *dhamma* may arise in the *santâna* of deity. Then the appearance of the *sati* associated with associated with the *vipassanâ ñâņa* is still too slow. In deed, in his *santâna* the ascetic has the consciousness of the *dhammas* practiced during the life time, and which the are objects of *ârammana* of the *vipassanâ ñâṇa* – *pasanne âdâse châyâ viya palavunti*, *pâkaţâ hutvâ paññâyanti* (*Am'-Ṭa.-*2: 2 – 365).

= The consciousness on the *ârammana* will be clear as mirror images. Therefore, the *nibbâna* is attained rapidly because of slow appearance of the *sati* associated with the *vipassanâ ñâṇa* which can always concentrate on the *dhammas* previously practiced.

It must be noted that verbal recitation of "anicca-dukkha-anatta" cannot the *vipassanâ ñâṇa* be without realization of true *paramattha rûpa-nâma*. A *kamma* sur-rounded by false *vipassanâ ñâṇa* cannot promote one to a power of great wisdom as the one does surrounded by the ture *vipassanâ ñâṇa*.

## INDIVIDUAL OF THE FOURTH KIND

Tatthâ yassa kammâyûhanakkhaņe tayopi lobhadosamohâ balavunto hunti, alâbhâdayo mandâ, so purimanayeneva luddho ceva hoti duṭṭho ca mûļho ca (Abhi.- Ṭṭa.- 1: 308).

Again, a certain individual might have cultivated a *kamma* surrounded by *lobha* (greediness), *dosa*, and *moha* in his *santâna*, and which were very lofty at that moment, then the *alobha*, *adosa* and *amoha* would be weak. A time would come when that *kamma* has the chance to give its results in a certain *bhava* by virtue of *paţisandhe*, then that person will be of greedy nature. It is because the *alobha* was too weak to overcome the *lobha*. *Adosa* was

too weak to overcome dosa, so that the person will of great anger in nature. The person will be feeble-minded because the weak amoha was unable to over come the moha (Abhi. - Tta. - 1: 308).

Approaching and offering materials to a person known for giving hint on the lucky numbers of a certain raffle, offering flowers, light from an acacia wood and water to the Buddha's stupas as instructed by an astrologer etc., are all kammas surrounded by lobha, dosa, and moha dominant over the weak alobha, adosa and amoha.

Here is a point to consider. Observe carefully the Buddha's stupas standing at the designated corners for the purpose of receiving offer of water made by people. staturdays, Sundays and other holidays, there are numerous people at the stupas for this purpose. Without any cover overhead, these stupas are all the time in rain or sun light. As one started making offer of water, others will follow suit in succession. In this way the stup will be watered throughout the day.

Think about it deeply. At home, would you be taking bath all the day? Only when you could imagine these stupas to be the real Buddha, concentrate on his guna and the blessing He has bestowed upon us as the object, then your good deeds would bring forth enjoyable results. If so, you could think of whether or not the stupas should be offered water all the day.

What is being done is emphasized on what the astrologer has instructed, the element of *alobha* is weak, being considerate on the Buddha = element of *mettâ* also is very weak. Amoha (wisdom) was weak as the interest was only on what the astrologer has said, and as the element of wisdom was lacking the real fact of the Buddha has been neglected. The kamma has been made, surrounded dominantly by lobha, dosa, and moha, dominating the alobha, adosa, and amoha, (for purpose of his health, wealth, promotion to higher ranks). If that kind of kamma has the chance to produce result at a certain bhava, then the person will be greedy, of great anger and low mentality. Such a result would arise along as the alobha, adosa, and amoha cannot overcome the lobha, dosa, and moha.

If a kamma has been made and accomplished, all one can do accept its outcome, whatever the kind the resultant may be. A kamma once dome can never be undone. However, if vipassanâ exercise can be made strenuously, then the arahatta magga ñâṇa would annihilate the results of those kamma following the parinibbana cuti (complete extinction of khandhâ).

## AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE FIFTH KIND

Yassa pana kammâyûhanakkhane alobhadosamohâ balavunto hunti, ittare mandâ, so purimanayeneva appakileso hoti dibbârammanampi disvâ niccalo, duttho pana hoti dandhapañño câti (Abhi.-Ṭha.- 1: 309).

At a moment of culturing a kamma surrounded by alobha, dosa and moha will be dominant over the *lobha*, *adosa* and *amoha* in the *santâna* of a person. Then, if that *kamma* produces a result by virtue of *paţisandhe* at a certain *bhava*, the person have little attachment on the material objects. Even if he can realize the *ârammaṇa* that belongs to the deity, he would not be shaken. In stead, he would lead a tranquil life. He is free of craving because, when the kamma was made, it was surrounded by a strong element of alobha. however, an individual of great hatred, of low mentality and of poor wisdom. It was because of weak adosa and amoha, which could not overcome the dosa and *moha* at the time of culturing the *kamma*.

#### INDIVIDUAL OF THE SIXTH KIND

Yassa pana kammâyûhalakkhaņe alobhâdosamohâ balavunto hunti, ittare mandâ, so purimanayeneva aluddho ceva hoti sukasîlako ca, danddho pana hoti (Abhi.-Ṭṭa.- 1: 309)

At the moment of culturing a *kamma*, *alobha*, *adosa* and *moha* will be of great strength in a person's *santâna*, dominating over the weak *lobha*, *dosa* and *amoha* at the same moment. If that *kamma* produces a result by virtue of *paţisandhe* at a certain *bhava*, the person will be non-greedy, of little hatred but of great *mettâ* for which he will be living a peaceful life. While so cultivating he was relieved of attachment and craving on *karma* objects and of the planes of life as the element of *alobha* was in great strength. The *kamma* was cultivated surrounded by element of *mettâ*, and therefore element of *adosa* was also of great strength. Because of the powers of the element *alobha* and *adosa* the person is of nongreedy and of little hatred in nature = a man of great *mettâ* element. When the *kamma* was being cultivated, *ñâṇa paññâ* was not included, or weak if included, the weak *amoha* element was not able to get rid of *moha*, the resulting person will be of low mentality, deaf and dumb (*Abhi.-Tṭa.-* 1: 309).

## INDIVIDUAL OF THE SEVENTH KIND

Tathâ yassa kammâyûhalakkhaņe alobhâdosamohâ balavunto hunti, ittare mandâ, so purimanayeneva aluddho ceva hoti, paññâvâ ca duţţho ca pana hot kodhano (Abhi.-Ţha.- 1: 309).

Again at the moment of culturing a *kamma*, *alobha*, *dosa* and *amoha* are of great strength in a person's *santâna*. The *lobha*, *adosa* and *amoha* all are too weak to express themselves. If the *kamma*, by virtue of *paţisandhe*, could produce its result at a certain *bhava* of a person, he will be a man of non-greediness, of no attachment to the living and non-living *karma* material and of great wisdom. It was because while cultivating the *kamma*, it was surrounded by elements of *alobha* and *amoha*. (It is the kind *kamma* made by a good deed surrounded by elements of *alobha* and *amoha*, similar to *vipassana ñâṇa* and wishing for *nibbâna*). While culturing the *kamma*, however, *dosa* elements, such as discontentment, and destructiveness, were very strong. In other words, he was very short-tempered, and the strong dosa could not be overcome by weak *adosa* = weak *mettâ* could not have overcome the dosa. If the *kamma* has the chance to produce a result at a certain *bhava*, the person will have mind of destroying others. (He would have the kind of mind to destroy someone like crushing an ant with ease). He would be easily annoyed, short-tempered and of great anger (*Abhi.-Tha.-* 1: 309).

#### INDIVIDUAL OF THE EIGHTH KIND

Yassa pana kammâyûhalakkhaņe tayopi alobhâdayo balavunto hunti, lobhâdayo mandâ, so "mahâsangharakkhitattharo viya aluddho aduţţho paññavâ ca hotî"ti.

(Abhi.-Tha.- 1: 309).

While cultivating a *kamma*, a person could have a strong *alobha*, *adosa*, and *amoha* in his *santâna*, whereas *lobha*, *dosa* and *moha* were in weak conditions. When the *kamma* bears its results at a certain *bhava*, the person will have the following features like the Rev. Mahâsangha Rakkhata.

- 1. He is a person free of greedlessness and of attachment to living and non-living materials (He can easily be delivered). (It is due to the power of *alobha*).
- 2. He doe not have the will to cause destruction to sentient beings, but have a great *mettâ*, wishing peace and prosperity on them. He has a mentality of gentle nature.

- (It is due to the power of *adosa*).
- 3. He possesses a sharp wisdom. (It is due to the power of amoha element, such as vipassanâ ñâna the insight knowledge).

These are due to the powerful elements of alobha, adosa and amoha at the time of cultivation, and to ability to control his mental processes by means of insight knowledge).

Such a kind of person is always wishing repeatedly for *nibbâna*, entering the trance to be delivered from the suffering of the sansaric circus, and exercising *vipassanâ kammaţţhâṇa* based on mettâ jhâna.

#### A GOOD CHANCE

At this point in time, you are encountering the sâsanâ having the following advantages:

- 1. You are able to listen to and learn the real presence of the *nibbâna*, the element of peacefulness, the sañkhata dhatu that can relieve you off the suffering of the sansarâ
- 2. You have a chance to listen and realize the 8-fold Magga, which are the Paths leading to Nibbâna.
- 3. There exist ânâpâna jhâna, mettâ jhâna etc., a feature of nibbâna-achieving exercises. The doors to contemplation of *ânâpâna jhâna*, *mettâ jhâna* are opened for you.
- 4. Based on ânâpâna jhâna, mettâ jhâna, ways and means of meditation are also available. You have, therefore, the chance to attain *vipassanâ* destination.

#### A GREAT WISDOM

As a human body is made up of a multitude of rûpa kalâpas (corporeal units, or subatomic particles) which are of subatomic sizes. These *kalâpa*s in turn are comprised of at least 8 rûpa paramatta referred to as pathavî-âpa-tejo-vâyo-vunna-gandha-rasa-ojâ (composite of earth-water-fire-air-color—smell-taste-nutrient). In some there are nine rûpa paramatta and 10 in still some. Such statements about the material things had been made over 2500 years ago by the Buddha Sammâsambuddha. His disciples have been instructed to exerciser on the 8-fold Magga so as to realize these *kalâpas*. Following these instructions strictly the Venerable Sâriputtarâ and the disciples of innumerable numbers have realized the ultimate truth of the rûpa.

Can such a kind of knowledge be acquired outside the Sâsanâ? Is there any one who can instruct an exercise outside the Sâsanâ? The answer is "no." If a disciple is possessed of such a knowledge by which the physical properties can be discerned on these subatomic particles to ultimate truth by analytical knowledge, then such a knowledge is referred to as the 'great wisdom.'

The Buddha's ways of teaching on the nâma dhamma are beyond the capability of any preacher, a philosopher or a scientist. Exercising following the Buddha's instructions, a disciple may have acquired realization and knowledge on the nâma properties, concentrated to the attainment of the ultimate truth of the nâma by destruction of it by analytical knowledge, then that knowledge should be regarded as the great wisdom too.

Again, the causal relationship, the paticca sammuppâda, is the preaching that is available neither in other religious doctrines, nor in philosophies outside the Sâsanâ. If a

disciple practices following the Buddha's instructions and penetratively realizes the ultimate truth of causal relationships, then that kind of knowledge must also be regarded as the great wisdom.

The Buddha has expounded the presence of a system of (31) planes, which is referred to as a universe, and existence of innumerable number of universe. Each (31) planes of the universe is comprised of the following.

- (1) A mass of *rûpa dhamma* only (refers to *asaññassata*)
- (2) A mass of *nâma dhamma* only (refers to *arûpa* plane = plane of the formless)
- (3) A mass of *rûpa-nâma dhamma* only (refers to *pañcavokâra* plane)
- (4) A mass of these *rûpa nâma dhammas* only (refers to *asaññassata*)
- (5) Cause-result phenomena of the  $r\hat{u}pa$ - $n\hat{a}ma$  only =  $sa\tilde{n}kh\hat{a}ra$  dhammas

#### The above are

- (a) the features of *anicca* (impermanence) *dhammas* of arising and perishing away,
- (b) just the phenomena of formation and dissolution always causing continuous (*dukkha*) suffering and
- (c) anatta phenomena (non-self).

The exercise of 8-fold Megga to acquire the knowledge related to insight knowledge

Suppose a disciple has acquired insight knowledge related to (*vipassanâ*) by following instructions given by the Buddha. This knowledge should also be taken as the great wisdom, because it cannot be acquired outside the *Sâsanâ*.

For a disciple the *Magga ñâṇa* (Path Knowledge) and *Phala ñâṇa* (Fruit Knowledge), which could penetratively realize the *nibbâna*, are the knowledge that have attained their peaks.

It is, therefore, no wonder that a person would be of great wisdom as a result of cultivating a *kamma* surrounded by  $\tilde{n}\hat{a}na$  of great magnitude.

These are the systems of acquiring knowledge for higher mentality as given in the Buddhist Philosophy.

# THE POWER OF CITTA (THE MENTAL POWER)

Cittena nîvati loko, cittena parikassati.

Cittassa ekadhammassa, sabbeva vasamanvagû (Sam -1: 36. Citta suttana)

**Cittena nîyatî**ti abhisañkhâraviñâṇṇam sandhâyâha, tahnâsampayuttam vâ (Mûlaţî-1: 68)

Kusalaviñâṇṇa and akusalaviñâṇṇa, which can bring about a new bhava, are the abhisañkhâraviñâṇṇa. The Viñâṇṇa associated with alobha, adosa and amoha the abhisañkhâraviñâṇṇa. That which is associated with elements of lobha (tahṇâ), dosa and moha is the akusala abhisañkhâraviñâṇṇa.

The citta mentioned in the above Suttana refers to the abhisañkhâraviñânna.

The *citta* element, called the *kusala abhisañkhâraviñâṇṇa* associated with the *alobha*, *adosa* and *amoha*, have the power to help a sentient being acquire deliverance from the *nibbâna* step by step at the consecutive *bhavas*.

Similarly, the citta element, called the akusala abhisañkhâraviñânna associated with the inferior elements of lobha, dosa and moha, have the power to drag down a sentient being dumper and of more inferior mentality step by step at the consecutive bhavas.

All sentient beings in the sansaric circus follow the course made by the citta called kusala abhisañkhâraviñânna and akusala abhisañkhâraviñânna (Sam.-1: 36; Citta Suttana).

## **EXERCISE YOUR MIND IN THIS WAY**

Tassmâhita bhikkhave abhikkhaam sakam cittam paccavakkhitabbam "dîgharattamidam cittam samkiliţtham ragena dosena mohenâ"ti. Citta samkilesâ bhikkhave sattâ samkilssanti cittavodânâ sattâ visujjhanti (Sam.-2: 123; Gaddulabaddha Suttan).

Bhikkhûs --- When you are within the Sâsanâ, often reflect on your mind and analyze the fact that "throughout day and night our minds are impure because they are tainted with raga, dosa, and moha." Because of the impure minds, the sentient beings weary, tired and themselves are unpurified. The sentient beings of purified mind are bright in themselves. (Sam.-2: 123; Gaddulabaddha Suttan).

The reason for instruction on such a frequent reflection is that the Lord wanted them to make effort on the exercise of vipassanâ bhâvanâ-the actual cause of mind purification. Such a frequent reflection would help purify the minds by concentrating on the three general characters of the five aggregates, which would otherwise create the impure mind by these aggregates.

## CHANGE YOUR MIND IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAY

Concentrate on the facts given above and purify your mind.

- Nivamita Fix your mind on doing kusala meritorious deeds in your samatha, vipassanâ etc., as "I shall perform only the kusala kamma."
- 2. **Parinâmita** Refraining from concentrating of akusala dhammas like lobha, dosa, moha, conceit, issâ, micceriya etc., in mind, but it is made prone to culture of kusala dhammas, such as samatha vipassanâ, etc.
- 3. **Sumudâcâra** Always practice your mind on *kusala dhammas*, such as *dâna*, sîla, samatha, vipassanâ, bhâvanâ etc..
- 4. *Abhujita*
- (a) Reside in suitable places, the patirûpa locale, where benevolent persons, or the Samaritan, prevails.
- (b) Approach and make friends with such persons.
- (c) Listen to the preaching of benevolent persons.
- (d) Cultivate all the Path Knowledge of the Noble ones starting from the Five Precepts that have to be fulfilled prior to attaining the Noble Path.
- (e) The three periods the past, the future and the present, the five-fold uppâdânakkhandhâ within the internal and external santâna = concentrate and take to heart the rûpa and nâma as anicca (impermanence), dukkha (suffering), anatta (non-self) and asubha (repulsive) repetitively. If contemplating this way, which- ever agreeable or disagreeable objects one may encounter, one would not be shaken, and it will always be meritorious deeds.

Build up your mind in this way. If built up this, your mind will gradually be purified. With such a gradually purified mind, your bhava will become higher and higher, more and more glorified, higher deity and higher brahmâ with each existence. If the purification of mind has resulted in attaining Arahatta-Magga, then you will completely

be purified and will be delivered from all the worldly affairs.

If the mind yours has not been purified, but let it be overwhelmed by *lobha*, *dosa*, *moha*, conceit, *issa*, *miccheriya* etc., then you're your mind element will remain impure. If such a mind cannot be eradicated in time, it will not stand at *pariyuţţhânakilesâ* (posses sed by craving) state, but defilement and discontentment so high as to explode and your unbecoming behavior will influence all your speech and acts. This stage is called *vîtkka-ma-kilesâ* (going beyond *kilesâ*). Your moral will be broken. Meritorious deeds such as *dâna* (alms-giving) will be of very inferior quality. The *dâna* is made with good morality will be as follows.

Dânañhi loke sakkasampatti, deti mârasampattim cakkavuttisampattim sâvakapâramîñâṇam paccekabodiñânam abhisambodhiñânam deti (Am.-Ṭha – 3: 213).

In this *loka*, *dâna* can result in one of wealth of the King Sakka, of Mâra, of Brahmâ, of *Cakkavaļa* (universal king), in attainment of *sâvaka-pâramî-ñâṇa* and of *pac-cekabodhi-ñâṇa*. *Abhisambodhi ñâṇa* (knowledge of the highest enlightenment) = *ara-hattamagga ñâṇa* peaked by *sabbaññuta ñâṇa* can also be acquired (*Am.-Tha* – 3: 213).

The dâna (charity/or donation), cultivated based on the sîla, can bring forth the wealth of a human king, of a deity, of a brahma and of Cakka on the donor if a wish has been so made. At certain, when the act of dâna has matured to produce a result, the donor will enjoy the relevant results. If the donor has made a wish for a bodhiñâṇa such as aggasâvaka-bodhi-ñâṇa or mahâsâvaka-bodhiñâṇa or pakatisâva-bodhiñâṇa he would be duly endowed so. Even pacceka-bodhiñâṇa can be acquired if it has been wished for. This donation will be of support in acquiring sabbaññuta-ñâṇa (knowledge of omniscience) = sammâ-sambodhiñâṇa like the hermit Sumedhâ and the king Vessanta-râ, if it has been the wish. Among the 10 pârâmîs (the ten perfections), dâna is a part.

The power of dâna, therefore, is of great magnitude.

Tañca kho sîlavato vadâmi, no dussîlassa. Acchati bhikkhave sîlavato cetopaņidhi visuddhattâ (Am.-3-71. Dânûpapatti Suttana).

I preach to only those with sila (morality) that the powerful  $d\hat{a}na$  give resultants of high quality, but not to those without such sila. Bhikkûs ---- in those with sila, their minds are clear because of the clear sila, and whatever wishes they have in their minds are definitely fulfilled (Am.-3-71).

# HOW BRAHMA'S WEALTH CAN BE ACQUIRED

With regard to the  $d\hat{a}na$  producing the wealth of Brahma, the following have been given in the texts.

Tañca kho sîlavato vadâmi, no dussîlassa. Vitarâgassa, no tarâgassa (Am.-3-72).

Vitarâgassâti maggena vâ samucchinnarâgassa sammâpattiyâ vâ vikkhambhi tarâgassa. Dâna matteneva hi brahmâ-loke nibbattiton na sakkâ, dânam pana sammâdhivipassanâ-cittassa alañkâraparivâram hoti. Tato dânena muducitto brahmavihâre bhâvattvâ brahma-loke nibbattati. Tena vuttam "vitarâgassa, no sarâgassâ" ti (Am.- Tha.- 3-230).

The anâgâma (the never-returner) the noble one could eradicate the attachment on the various rûpa-kamma material of living and non-living materials in (11) rûpa planes by virtue of anâgâmi-magga-ñâṇa. It is the samuccheda-pahâna (a way of abandoning through full understanding of the noble truth of suffering and its ceasing). The noble ones such as the worldling with high morality, sotapanna (the up-streamer), sagadâgâmi (once-

returner), can detach themselves for a considerable duration of time from these karma-râga through the power of absorption or trance = this is the way of detachment by vikkhambhana.

The Buddha expatiated that the wealth of brahma king can be acquired only by those possessed of sîla, and relieved of raga by way of samuccheda and vikkhambhana. In those with sîla, their minds are clear because of the clear sîla, and whatever wishes they have in their minds are completely fulfilled. What it means is that dâna alone could not help acquire the life in byahma world. It, however, can be the features of samattha bhâvanâ-citta and vipassanâ bhâvanâ-citta referred to as samâdhi (concentration). By performing dâna one's mind becomes softened. And if the byama-vihâra (the 4 sublime states) of mettâ, karuṇâ, muditâ and uppekkhâ = the 4-fold byamacora, can be acquired, then this jhâna dhamma will enable one to relieve himself of râga etc., the nîvaran impurities by virtue of vikkhambhana. Because of the raga-free byama-vihâra jhâna, he can attain an existence in the byahma world. Therefore, I only preach to the "one free of raga the way of attaining an existence in the byahma world; but to the one who is not freed of *râga*" (*Am.- Tha.-* 3-230).

If such highly dâna cannot be made based on the sîla, then there can be no higher resultants, instead only inferior results can be obtained from such a dâna. With reference to this assertion, read the following *Anusoni-suttanna*.

#### ANUSONI SUTTANA

Then Jânusoni, the royal astrologer of the King Bembisâra, approached, had a memorable talk with the Buddha and took a seat at an appropriate location and said to the Lord.

My Lord Gotama --- we humble punnas made dâna with the intention that "this donation would reach our relatives who have passed away, and that they be able to utilize its benefit." We made kumbi-rice in remembrance of them. My Lord Gotama ---- would our donation reach our relatives and could they enjoy these?

The Buddha replied. Donor punnas ---- it arrives at places where it should, but not at places where it should not.

My Lord Gotama, asked the punnas ---

- (1) What is the place where it should arrive and
- (2) That where it should not?
- 1. In this *loka* some people used to take the life of other living beings, some take what is not given, indulged in adultery, tell lies, slander, speak harsh (impolite) speech, frivolous and senseless talk, covetousness, malevolence and practiced *micchâditthi* (wrong view) doctrine. After ageing, death and decay the person would attain a life in the world of misery. He has to share the food meant for the being of that world. He has to live on such food lead an existence in that world. This is the place where the benefit of dâna could not reach, and the that individual of the miserable world could not enjoy the result of that dâna.

[Nerayikânam âhâro nâma tattha nibbattanakammameva. Teneva hi te tattha yâ panti ((Am.- Tta.- 3-338). The âhâra of those in the miserable world is that which is made available in that world. They have to share such *âhâra* among themselves.]

2. Dâyakâ (donor) puṇṇa --- in this world there some who take other's life. R. They have the wrong of view of *micchâdiţţi*. After death and decay, he would attain an existence in animal

world, sharing feeds with other animals. He has to remain as an animal in the same world. Then this still is not yet the place where *dhâna* could arrive at. It would reach those existing as animal in an animal world.

[*Tiracchânayonikânam* pana tiṇṇapaṇṇâdivasena âhâro veditabbo (Sam.- Ṭha.- 3: 338). The food of animals is made of grass vegetables.]

- 3. Dâyakâ puṇṇa --- In this loka some abstain from taking life, from taking what is not given, from indulging in adultery, from telling lies, from slander, from speaking harsh speech, from frivolous and senseless talk, from covetousness, from malevolence and from practicing micchâdițțhi doctrine. They are relieved of abhicchâ (frugality) and of intention to destroy sentient beings and sañkhâra, has the right view (sammâdițțhi). When such a person succumb to death and decay, he would acquire human life. He would have the âhâra like other humans leading a life as a human being. This is still not a place for dâna to reach nor could he, as a human being, could enjoy the results of that dâna.
- 4. Dâyakâ puṇṇa --- In this loka some abstain from taking life. R. He possesses samm-âdiṭṭhi view. After death and decay, he would acquire a deity's existence. He co-exists with the deities living on the food of gods (sudhâ). Again this neither the right place to which the results of dâna could arrive at nor the person who could enjoy the result.
- 5. Dâyakâ puṇṇa --- In this loka some abstain from taking life. R. He possesses samm-âdiṭṭhi view. After death and decay, he would acquire a (peta's) life in peta's realm. He would co-exist with other peta's living on their nutrition, or on the dâna given by his relatives and the loved ones for his own benefit. Dâyakâ puṇṇa --- This the right place to which benefits of dâna would reach, and person who could enjoy the results.

[Pettivesayikânam khe @asañghâṇikâdivasena. Yam vâ panassa ito anuppavacchantîti yam tassa mittâdayo ito dadantâ anupavesañti, pettivesdanikâ ve hi paradattûpajîvino hunti, na aññesam parehi uppakappati (Sam.-Tha.- 3: 338 - 339).

The nutrition of the *petâs*, in fact, are human refuse. If their loved ones have made a *dâna* for their sake, then they would enjoy it as if it were that of deities. These *petâs* are of *paradattûpajîvita* (living on what is given by others) kind. Others such as *nicchâmâdahnika* could not enjoy the result of such *dâna*. Then the *dâna* cannot reach to such *petas*.]

Then the *puṇṇa* once again enquired. My Lord Gotama ---- If that *dâna* failed to reach to such *petas*, then who would enjoy the benefit of that *dâna*?

The Lord Gotama replied. Dâyakâ puṇṇa --- To the relatives who have attained the petas' existence in their realm.

If our relatives and others who have, after death and decay, do not reach the  $pet\hat{a}$ 's realm who would enjoy the results of our  $d\hat{a}na$ ?

Dâyakâ puṇṇa --- During the long journey through the sansâric circus, reaching or not reaching the petâ's realm is not an important fact. In other words (Apîca byahma-na dâyakopi anipphaloti) = the donor, indeed, cannot be without benefit.

[Dâyakopi anipphaloti yam sandhâya tam dânam dannam, tassa upakappatu vâ mâ vâ, dâyakena pana na sakkâ nipphalena bhavitom, dâyako tassa dânassa vipâkam labhatiyeva (Sam.-Ţha.- 3: 338 - 339). What is meant by the fact that the donor is not without benefit is that a dâna that was made for the benefit of those who have perished away may or may not reach them, the donor still enjoys the results of dâna].

The punna enquired of the Buddha ... "If the death ones acquired a life at a realm where the results of the *dâna* could not arrive at, do you my Lord Gotama still recommend the benefit of the dâna?"

Yes Dâyakâ Byamana --- I do.

[The Byamana seems to be under the impression that "the dâna made for the benefit of those who have passed away could not be enjoyed by the donor himself. The Lord agreed with *punna* and expounded in continuation that "if the donor happens to acquire a life where one can enjoy the results of dâna, then he can enjoy the benefit the dâna (Sam.-Tha.- 3: 338 - 339)].

1. Dâyakâ .... In this world, there are some who used to take other's life, take what is not given, indulge in karmas, tell lies, gossip, make harsh speak, frivolous talks. They are attached to living and non-living karma materials of the others, have the mind set on destroying sentient beings, and practice micchâdiţţhi vâda.

He is used to offer foods, soft drinks, clothes, vehicle, flowers, scents, place to sleep and light to samana or brâhmana.

After death and decay, he acquired the life of an elephant. In that life he could enjoy food, flowers and special decoration meant for elephants.

Dâyakâ .... In this existence, taking other's life, taking what is not given, indulging in karmas, lying, gossiping, making harsh speak, frivolous talks, being attached to living and non-living karma materials of the others, have the mind set on destroying sentient beings, and practice micchâdiţthi vâda, would result in him acquiring the life an elephant.

Because of offering foods, soft drinks, clothes, vehicle, flowers, scents, place to sleep and light to samana or brâhmana, that person would enjoy the foods, flowers and special decoration meant for elephants.

2. Dâyakâ punna .... In this world, there are some who used to take other's life. R. He is used to offer foods, soft drinks, clothes, vehicle, flowers, scents, place to sleep and light to samana or brâhmana.

After death and decay, he acquired the life of a horse. R.

- 3. After death and decay, he acquired the life of a cow. R.
- 4. He acquired the life of a dog after death and decay,. R.

Dâyakâ Byamana .... due to taking other's life in this existence, R, and practice micchâdiţthi vâda, he would acquire an existence as (a horse, a cow) and a dog.

Because of offering foods, clothes, vehicles, flowers scent and comfortable sleeping place and light to the samanas or brâhmanas, he could enjoy the life of (a horse, a cow) a dog with foods and decorations.

[N.B. The Suttana has not ended yet, but is paused for a while to explain its meaning so far. As explained above, the power of dâna made on the basis of sîla, could provide the donor with comforts of human kings, of deities, of brâhma and cakkavade; the eggasâvaka bodhi ñâṇa, mahâsâvaka bodhi ñâṇa, pakatisâvaka ñâṇa, pacceka bodhi ñâṇa, or sammâsambodhi ñâṇa. The power of such a magnitude is resulting at the right place at the right time. In the present section (suttâna so far), the power of dâna made on the basis of ducarita (misbehavior), referred to as damaged sîla, could not provide wealth as above nor the higher  $\tilde{n}\hat{a}na$ s. Instead, the  $d\hat{a}na$ 's results made their appearance in the wrong place like

the lower world of sentient beings. Though they can enjoy the life of graceful elephant or horse or higher status cow, but not the comfort enjoyed by human kings, deities, brâhma. And the nutrition consumed by such beings are just the tiṇapṇṇâ-divasena – vegetables as mentioned in Aṭṭḥakathâ. Such food, when compared to that of human kings, deities, brâhma, are of very inferior quality. As a dog, it can sleep on good gunny bag like a mattress, and can have good food, it has live in an abode suitable for a dog. The food may be good for a dog, but has to live in places lower than human kings etc. As the village pigs like human organic refuse so do the dogs. For this reason, the donor who has acquired an animal's life, the food they eat and place they live may be of higher status for animals. But this situation could not be compared to those of human kings, deities etc. The animals have to contend with grass and other vegetables as their food, and ground as their living places. This is an instance of dâna resulting in the wrong place, a result that can be enjoyed by immoral personalities. Care should be exercised on these situations. Then the Buddha continued expatiation for the Jâṇusoṇipoṇṇa as given below.]

5. Dâyakâ *Byamana* .... In this life some abstain from taking other's life. R. Practice a *sammâdiţţhi vâda* (the doctrine of the right view). He would offer as donation the foods, clothes, vehicles, flowers scent and comfortable sleeping place and light to the *samaṇa*s or *brâhmaṇa*s. After death and decay, he would attain the plane of human beings, and as a human he would possess the five-fold clinging to the corporeality.

Dâyakâ *Byamana* .... He is possessed of the five-fold clinging to the corporeality because of attaining a human life, after death and decay, as a result of abstaining from taking other's life and practicing a *sammâdhiţţhi vâda*.

[So tam cittam dahati, tam cittam adhiţţhâti,tam cittam bhâveti. Tassa tam cittam hîne vimuttam uttari abhâvitam tattarûpapattiyâ samvuttati (Am.-3: 71).

That donor of morality has mind set on becoming a rich king or a rich *puṇṇa* or a rich Gahapati and has his mind cultivated in that way. He concentrated his mind on that wish repetitively. His mind leaning towards the five-fold clinging to the corporeality, his failure to concentrate on attaining the *magga*, *phala*, *nibbâna*, higher than the above five, on the, are the causes that have resulted in rebirth among the beings he had wished for. Note that the same applies to attaining the deity's *bhava*, etc.]

6. Dâyakâ *Byamana* .... In this life some abstain from taking other's life. R. Practice a *sammâdiţţhi vâda* (the doctrine of the right view). He would offer as donation the foods, clothes, vehicles, flowers scent and comfortable sleeping place and light to the *samaṇa*s or *brâhmaṇa*s. After death and decay, he would attain the realm of deities, and as a deity he would possess the five-fold clinging to the corporeality.

Dâyakâ *Byamana* .... He is possessed of the five-fold clinging to the corporeality because of attaining a deity's life, after death and decay, as a result of abstaining from taking other's life and practicing a *sammâdhiţţhi vâda*.

Dâyakâ *Byamana* .... Indeed the donor cannot be without merit, he does enjoy the benefit the *dâna*, the Lord replied.

The Jânusoniponna declared as:

My Lord Gotama .... It is wonderful. It has never occurred in me before.

My Lord Gotama .... Since the donor is not without benefit, one should offer dâna. Kubbhi rice (= to give alms with intended benefit for the death) is worth making.

Dâyakâ Byamana .... So it is, and so it should be.

Dâyakâ Byamana .... The donor will never be without benefit. The Buddha expounded.

My Lord Gotama .... Your explanatory dhammas are very beautifully put to me. If I may compare your *dhammas* to worldly affairs, it is like putting something right that has been upside down, like lifting the lid of post, showing the right way to one who has lost his way, like giving light to people "of good vision expecting to visualized material features," groping in the dark. You have explained competently with many an examples.

My Lord Gotama .... we take refuge in You, in your dhammas, referred to as the 10-fold Magga-Phala-Nibbâna-Dammakkhan, and in Eight Noble Sanghâs. I humbly request that I be recognized as an Upâsakâ and a Dâyakâ who respects and pay homage to the Threefold  $Yatan\hat{a}$  from now on until my death (Am.-3:478-482).

#### A FEW EXCEPTIONS

The donor must be complete with the following four-fold features:

- 1. *Dussîla* = person without morality
- 2. Material donated were obtained by illegal means
- 3. With clear mind
- 4. No belief in the broad and higher *dhammas* of kamma-and-its-effect

But the person of receiving end must have the following feature:

5. Person of high morality.

Such a kind of *dâna* is also clean because of the morally high receiving person, and is of great benefit as expounded by the Buddha in Dakkhinavibañga Suttâna (Ma.-3:300).

The Atthakathâ has depicted a fisherman living at the mouth of River Kalvânî as an example. The fisherman has offered alms to Dîghasoma Mathera for three times. At the moment of death consciousness, he had the Maranasanna jhana (impulsion of near-death) of that alms-giving, declared "I have been relieved of miserable world, that could have resulted from the akusala-kamma, just before he succumbs to death (Ma.-3:227).

These are just few instances of exception. Because of the receiving person being an individual of clean sîla, like the Rahntâ Matheras, having immense guna, and which has the chance to provide result, that the fisherman was relieved of apâya. Though the previous cause has given result, that kamma (action) has been surrounded by fore and aft,

it is a *kamma* of inferior quality. This kind of chance, however, is hard to come by. Until the time when that *kamma* is matured and has the time produce results, the *âciṇṇa kamma* (chronic *kamma*) killing fish by fisherman would have a better chance to provide its results.

You as gentleman should culture clean and high element of mind:

- 1. If you wish to be delivered from the *apâya*,
- 2. If you wish to lead the life of a high status human, deity and brâhma,
- 3. If you wish to be relieved of sufferings of sansaric circus.

Sabbapâpassa akaraṇam, kusalassa upasampadâ. Sacittapariyodapanam, etam buddhânasâsanam (Dî.-2:42).

- 1. Abstain from doing akusala (non-meritorious deeds) kamma.
- 2. Make every effort to perform kusala (meritorious) kamma.
- 3. Make clean your mind (or consciousness) by washing stepwise in *magga* and *phala* cleaners.

These are admonitions (axioms) provided by all Buddhas ( $D\hat{i}$ .-2:42).

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# SECTIONS ON *IRIYÂPATHA* AND *SAMPAJAÑ* MEDITATION BY *IRIYÂPATHA* AND *SAMPAJAÑÑA*

In the section on  $\hat{rupa}$ -kammaţţhâna, contemplation of corporeal  $\hat{iriy}$ âpatha and of  $\hat{sampaja}$ nãa have been mentioned. In the present section  $\hat{nama}$  kammaţţhâna mention will be made of concentration the fivefold  $\hat{sampaja}$  (clinging aggregates). Before going on to this section, the reader is advised to understand, reflect and concentrate on explanations given in  $\hat{rupa}$ -kammaţţhâna. Only then will deep realization and contemplation be made on  $\hat{nama}$  kammaţţhâna.

# THE FOUR KINDS OF RÛPA-KÂYA

Tattha catubbidho kâyo upâdinnako âhârasamuţţhâno utusamuuţţhâno cittaţţhânoti. Tattha cakkhâyatnâdîni jîvitindariyapariyantâni aţţha kammasamuţţhânarûpânîpi, kammasamuţţhânâneva catasso dhâtuyo vuṇṇo gandho raso ojâti aţţha **upâdinnakakâyo** nâma. Tâ neva aţţha âhârajâni **âhârasamuţţhânikakâyo** nâma. Aţţha utujâni **utusamuuţţhânikakâyo** nâma, aţţha cittajâni **cittasamuţţhânikakâyo** nâma (Abhi.- Ţha.-1:124).

- 1. *Upâdinnakakâya kamma-samuţţhâna* (*kamma*-caused) modes of eight kinds *cakkhâyatana*, *sotâyatana*, *ghânâyatna*, *jîvhâyatana*, *kâyâyatana*, *itthibhâva-rûpa*, *pûrisabhâvarûpa*, *and jîvitindare* (9 kinds if *hadayavutthu* is also included), and the eight modes of *rûpa* such as *pathav*î, *âpo*, *tejo*, *vâyo*, *vuṇṇa*, *gandha*, *rasa* and *ojâ*, also *kamma-samuţţhâna*, are said to be *Upâdinnakakâya*. [It means that the *kamma* "I, My benefit" associated with or surrounded by *taṇhâ-diţţhi*.]
- 2. **Ãhârasamuṭṭhânikakâya** The eight modes of *rûpa* such as *pathavî*, *âpo*, *tejo*, *vâyo*, *vuṇṇa*, *gandha*, *rasa* and *ojâ*, are said to be **Ãhârasamuṭṭhânikakâya**.
- 3. Cittasamuṭṭhânikakâya If the above eight modes are citta-derived ones, then they

are said to be cittasamutthânikakâya.

Note – The descriptions above are for  $R\hat{u}pa-k\hat{a}va$  = the ever occurring in  $khandh\hat{a}$ called *rûpa-rûpa*, all caused bythe four dhammas including *kamma* etc., the true *rûpa*s. The sadda-rûpa which occur once in a while, and the *nipphanna-rûpa* which are not true *rûpa*s are not inclusive.]

## THE KÂYAVIÑÑATA-RÛPA

In this iriyâpatha and sampajañña contemplations, understanding of kayaviññatarûpa is a pre-rerquisite. In the previous section on rûpakamaţţhâna detail explation on the *viññata-rûpa* has been made. For the sake of rememberance it will be touched upon again in brief.

What is kâyaviññata-rûpa? It is the rûpa referred to as the kayaviññata. There is dhamma rooted in kusala-citta, akusala-citta, abyâkata-citta, and of individuals of advancing or retreating, of seeing straight ahead or sideways, of flexing or extending legs, rûpa-kâya dhammas =supporting all  $r\hat{u}pa$  dhamma, the cause of such a support rûpa, that which makes one realises (Abhi.- 1: 177).

If consciousness arsies in one as "I will go forward, or backward," it is the cause of arising of the *cittaja-rûpa* (a multitude of *cittaja-kalâpa*). Each and every *kalâpa* has the four great elements: pathavî, âpo, tejo, vâyo. Among these are included the four great element-depended vunna, gandha, rasa and ojâ, called upâdâna rûpa, and also the eight modes of the rûpa dhamma. Included also in these rûpa dhammas is cittasamuţţhâna vâyo This vâyo dhâtu with upâdinnakâya, âhârasamuţţhâni kâya, utusamuţţhânikâya, cittasamuţthânikâya, which are the rûpa-kâyas = all the rûpa dhammas formed together within a *khandhâ*, provide good support, and cause movements forward or backward (Abhi.- Tha 1: 124).

Among the cittaja vâyo dhâtu, arising from that citta, are manodvârika-jhâna-vîthi with a certain âvajjana of the seven javanas. Of these seven, vâyo-dhâtu formed of the first javana-citta has ability to support, maintain and hold firmly catuja-rûpa-kâya. It is, therefore unable move this way or that. Note that the same hold true for second *ihâna* and so on.

The vâyo dhâtu contained in cittaja rûpa kalâpas caused by seventh javana-citta formed previously = included in the 6-fold prior *jhâna-citta* derived *cittaja rûpa kalâpa*s produces supportive upatthambhana cause. Because of this support, it can provide good support to *catuja-rûpa-kâya* of similar nature = for the purpose of propping up, good and firm maintenance, of movement, of moving to and fro, of looking straight ahead, of glancing sideways, flexing and extending. Because of the 7th jhâna-citta-derived vâyodhâtu, the following can exclaimed to have attained.

Going forward, Turning back, Going and coming back. To have traveled a distance of one yûjanâ To have traveled a distance of ten yûjanâ.

The *rûpa dhamma*s once arisen, as *uppâda*, at place is never removed to another one. The life span of a rûpa dhamma only 17 citta khanas (thought moment), so short a duration that it perishes away at the place of arising. The movement here means the arising a rûpakalâpa at one place and arising once again in another. It is not the movement of rûpa-kalâpa

per se from one place to another. Arsing in another place is by virtue of the *vâyo dhâtu* included among the *cittaja-rûpa dhâtu*. People take *uppâda* shifting from one place to another as "movement."

The *vâyo dhâtu* contained in the *cittaja-rûpa-kalâpa*s, derived from the first *javana-citta*, in fact, cannot move at the moment of arising as a cause for *catuja-rûpa at* a certain other place. However immovable it mat be, it must be noted that the *vâyo dhâtu* arises together with the *vikâra-rûpa* called *viññatta*. (It means that it formed as *kâyaviññattinavaka kalâpa*, *kâyaviññattinavaka-lahuta dvidvâdasaka kalâpa*).

The reason is this. Of the 10 directions, you would like to go to certain direction, or to put a cerain thing, to flex or extend, then the *vâyo dhâtu* would well support and maintain the *catuja-rûpa*, which are bearing direction. Therefore, the feature of being directed to a particular place is there, a distinct feature arising together with your internal state of mind *chanda* = the *vikâra* is also a form of *viññatta*. Note, therefore, that among the first javanaderived *cittaja-rûpa-kalâpa*, *vâyo dhâtu* is formed together with *vikâra-rûpa*, called *viññatta*.

Because of this, the appearance also of *viññatta-rûpa* by the *manodvâra* form the distinct *vikâra-rûpa* according to the internal *chanda* (the particularly distinct *vikâra-rûpa* in accordance with the *chanda*). Because of this possibility of formation of *vuţţho*, *karma-javana*, *abhiññâna-jhâna*, the 32 modes of *cittas* as strengthening the *cittaja-sâmañña-rûpa*, as well as the *iriyaputta* and the appearance of *viññatta-rûpa*.

Among the inumerable *cittaja-rûpa-kalâpa* that have arisen, the *vâyo-dhâtu* couldbe claimed to have a place 10 *yûjanâ*s away (*Mulaţî*.- 1: 72).

Among the catuja rûpa-kâya = catusamuţţhânika rûpa-kâya = the rûpa-kâyas are present all the cittaja-rûpas referred to as cittajasamuţţhânika kâya, but are not the viññatta. As a matter of fact, for supporting the among the citta-caused catuja rûpa-kâya formed together with vâyo dhâtu, included in the cittajasamuţţhâni rûpa-kalâpas, = for firm prop, strong maintenance, moving here and there, which can be the causes, there is present a certain feature of citta-derived mahâbhûta (the four great primaries) cittajasamuţţhâna. This distinct feature is the viññatta (Abhi.- Ţha. 1: 125).

Note that it is true that because of the possession of such distinct feature, the  $v\hat{a}yo$   $dh\hat{a}tu$ , formed together with catuja  $r\hat{u}pa-k\hat{a}ya$  = all the  $r\hat{u}pa$ s, can support and move ( $Mah\hat{a}t\hat{i}$ .-1:72).

Cittaja-aṭṭhakalâpa rûpas arises due to citta, but not the viññatta-rûpa. (Because it is not the true paramatta). In this way, sañkhâra paramatta dhammas, though not the cittajasamuṭṭhâna the citta-derivatives, have the nature of anicca (impermanence), dukkha (suffering) and anatta (non-self), and are subject to jarâ-mara (ageing and death).

## Jarâ-Maranam bhikkhave aniccam sañkhatam (Sam.-1: 264)

Bhikkhûs ... Jarâ-maraṇa is an anicca dhamma (phenomenon of impermanence); its causes are the sañkhata dhamma subject to change. Besides, the vikâra, referred to as viññatta, which can realize the cittaja-rûpa, and which are the cittajasamuṭṭhâna = having a particular behavior viññatta-rûpa also is citta-caused cittajasamuṭṭhâna (Abhi.-Tha. 2: 125).

**Thânupacâ**. From the Atthakathâ descriptions, the cittajasamuţthâna the true name, of the eight modes of the kalâpa-rûpa, has been emphasized on the basis of vikâra-rûpa viññatta, and is also cittajasamutthâna. For this reason, that viññatta rûpa has to be named as the *cittajasamutthâna* by way of an explanation inserting as *nâma saddâ* hence the expression "Sâpi cittasamuţthânâ nâma hoti (Abhi.- Tha. 2: 125). For the purpose of making clear that there, however, is no viññatta-rûpa in paramatta sense. This is explained to be "Na cittasamutthânâ."

From aspect of the thânupacâra the viññatta-rûpa is the cittajasamutthâna and is also *upâdâ rûpa* from aspect of the four-fold *mahâbhûta* = because of being *vikâra* by way of thânupacâra (Mahâţî.-1: 72).

As explained previously in section on rûpa-kammaţţhânâ, two rûpas in this iriyapatha and sampajañña are given below.

1. **Padhâna** (essential) = the concentrated rûpa dhammas are the kâya-viññatti navaka kalâpa

and kâya-viññatti-lahutâ dvidvâdasaka kalâpa which the two kinds of cittaja-rûpa kalâpa in which is included the viññatta. Bhasite - sampajañña meditation are two rûpa kalâpas: vacîiññatti-daska kalâpa and vacîiññatti sadda-lahutâditerasaka kalâpa, included in the *vacîññatta rûpa*, which made their appearance because of consciousness on point of wish to make while talking.

- 2. Appadhâna (nonessential) = apadhâna rûpa dhammas are catusamuṭṭhânika  $r\hat{u}pa-k\hat{a}ya = \text{all the } r\hat{u}pa \text{ } dhammas \text{ located in the six } dv\hat{a}ras \text{ and the } 42 \text{ } kutth\hat{a}sa \text{ (the bodily } 1)$ parts) of the body (Ma.- Tî.- 353).
- 1. Among these padhâna-rûpa and apadhâna-rûpa, a meditator concentrates primarily on the rûpa dhammas inclusive of viññatta rûpa referred to as iriyapatha-rûpa. If he did so, the catusamutthânika rûpa-kâya located in the dvâras and the 42 kuthâsa, which are the appadhâna = all the rûpa dhammas too are completely cultured.
- 2. Appadhâna. Non-concentrated samuţthânika rûpa-kâya, located in the six dvâras and the 42 kuthâsa, = contemplation on all rûpa dhammas as the primary objects, also iriya-pattharûpa, the appadhâna are accomplished consecutively. Later, samuţţhânika rûpa-kâya is the padhâna, iriyapatha-rûpa = cittaja rûpas which contain viññatta, are the appadhâna (Ma.- Ţî.- 353).

All these padhâna, appadhâna rûpa dhammas are called the rûpa-kkhandhâ. The meditator must have cultured all these to the attainment of realizing their paramatta (the ultimate truth). Only then can the attainment of nâma dhammas be cultured. For the sake of relationship concentrations on the rûpa and nâma dhammas, a brief description of that on the *rûpa dhamma*, that has been broadly explained previously, will be made.

# THE FIVE-FOLD $KHANDDH\hat{A} = R\hat{U}PA + 2$ MODES OF $N\hat{A}MA$ (The Five Aggregates = Corporeality + 2 Mental States)

"Gicchâmî"ti cittam uppajjati, tam vâyam janeti, vâyam janeti, citta-kiriya vâyodhâtuvipphârena-sakalakâyassa pûrato abhinîhâro gamananti vuccati. Thânâdîsupi eseva nayo (Ma.- Tha.- 1: 256).

Vâyam janetîti vâyo-dhâtu-adhikam rûpa-kalapam janeti (Ma.- Tha.- 1: 352).

A citta willing to go arises, which causes arising of a vâyo-dhâtu = resulting in in a  $r\hat{u}pa$ -kalâpa under influence of natural power natural power = causes arising of all the  $r\hat{u}pa$ dhammas. This vâyo-dhâtu causes arsing of viñnatta-rûpa.. because of the spread

throughout the entire body of the  $v\hat{a}yo$ - $dh\hat{a}tu$  caused by citta, in other words, due to spread throughout the entire body of the citta-caused natural power overwhelmed by  $r\hat{u}pa$  dhammas, complete  $sammutth\hat{a}na$   $r\hat{u}pa$ - $k\hat{a}ya$  = all  $r\hat{u}pa$ -dhammas are carried forwards. The same applies to their stoppage etc. (Ma.- Tha.- 1: 256).

You are advised to carefully read the descriptions in the above *Atthakathâ*.

- 1. To begin with, the will to go should be concentrated to realize by eye of wisdom.
- 2. Concentration should be made to visualize, by eye of wisdom, on the complete  $r\hat{u}pa-kal\hat{a}pa$  overwhelmed by  $v\hat{a}yo-dh\hat{a}tu$  caused by citta of will to go = spreading throughout the entire body of all the  $r\hat{u}pa-dhamma$ s should be realized via the eye of wisdom.
- 3. Natural power-dominated *vâyo-dhâtu*, i.e., the natural power-dominated *mahâbhûta dhâtu* causing the body behavior at will in going should be contemplated to visualize by eye of wisdom.
- 4. Visualization by eye of wisdom of *rûpa dhammas*, being carried forward spread throughout the entire body of *rûpa-kalâpa*s and *rûpa dhammas* dominated by natural power of *citta*-produced *vâyo-dhâtu*, should be made.
  - Stated in a different way –
- 1. Meditate on the mind to go by eye of wisdom.
- 2. Concentrate, by eye of wisdom, all the citta-produced *kâya-viññatti navaka kalâpa*, *kâya-viññatti-lahuta-dvidvâdasaka kalâpa* spread throughout the entire body and the way they spread. These are the *rûpa*s that can spread, the *padhâna* = the concentrated *rûpas*.
- 3. Contemplate, to realize by eye of wisdom, the *catusamuţţânika rûpa-kâya dhammas* located in the six *dvâras* and 42 *kuţţâsa*. They are *appadhâna* = *rûpas* (non-concentrated *rûpas*).

#### THE CITTA TO MOVE

The  $manodv \hat{a} ra$ -vijjana,  $k \hat{a} m \hat{a} va cara kusala$ -jhau a and askulasala jh $\hat{a} na$  are the citta for puthujana and sekkha puggala to move. The noble sekkha individuals must eradicate all the kiles $\hat{a}$  from which he has been relieved of. Such cittas are just

the manodvârika jhâna vîthi citta, which causes arising of iriyapaţţha viññatta rûpa.

It is the nature of citta that it never arises without accompaniment of *cetasika*. It always arises in association with relevant *cetasika*.

Yassa viññânam pâkaṭam hoti, so "na kevalam viññânemeva uppajjati, tena saddhim tadevarammanam phussamâto phassopi uppajjati, anubhavamânâ vedanâpi, sañjânanamâna saññâpi, cetayamânâ cetanâpi uppajjatî"ti phassa-pañcamakeyeva pariggannhâti (Ma.- Ţha.- 1: 280 – 281).

In concord with explanations of the above *Aţţhakathâ*, *citta-viññâna* does not arise just by itself alone. It being so, *nâma dhamma* groups, led by *phassapañcamaka dhamma* which appear together within *citta-viññâna* and a *cittakhaṇa*, must be cultured and analyzed by *ñâṇa*. These *nâma* groups also arise along the usual natural thought processes, called the *citta-niyâma* (the way the mind works). Therefore,

they are series of *manodvârika-javana-citta* processes exerted by mind to go.

The above-mentioned *padhâna rûpa dhamma*s and the *appadhâna rûpa dhamma*s are the *rûpa*.

2. Citta-cetasika willing to move are the nâma.

These *rûpa* and *nâma* are to be contemplated.

Among these again the following are the five-fold *khandhâs*:

- (1) Rûpa dhamma is the rûpa-kkhandhâ.
- (2) Vedanâ is the vedanâ-kkhandhâ.
- (3) *Saññâ* is the *saññâ- kkhandhâ*.
- (4) Except *vedanâ* and *saññâ*, others are *sañkhâra-kkhandhâ*.
- (5) Consciousness is the *viññâna-kkhandhâ*.

Make effort to concentrate analytically to realize by eye of wisdom that there are fivefold khandhâs each in the manodvâra-vhâna and jhâna. [With the exception of vedanâ and saññâ, all the cetasikas are the sañkhâra-kkhandhâ, so that number in the cetasika of sañkhâra-kkhandhâ fluctuates corresponding to that of cetasika that arises in with every cittakhaṇa. Manodvâra-jhâna is made of citta + cetasika (mind + mental concomitants) = 12 modes of nâma dhammas, for which the remaining nine cetasikas are the sañkhârakkhandhâ. If the javana is the kusala-javana, then – and there are 34 modes of nâma – then 31 cetasikas, exclusive of vedanâ, saññâ and viññâna, are the sañkhara-kkhandhâs. This should clearly be understood.]

#### METHOD OF MEDITATION IN BRIEF

- 1. Stand still at a certain place cultivate *samâdhi* (concentration) step by step.
- 2. Culture all the massive *rûpa dhammas*, of the six *dvâras* the 42 *kuṭṭhâsa*, by analytically breaking them down by your  $\tilde{n}$ ana to the attainment realization of their paramatta by eye of wisdom. Then
- 3. Maintain by cultivation clear mind and body.
- 4. Make effort of visualize the mind to move by making an attempt at it. concentrate to realize the *cetasika* associated with this mind. Concentrate to the stage of realization by eye of wisdom following the *mano-dvârika-jhâna-vîthi*.
- 5. Concentrate primarily on spreading throughout the entire body of Rûpa dhammas, called kâya-viññatti-navaka-kalâpa and kâyaviññatti-lahuta-dvidvâsaka kalâpa. (Make attempt to move gradually).
- 6. Contemplate to visualize, by eye of wisdom, on the arising, here and then there, of catusamuţţhânika rûpa-kâya = changeing of rûpa dhammas one new place after another because of the power of vâyo dhamma making up these rûpa kalâpa. (These are phenomena of appadhâdna rûpas being carried away from one place to another.)

When one can concentrate and analyze by  $\tilde{n}\tilde{a}\tilde{n}a$  contemplate as follows.

- 1.  $Padh\hat{a}na \ r\hat{u}pa = \text{concentrated } r\hat{u}pa$ , and  $appadh\hat{a}na = \text{non-concentrated } r\hat{u}pa$  in combination and concentrate as  $R\hat{u}pa \ dhamma$ ,  $R\hat{u}pa \ dhamma$ .
- 2. Citta and cetasika combined as one, and concentrated as Nâma dhamma, Nâma dhamma.

N.B. When walking up and down concentrating on  $r\hat{u}pa-n\hat{a}ma$ , go slowly. If it is your first time, walk on the walk-way you are used to it. In culturing  $sam\hat{a}dhi$ , at the start of the walk-way in standing position, concentrate on  $samuţţh\hat{a}nika-r\hat{u}pa\ dhammas$ , closed your eyes. This as well as applies while walking and standing. When your have gradually succeeded in this exercise, you can open your eyes slightly while meditating. Your mind set on going, the  $manodv\hat{a}rika\ jh\hat{a}na$  may be kusala or  $akusala\ jh\hat{a}nas$  for you. But at the moment of your concentration on the  $r\hat{u}pa-n\hat{a}ma$ , they could only be  $kusala\ jh\hat{a}na\ v\hat{u}thi$  because of  $r\hat{u}pa-n\hat{a}ma\ pariccheda\ nanalytical\ knowledge\ of\ r\hat{u}pa\ and\ nama)$ .

Mediation can also be made by way of fivepfold *khanddhâ*, of 12 modes of *âyatana* and of 18 *dhâtu*s.

Among these *manodvârika javana vîthi, javana* (object of concentration) may, or may not, be the *tadârammana*. But note that *viññatta-rûpa* cannot arise in the *tadârammana*. Only when *karma rûpa-nâma* is taken as the object and only when *ârammana* is *vibhûtâ-rammana*, can *viññatta-rûpa* arise in the *tadârammana*.

In so doing too, the following four should be performed time and again.

- 1. Concentrate on the *rûpa* and *rûpa* only (*rûpa-pariggaha*).
- 2. Concentrate on *nâma* and *nâma* only (*nâma-pariggaha*).
- 3. Concentrate on *rûpa-nâma* (*rûpa-nâma-pariggaha*).
- 4. Analyzing *rûpa* and *nâma* (*rûpa-nâma-vavutthâna*).

# Yathâ yathâ vâ panassa kayo paṇihito hoti, kathâ kathâ nam pajânâti

This instruction from the Buddha has been explained in two different ways. In the first method the *citta-rûpa kalâpa*s, in which is included *iriyapaţha viññatta*, concentrated as state of going – standing – sitting – lying down of the four bodily parts = the *cittaja-rûpa dhammas*, kept as primary, are to be concentrated as *appadhâna*.

In the second method it is instructed that of the *catusamuţţhânika rûpa-kâya dhammas*, which are *appadhâna*, are cultured as *padhâna*, then *cittaja-rûpa-kâya*, which are included in the *iriyapaţha viññatta-rûpas* = all *rûpa dhammas* are taken as *appadhâna*. (This has been explained in section on *Rûpa Kammaţţhâna*).

With reference to this instruction a mediator should contemplate on an *rûpa-nâma* only in such a way that each bodily parts merged together. See the following.

1. *Cittaja-rûpa*, comprised of *iriyapaţha viññatta*, are kept as the padhâna, and the *catusamuţţhânika rûpa-kâya* = all the *rûpa dhammas*, as the *appadhâna*.

- 2. All the samuţţhânika rûpa-kâya dhammas, existing a phenomena being carried away, are again taken as padhâna (exerted), and taking cittaja-rûpas, made up of iriyapatha viññatta, as apdhâna, and are concentrated in this way.
- 3. Afterwards, continue meditating on manodvârika javana vîthi citta-cetasika nâma dhammas, which are exerted by the mind, and that for going, standing, sitting and lying down.
- 4. Then cultivate on *rûpa-nâma* as a follow-up.
- 5. Concentrate on *rûpa-nâma* analytically.

These are *cittaja-rûpa*s made of *iriyapatha viññatta rûpa*s, existing as phenomena of being carried away.

It is important that concentration on the solid masses of *rûpa* are broken down by  $\tilde{n}$ ana to paramatta pieces (which only be realized by the  $\tilde{n}$ ana). It must be noted that only when the *ghana* (solid mass) of *rûpa* and *nâma* have been broken down can *anatta* (non-self) be visualized by eye of wisdom.

# SAMPAJÂNA PABBA – SECTION ON SAMPAJAÑA

Puna caparam bhikkhave bhikkhû -

- 1. Abhikkante paţikkante sampajânakârî hoti.
- 2. *Ālokite vilokite sampajānakārî hoti*.
- 3. Samañjite pasârite sampajânakârî hoti.
- 4. Saghâţipattacîvaradhârane sampajânakârî hoti.
- 5. Asite pîte khâyite sâyite sampajânakârî hoti.
- 6. Uccâparassâvakamme sampajânakârî hoti.
- 7. Gate thite nisanne sutte jâgarite bhâsite tunhibhâve sampajânakârî hoti. (Ma.-1:72).

*Bhikkhûs* ---- Another method that a meditator perform is as follows.

- 1. Going forward, and backward are made via sampajâna ñâna.
- 2. Looking straight ahead or glancing sideways are made via sampajâna ñâṇa.
- 3. Flexing (bending), and relaxing (extending) are made via sampajâna ñâṇa.
- 4. In carrying *Dukuta*, bowl and the robe, they are made via *sampajâna ñâṇa*.
- 5. Eating, drinking and chewing are made via sampajâna ñâṇa.
- 6. The long and short visits are made via sampajâna ñâṇa.
- 7. Going, standing, sitting, sleeping and awakening, talking and not talking are made via sampajâna ñâṇa.

# ADDHÂNA-IRIYÂPATHA – MACCHIMAIRIYÂPATHA – KHUDDAKACUNNIKAIRIYÂPATHA

"Gacchanto vâ gacchâmîti pajânâti, thito vâ thitomhîti pajânâti, nisanno vâ nisaano-mhîti pajânâti, sayâno vâ sayânomhîti pajânâtî"ti imassamin hi ţhâne addhâna-iriyapathânâ kathitâ.

"Abhikkante paţikkante âlokite vilokite samiñjite pasârite"ti imassamin macchimâ.

"Gate țhite nissanne suttee jâgarite" ti idha pana kuddhakacuṇṇika iriya pathâ Kathitâ (Ma.- Ṭha.-1: 273).

- (a) The state of going is clearly realized (practice to realize).
- (b) The state of standing is clearly realized (practice to realize).
- (c) The state of sitting is clearly realized (practice to realize).
- (d) The state of lying down is clearly realized (practice to realize).

In the four situations of contemplation in the first section of the *iriyâpatha*, *addhâna-iriyâpatha* = long-life bodily parts have been referred to in the Buddha's expatiation.

The Lord has instructed that the exercise on going forward, backward, looking straight ahead or looking sideways, flexing or relaxing is to be made by virtue of *sampa-jañña ñâṇa*. In this case, the Lord has referred to mediocre-life bodily parts.

Again, the *sampajañña ñâṇa* has been indicated in the states of *gate* (going), *thite* (standing), *nisanne* (sitting), *sutte* (asleep), *jâgarite* (waking). In these five situations, the Buddha has referred to the small *iriyâpatha*s such as *khuddaka* (little one) and *cuṇṇika* (smallest one) of the surrounding = employs a knowledge that realizes the various directions of the surrounding (*Ma.- Tha.-* 1:273)

# *ABHIKKANTE - PAŢIKKANTE* GOING FORWARD – GOING BACKWARD

Going forward is *abhikkante* and backward *paţikkante* forward. *Tadubhayampi catûsu iriyâpathesu labbhati (Abhi.- Ţha.-* 2: 331 – 332; M. *Ţha.-* 1:258).

The four situations of *iriyâpatha* can also be acquired in both going forward or backward.

- 1. In the state of going, a person is directing his body forward (= all the  $r\hat{u}pa$  dhammas) are said to be going forward, and one whose body is directed backward going backward.
- 2. In the state of going too, a person who is leaning his body (= all the *rûpa dham-mas*) forward while standing, without any steps made yet, is said to be going forward; when his body is leaning backward, he is going backward.
- 3. In sitting (no standing nor going forward) also, a person is said to going forward (*abhikkamati*) while sitting (facing towards the front parts of the body), as he is loking straight ahead. The state of going toward the hinder parts of the body is sadi to be going backward. It is the same in lying down, i.e. going forward or backward while lying down ((*Abhi.- Ţha.-* 2: 331 332; M. *Ţha.-* 1:258).

#### SAMPAJÂNAKÂRI HOTI

By virtue of knowledge that understands the surrounding, one makes movements forward and backward. in other words, a person used to employ a knowledge that realizes different directions of surroundings = employs a knowledge that could understand the various directions of the surrounding.

Indeed, a meditating ascetic makes going forward or backward by virtue of sampajañña ñâṇa. There is nothing that not associated with the sampajañña ñâṇa. The sampajañña ñâṇa is always associated with sati (consciusness). The broad explanation of sampajañña ñâṇa, therefore, by niddesa Pâli is

Sato sampajañno abhikkamati, sato sampajañno paṭikkamati

Being mindful and endowed with sampajañña ñâṇa, he proceeds forward, and backward in a similar way.

In this way, the Lord has included mindfulness too in His instruction. An ascetic going foward or backward makes it done with consciousness (mindfulness) = never with a wavering mind nor without the all-understanding sampajañña ñâṇa. In fact, being mindful and endowed with the sampajañña ñâna which realizes various situations, movement forward or backward is made correspondingly (Abhi.- Tha.-2: 332; Ma.- Tha.-1: 258).

Sabbesu abhikkamadîsu catubbiham sampajaññam otâreti (Abhi.- Tha.-2: 332).

In the performaces such as going forward etc., the four situations of sampajañña are effected (Abhi.- Tha.-2: 332).

The question here is "What is that kind of knowledge that understands, and understands clearly, by sampajaña-kârî, various situation in the surrounding"? The answer is as given below.

#### THE FOUR-FOLD SAMPAJAÑÑAS

- 1. Satthaka sampajañña
- 2. Sappâya sampajañña
- 3. Gocara sampajañña
- 4. Asammoha sampajañña

# 1. Satthaka sampajañña

Among these four, a consciousness arises to go forward, but you would not go along with it. You ask your-self if there could be or could not be of any advantage going there. Concentration, by analysis through  $\tilde{n}\hat{a}na$ , on the advantage or disadvantage of going is called *Satthaka sampajañña* (*Abhi.- Tha.-*1: 285).

#### WHAT BENEFICIAL DHAMMA IS

Tattha ca atthoti cetiyadassana-bodhidassana-samghassadassana-asubhadassanâdivasena dhammato vutti (Abhi.- Tha.-2: 332; Ma.- Tha.- 1: 258).

In the above statement, the advantage refers to paying homage to a *cetiya*, to bo tree, to a sanghâ, to a sanghâthera, to the great teachers, and seeing an asubha etc. By the power of these, development of dhamma is attained = development of kusala dhamma. (If going forward or backward results in development of kusala dhamma, then it is an advantage from point of view of satthaka-sampajañña.).

## HOW THE BENEFIT CAN BE ACQUIRED

If one could pay homage to a cetiya, or a bo tree, there arises *Buddhârammana-pîti* (mental feeling of loy with the Buddha as object of meditation) together with mahâ-kusala mandodvârika vîthi mental processes. If the characters of these are taken on the nature of

khaya-vaya (depletion-destruction) are taken as object of concentration on their three general characters, one can attain Arahatta-phala. If the homage is paid to sanghâtheras (= great teachers), and vipassanâ exercise made following their teaching, one can acquire Arahatta-phala. Concentrating on the asubha (the dead body = loathsomeness), and attaining the first jhâna on this dead body, then the khaya-vaya nature of that jhâna are contemplated on the three general characters, one can also attain the Arahatta-phala. Therefore, paying homage to cetiya, to the bo tree, to sanghâ, to sanghâ thera, seeing the dead body etc., should be taken to have the benefit. (This benefit can be enjoyed by those who have acquired nâma-rûpa-pariccheda-ñâṇa the successful concentration on ultimate reality of the rûpa-nâma, the paccaya-pariggaha-ñâṇa the successful contemplation on the nature of the paţiccasamuppâda = causal relationship at past, future and present periods, and have acquired viapssanâ-ñâṇa to the attainment of bhañga- ñâṇa, the ability to concentrate on the causal relation-

ship of the *rûpa-nâma* = the *sañkâra dhammas*, to their three genral characters).

To those who believe in *keci*, the material wealth *âmisa* also is a benefit, *sîla*, *samâdhi*, *paññâ*, the three-fold noble moralities dependent upon the four kinds of materials, the *ariaya magga*, one has the chance to practice insupport of the *sâsanâ* called *magga-brahmacariya* which are *sâsana brahmâ-cariya* (*Abhi-Ţha.-*2: 332;Ma.- *Ţha.-*1:258).

SAPPÂSAMPAZAÑÑA

In going along with the intention of paying homage to the *cetiya* etc., discrimation of whether it is suitable or not is made by  $\tilde{n}\hat{a}\eta a$ , and only that which is suitable is followed. This is the *sappâya-sampajañña*.

It is indeed beneficial to pay homage to the *cetiaya*. If, however, celebration of a festival on a large scale for the purpose has been made, then people from far and near would have gathered there. People, men and wemen would be clad in the best clothes they could afford and be going round and round. If a meditator encounters *iţţhârammana* then an attachment and *lobha* to it could have arisen in him. If an *aniţţhârammana* is encountered, then *pagţigha phenomenon of* gross mind would arise in him. Moha phenomena would arise depending on these *kâmaguṇa*s, because of unwise attention (men handsome or not, wemen beautiful or ugly etc.) due to lack of penetrative attention

of the right object of concentration. Pushing through the crowd contact with wemen would result in committing  $k\hat{a}yasamgassa$  (violation through body contact). Accidents with elephants or a vehicle could have resulted in life-threatening injuries. Encounter with various  $visabh\hat{a}ga-\hat{a}rammanas$  (objects of extraordinary nature) has cause unhappiness in the  $s\hat{a}san\hat{a}$ , will to leave a monk's life to become a layman, which are not condusive to success in cultivating  $s\hat{i}la$ ,  $sam\hat{a}dhi$  and  $pa\tilde{n}n\hat{a}$ , which are the practice of brahmacariya. If such these are the results, then the place of cetiya, where festivals are being held, is an asappaya (place not suitable as yet to go). The above mentioned dangers do not occurred, then it is  $sapp\hat{a}ya$  (a place suitable to go). The same principles

apply to the case of paying homage to the bo tree (Abhi- Tha.-2: 332-333).

Paying homage to the *sanghâ* also is beneficial. But a big crowd listening to the sermon, given by the *sanghâs*, throughout the whole night is an *asappâya*, as in the above case. If such a place is not a danger to the well being of man and to noble practice *brahmacariya*, then the it is a suitable place to go. This is also true of paying homage to *matheras* surrounded by crowd of believers (*Abhi- Tha.-2*: 332-333; *Ma.- Tha.-1*:258-9).

Concentrating on the *asubha* also of benefit. To make it explicit, a story runs like this. A young Arahant, accompanied by a novice, went around to find a material to make a

toothbrush. As they went along, the young novice continued the expedition from the roadside and came across an asubha (dead human body). Taking it as an object, the novice attempted to attain the first asubha jhâna then and there. After acquiring it, he exercise vipassanâ on the three genral characters of the sañkhâra dhammas. Then he succeeded in attaining anâgâmi-magga-phala by series of magga and phala. But he did not stopthere, but continued exercising on the causal relationhip of rûpa-nâma, the object of meditation for vipassanâ*ñâṇa*, to attain the higher *magga-ñâṇa* referred to as the arahatta-magga.

When the *arahant* has lost sight of the novice he called out as "sâmane, sâmane." [From the day of his entering a novice's life reciting the words of the arahants has become the first words ever produced. Not following the aranhant's words has becomem his second language. The novice always speaks the first words, but never the second. Therefore, this is a sâmane (the novice) who never speaks two different languages (Ma.-*Ţî.*- 1: 335).]

Then the pondered. "Since the day of becoming a novice, I have never ever spoken two different languages with the arahants. I would acquire the noble dhammas the higher maggañana and phala-ñana. After having such a thought, the novice answered the arahant's call, "yes sir, what is it?" "Come along" was the arahant's single call. The sâmane came along and said "Sir, go along this way first, then at the place where I have been standing and look and see towards the east."

The young *arahant* duely acted as the *sâmaņe* has indicated, and succeeded in attaining *anâgâmi-magga- ñâna* and *phala-ñâna*.

In this way, the dead body has appeared for the benefit of two individual worldlings. Benefit it may provide, the female dead body would be an asappava for a male meditator and the male dead body for a female meditator. The male dead body is sappâya for a male and meditator, and the feamale dead body for a female meditator.

This could lead one to the attainment of asubha-jhâna. The ability to discrimate, by analytical  $\tilde{n}\hat{a}na$ , as to whether a factor is  $sapp\hat{a}va$  or  $asapp\hat{a}va$  and only the one that is sappâya is referred to as sappâya-sampajañña (Abhi- Tha.-2: 332-333; Ma.- Tha.-1:258-9).

[In samatha having a male asubha as the object of concentration for a male meditator is sabhâga (of usual nature). So is it for female. In samatha effort is made of intensive concentration commonly on the dead body to attain *jhâna*. The contemplation is made until If visabhâga (unusal) object has been concentrated upon intensively, paţibhânimitta will be acquired, which in turn form an object for arising of pîti and sukha associated with samâdhi. Then the already-attained samâdhi will deteriorate, and would be unable to progressed towards higher jhâna-samâdhi. That is why it usual to concentrate on common dead body in samatha. In vipassanâ exercise, however, concentration upon the dead body of Sîrimâ by arahants of both sexes, male and female laities has been mentioned in old scriptures, Vijaya-Suttana etc.. the concentration can be made on both sabhâgavisabhâga factors. It will be clearly describedin section on Vipassanâ).

## GOCARA-SAMPAJAÑÑA

The meditating arahant, who has succeeded in culturing sâtthaka-sampajaññâ and sappâya-sampajañña, by analytical cultured via analytical knowledge, has learned gocara (= kammatthâna ârammana), one which he likes most from among the 38 modes of samatha kammatthâna. He exercise on it to the attainment of uggaha nimitta (an image recognized by mind), and concentrating on it during alms-collecting round (= going around alms-collection with that *kammaţţhâna* taken to heart. This concentration is called *gocarasampajañña* (Abhi.- *Tha.*-2: 333; *Ma.*- *Tha.*-1: 259).

[N.B. With reference to these explanations, it must be noted that the gocara-sampajañña is concerned with samatha exercise only. The samatha kammaṭṭhâna is of (38) kinds, where âkâsa-kasiṇa is explained in âkâsânañcâyatana jhâna, âloka-kasiṇa in odâta-kasiṇa and included in it. Although gocara-sampajañña is orientated towards the samatha kammaṭṭhâna, if the meditator himself has succeeded in vipassanâ exercise surpassing the samatha, then he can meditate by both ways. This is explained so because it will be seen that gocara-sampajañña is associated with the samatha, whereas asammoha-sampajañña with the vipassanâ. One should have wrong belief that vipassanâ exercise should not be made while going alms-collection round and it way back.]

# THE FOUR KINDS OF VUTTA THE FOUR KINDS OF CONDUCT

In this  $s\hat{a}san\hat{a}$ , the following catukka (a set of four) should be understood for the clarity of gocara- $sampaja\tilde{n}\tilde{n}a$ .

- (a) Some *bhikkhû*s go along with *kammaţţhâna*, exerting effort to exercise on it during alms-collection rounds, but not on the way back.
- (b) Some *bhikkhû*s go along with *kammaţţhâna*, exerting effort to exercise on it on the way back, but not during alms-collection rounds.
- (c) Some do not either way.
- (d) Some *bhikkhû*s go along with *kammaţţhâna*, exerting effort to exercise on it both during alms-collection rounds, and on the way back.

# (A) One who goes along with *kammaṭṭhâna*, exerting effort to exercise on it during alms-collection rounds, but not on the way back.

Among the four kinds of *bhikkhûs*, one practices the whole day while walking and sitting so as to be relieved of *nîvarana dhammas* (hinderances) to *kusala dhammas* (= distancing himself from the *nîvarana dhammas* by acquiring one of *samâdhis*, referred to as *upâcâra-samâdhi* and *appanâ-samâdhi*). The practice was made during the fisrt part of the night to get the mind cleansed of *nîvaraṇa* factors. At midnight he went to sleep, and at dawn the arahant whiled away the time *samattha* is taken the to the heart by walking and sitting exercises. In the early morning he carried out the duty of *cetiyasañ-gaṇa vutta* at the *cetiya*, *bodiyañgaṇa vutta* at the bo tree and water to it, filled water in pots the water for drinking, then practiced *âcariya-vutta* due to the teachers and

*uppajjhâra-vutta* due to the *uppajjhâra* teachers. All of these duties are referred to as *khandhaka-vutta*.

The bhikkhû then washed his face, paid short and long visits, cleaned himself and entered the the monastry and made mental culture cross-legged two or three times, by which he warmed himself up. After the mental exercise and when time is up to go for alms-collection rounds, he got up still exercising the kammaţţhâna (= taking kammaţţhâna to heart) picked up alms-bowl and the robe and left the monastry. Still taking kammaţţhâna to heart (not forgetting his usual parihâriya kammaţţhâna), the bhikkhû went to the cetiya. If his parihâriya kammaţţhâna happened to be buddhâ-nussati kammaţţhâna, he would enter the compound of the cetiya still concentrating on the buddhâ-nussati kammaţţhâna. If his

exercise happened to one other than buddhâ-nussati kammaţţhâna, such as ânâpâna (mindfulness of in- and out-breath), then he should leave it at the start of the passage way to the *cetiva* compound, make effort to acaquire *Buddhârammana-pîti* having the *Buddha-guṇa* as the object of concentration. After attaining this state, turn three round on your right around the cetiva and pay homage to it at four corners, if the cetiva is a large one. If the cetiva is a small one, turn three rounds and pay homage to it at eight corners. After completing paying homage to the *cetiva*, the *bhikkhû* came to the ground around the bo tree and pay homage to it respectfully, as if he were right infront of the Buddha.

[N.B. The *cetiya* and the bo tree were those located on the way of alms-collection round, not the ones at the monastic dwelling.]

The *bhikkhû* then came out of the monastry back and at the entrance he picked the his usual practice of pârihâriya kammaţţhâna, took to the heart, wrapped around his robe and entered the village for the purpose of alms collection. When the dâyakas and dâyikas saw the arahant coming, they welcome him saying "our bhikkhû has come" and took the alms-bowl from him. They would made him rest in the village house or at home and offered porridge. The *dâyaka*s and *dâyika*s washed his legs, massaged and apply massaging oil. Sitting at a proper place infront of the rahant, they would respectfully discussed various problems of their daily life, while waiting the food to get cooked. They would listen to his preaching. If the dâyakas and dâyikas did not request for preaching,

[Janasañgahatta – The atthakathâ teachers have stated that the laies should be honored with dhamma-nuggaha with "If I do not offer them a preaching, who will?" in mind (*Ma.- Ţî.-* 1:356).]

atthakathâ teachers has indicated that the sermon should be in their honor.

Dhammakathâ hi kammaţţhâna-vinimuttâ nâma natthi (Abhi. -Tha. - 2:334; Ma. - Tha. - 1: 260).

Dhammakathâ - Talks on (the Buddha's) doctrine are always associated with kammatthâna. So, while having alms-food concentrate on your usual kammatthâna (= taking to heart the pârihâriya kammaţthâna you are used to practicing on). Preach anumodanâ dhamma (expression of appreciation) while having the usual kammatthâna at heart. The bhikkhû, with the dâyakas and dâyikas who followed him to see him off, came out of the village, and the followers were asked to leave him at the village exist. He continued his journey along the way back to the monastry.

When the young bhikkhûs and novices, who left the monastry earlier than the bhikkhû for alms-collection, on the way back to the monastry, were having their meal outside the village. When they saw him coming, they welcome him. Help carry the almsbowl and the robe.

The bhikkhûs of early times took care of their teachers, an act which has its roots in days of buddhas, referred to as the poranaka bhikkhûs, not for special favour. This action was taken irrespective whether or not familiar, but whoever it is they would take good care of him. The young bhikkhûs then asked the bhikkhû, who has just returned from the alsm collection rounds in the village, if those who were taking good care of him were his relatives. Then the bhikkhû countered as to why they asked such a question. The young bhikkhûs replied "because we noted that they paid respect and took good care of you."

"My bhikkûs, it is hard to carry out such duties even to their mothers and fathers. They, however, perform these duties for us. Our alms-bowls and robes are theirs, because of their assistance we do not have to face danger nor starvation in time of famine. We owed them a gratitude and there are none comparable to them." In this way, the *bhikkhû*s have replied in praise of the *dâyaka*s and *dâyika*s, and entered the monastry without exercising while chatting among themselves. This kind of *bhikkhû* shouldbe referred to as "**practicing** *kammaṭṭhâna* on the trip to alms-collection round, but not on the return trip from the village to the monastry. (*Abhi.- Ţha.* 2: 333 - 335; *Ma.- Tha.*-1: 259 - 261).

# (B) One who does not practice *kammaṭṭhâna* on the trip for alms-collection but does on the return trip

A certain *bhikkhû* got up early in the morning and carried out duties due to him as mentioned above. While doing so, he felt so hungry that he started sweating heavily. The empty stomach was so troublesome that he had to forfeit *kammaţţhâna*. The bhikkhû then picked up his alms-bowl and robe quickly, came out of the monastic dwelling and pay homage to the *cetiya*. He proceeded to the village early, got a bowl of yâgu (gruel) and drank it at the public rest place. A two- or three-mouthful of gruel helped hin get relief from hunger, and felt the whole body cooled down. Then with his mind set on the *kammaţţhâna* = *kammaţţhâna* taking to the heart, continued having gruel. Later, he washed his bowl, mouth and face, exercise on *kammaţţhâna* before alms-collection round and eating time. At the time of having the morning meal the *kammaţţhâna* is taken to the heart. From the time of alms-collection and of alms-food the *kammaţţhâna* has been exercised repetitively, continuing it to his way back. Such a monk is referred to as "one who does not exercise *kammaţţhâna* on alsm-collection round, but does so on his way

back fro the village to the monastic dwelling." (Abhi-Tha. - 2: 333; Ma. - Tha. - 1: 261).

# GAŅANAPATHAM VÎTI VATTA

Edisâ ca bhikkhû yâgum pivitvâ vipassanam ârabhitvâ Buddha-sâsane ahârattam pattâ nâma gaṇanapattam vîtivatta. Sîhaļadipeyyeva tesu tesu gâmesu **âsanasâlâya** na tam âsanam atthi, yattha yâgum vivitvâ arahattam pattâ bhikkhû natthîti (Abhi.- Ţha. 2: 335; Ma.- Ţha.-1: 259 – 261).

After having the gruel, the *bhikkhû*s continued mental exercising and attained *arahatta-phala*. Such successful individuals are innumerable in the Buddha *sâsanâ*. In Sri Lanka, for example, there is no place without the *bhikkhû*s who had acquired *arahatta-phala* after continued meditation of *kammaţţhâna* right after *yâgu* meal in the morning (*Abhi.- Ţha*. 2: 335; *Ma.- Ţha*.-1: 259 – 261).

# (C) One who does not practice *kammaṭṭhâna* on the way to and back from the alms-collection rounds

A certain *bhikkhû* leads a life in the Buddha *sâsanâ* without *kammaţţhâna* practice but not taking it seriously. A *bhikkhû* is bound by two compulsory duities: *gantha dûra* – teaching and learning the Buddha's doctrine, and *vipassanâ dûra* – to exercise *vipassanâ* meditation. The *bhikkhû* neglected these two duties, nor did he fulfill that *vatta* a *bhikkhû* is bound to perform.

- 1. Craving for the living and non-living meaterials = still lingered on to raga.
- 2. Attachment to his own material body = still lingered on to  $r\hat{a}ga$ .
- 3. *Bahidda* = still lingered on to external material factors.
- 4. Try to enjoy comfort in dosing, sleeping on the back and sides after having a full meal.
- 5. Practice sâsanahma-cariya with an intenstion of attaining of celestial realm of no

particular plane.

These are the five modes of obstacle to the *citta* (mind).

With his mind wrapped in these obstacles, the *bhikkhû* remained in the *sâsanâ*. He entered the village, having no perception in mind that "There is such a thing as kammatthâna," for alms- collection. In the village he would mingle with villagers, an unbecoming bhikkhû's life, chatting while going along with the villagers. Then he would come to a public rest place and had his meal without kammatthâna exercise, and with nothing in mind the bhikkhû left the village. Such a bhikkhû should be designated as "one who does not carry with hin the kammatthâna when going around for alms-collection nor on his return to the monastic premises (Abhi. - Tha. 2: 335; Ma. - Tha. -1: 259 – 261).

# (D) One who meditate both to and from the village for alms-collection round (Gatapaccâ-gatikavatta)

A certain bhikkhû "cultivates kammaţţhâna on the way to the village for almscollection rounds, and on the way back from the village to the monastic dwelling." Now, recognize such a bhikkhû as gatapaccâ-gatikavatta.

A man enters the sâsanâ realm as a bhikkhû with the intention of attaining magga. phala and nibbana. Then they gather in groups of 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 100 and agreed among themselves to share a monastic dwelling.

"Ãvuso tumhe na iṇaṭṭhâ na bhyaṭṭâ, na âjîvikâpakatâ pabbajitâ, dukkhâ muccitukâmâ panettha pabbajitâ. Tasmâ gamane uppannakilesam gamaneyyeva nigganhatha. Țhâne, nisajjâva, savane uppannakilesam savanevveva nigganhatha."

"My Lords ---- You have entered the monkhood not because of debts you owed to others, nor have you run away from the ruler's punishment. You have entered the realm of sâsanâ not because it is difficult to make ends meet as a laity. In fact, it is with the intention of being delivered from the suffering of the sansaric circus that you have adopted a life in the Buddha's Order. Therefore, get yourself relieved of kilesâ (defilement) that would arise at the moments of walking, standing, sitting and sleeping.

Making promises among themselves to get rid of *kilesa* whenever it arises, they reside in the same dwelling.

Aftr such undertaking, they went out for alms-collection. On the way they came across large stones at every half usabha, one usabha (a measure of distance), half gâvuta, one gâvuta (a measure of distance also). They continued their journey while concentrating on the perception of the features of the stones. (That is to say to mark a stone from spot of which the meditation is started on the way to and from the village).

If the kilesâ arises in a certain bhikkhû at a certain moment, it is got rid of then and there. [Picking up the routine mental exercise surrounded by the five great powers of  $sadd\hat{a}$ ), viriya, sati, samâdhi and paññâ the kilesâ is extinguished). If he failed in doing so, he would sopt and stand still, and the pne behind would also stop. (It is because one bhikkhû understands the other, it would not have occurred in his mind as "What's wrong with this one? He stopped while he should be continuing to the destination." This understanding among the *bhikkhû*s is quite helpful in curbing the *kilesâ*, an act quite respectable on the part of every bhikkhû. Understanding among the meditators is of great help in cultivating, and is a kind of *paţipatti* (conduct). Now continue.]

The *bhikkhû*, in whom *kilesâ* is arising, thought to himself, "Well, the one behind kows what's happening to you. This *vitakka* in your *santâna* is consistent with your way of life." In this way, the *bhikkhû* came to himself, and picked up the routine *vipassanâ* exercise step by step and attained *ariva* plane.

If the *kilesâ* couldnot be curtailed by standing still, the bhikkhû would sit down, and the one behind followed suit. Then, while sitting he would make every effort to curb the *kilesâ*, by taking the previous exercise to the heart. [The understanding that if kilesâhad been arising and toturing him, he and the one behind, would be late for alms-collection, and would have to forego the meal of the day. Such a consideration for his colleague creates a *yonisomanisikâra* (right intention). Because of this, the *bhikkhû* exercised on the mental training (*Ma.- Ţî.-*1: 356). Though *ariya* plane could not be attained, the *kilesâ* could be eliminated for a considerable time by power of *jhâna-samâdhi* in the form of *vikkhambhana-pahâna*, and the *bhikkhû* started moving for the purpose of alms collecting with his own *kammaṭṭhâna* taken to the heart. He would not shake his legs without mind associated with *kammaṭṭhâna* (= never losing the object of the exercise). If he did, however, he would return to previous place with the mind not associated with *kammaṭṭhâna*. Then he started again with the mind associated with *kammaṭṭhâna*. Remember the great Mahâphussadeva Mathera (*Abhi.- Ţha.-*2: 335 – 336; *Ma.- Ṭha.-*1: 262).

# The Noble Mahâphussadeva Mathera

The Noble Mahâphussadeva Mathera has been fulfilling the *gata-paccâgatavatta* (= *gatapaccâ-gatikavatta*) for the whole of the 19 years. The people, those ploughing their fields, those transplanting the rice plants, and those who are thrashing the paddy along the way to alms-collection rounds, noted the Mathera going to and fro. The remark among themselves was that "Has the Mathera lost his way, or has he forgotten something at his dwelling." The Mathera, however, condoned their remarks, and practice hardly on the mind associated with *kammaţţhâna*. In this way in twenty years' time, he attained the Arahatta-Phala.

On the day of the attainment of Arahatta-Phala, a *yukkha-devatâ* (tree spirit) appeared standing at the start of the walk-way and offering light by burning his finger tips. To pay homage to the Mathera, approached the four kings celestial beings of *Catumahârâja*, Sovereigh of heaven, and the King Sahampati-Brahmâ.

After seeing the light from burning fingers and from the devâs, the Vanavâsî Mahâtissa Mathera asked the Noble Mahâphussadeva Mathera as follows.

Last night I saw light around you. Where are they from? "Well, light can come from an oil lamp or from a ruby," was the answer to avoid from telling him was really has happened that night.

Then Vanavâsî Mahâtissa Mathera said, "You are secretive, aren't you?" "Yes" was the answer to it (*Abhi.- Tha.-2*: 336; *Ma.- Tha.-*1: 262 - 263).

**N.B.** The Noble Mahâphussadeva Mathera would not care whatever others say about him, but concentrate on his *kammaţţhâna* uninterrupted. This is one of the priceless old methods that one should follow. Ignorant sentient beings have the habit of making frivolous talks. If attention has been given to such talks, you will be wasting your previous time, and deteriorate the practice of *kammaţţhâna*. If you could concentrate, take your *kammaţţhâna* on to the heart, and lead your life with citta associated with *kammaţţhâna*, you would succeed as the Noble Mahâphussadeva Mathera one day.

## The Noble Mahânâgama Mathera

The great Mahânâga Mathera, residing at *Kâlavulli mandâna* (= black vine *mandâna*) fulfilled the gatapaccagatavatta, first he decided to practiced dukkha-cariva, which the Buddha spent 6 years = Mahâpâdha method, for 7 years as paţi-patti-pûja (devotional attention). During these 7 years, standing, walking up and down (= taking the kammaţţhâna to the heart while walking up and down and standing). These were carried out with selfdetermination. (the Mathera never changed his body to sitting or sleeping positions, except when having alms meal and when paying long and short visits. When the seven years of resolution has completed, the Mathera again practiced in continuation the *gatapaccagatavatta* for 16 years and acquired the Arahatta-Phala.

The great Mathera strode for walking with his mind associated with the kammatthâna, and lifted the legs in the same way. If he ever did so without kammatthânaassociated mind (= moving his legs while his mind has lost the kammatthâna), he would turn back to where he had started, and proceeded with kammatthâna—associated mind. (kammatthâna here means the routine one).

In this way the Mathera continued going and arrived near a village. There, he chose such a place that no one could recognize him, stood still, wrapped around his robe and washed the alms-bowl with water carried in a container in his arm. The Mathera then had a gulp of water and kept in the mouth without swallowing. This is done with the intention that "if people come and offer alm-food or pay homage to me, I would have blessed them with a wish –  $D\hat{i}gh\hat{a}yuk\hat{a}$  hotha = may you live long – and I would lose my concentration."

If any one asked "my Lord what is today," or the number of *bhikkhû*s at the monastry or a certain problem is put to him, the the Mathera would swallow the water and gave the answer. If none is encountered on the way, then he would spit out the water on his way back at the gate of the village and proceed to the monastic dwelling (Abhi.-Tha.-2: 336; Ma.- Tha.-1: 262 - 263).

#### **An Invaluable Instruction**

Even if he blessed the laity for a longer life, the great Mahânâga Mathera would have lost his concentration. That is the reason he had a mouthful of water, for the great Mathera could not afford his concentration dispersing from him. One must be careful not to lose concentration, by chatting, if one intended to attain nibbana. Too much chatting is not associated with the noble sikkhâ (training) =  $s\hat{i}la$ ,  $sam\hat{a}dhi$ ,  $pa\tilde{n}\hat{n}\hat{a}$ . In fact, chatting is one of the root causes of losing one's concentration. Therefore, this is an invaluable instruction for you intent on contemplating.

> The Fifty *Bhikkhû*s Keep Lent at a Monastry on the Bank of Kalamba River

In the monastry on the bank of Kalamba, 50 bhikkhûs spent four months of lent having an agreement among themselves not chat with each other until the Arahatta-phala is attined. They entered the village with mouthful of water. If any body enquire day of the week etc., they would clear water from the mouth to answer the query. [The chatting is not entirely stopped, but answered the enquiry that should answered, unlike a dumb object, because the Buddha did not like the habit a dumb-like behavior.]

The villagers, looking at the wet earth, because of removing water in the mouth, noted one or two  $bhikkh\hat{u}s$  have returned from the village. It also occurred in their minds what has happened to their  $bhikkh\hat{u}s$ . If they do not talk to us, would they do the same among themselves? If they did not chat among themselves, then there might a certain disagreement among the  $bhikkh\hat{u}s$ . "Come along, we would go to them and ask them to foreget any disagreement and to tolerate any misunderstanding.

With a genral concensus, the villagers went up to the monastry. When they get there, they found the all the *bhikkhû*s, except two who were together and taking bath at a place. Then villager, with presence of mind, told the others that "My friends, this does not look like a place where the *bhikkhû*s have had disagreement among themselves. Look, the compounds of cetiya and bo tree have been swept clean, the sweeper after use has been well placed. The water pots have been filled and placed properly." Then the villagers turned back and headed toward their village. The *bhikkhû*s spent three months of lent, attained *Arahatta-phala*, and perform *visuddhipavâraṇa* on the full moon *mahâpavâraṇa* day. [Ceremony of the invitation of criticism among the *kilesâ*-free *bhikkhû*s if each is seen or suspected any wrong doing is called *visuddhipavâraṇa*.

(Abhi.-Ţha.-2: 337; Ma.- Ţha.-1: 263).

[N.B. The villagers understand the rule of practice, and so return without making any enquiry of the *bhikkhû*s' behavior. Even now, the *dâyakâ*s and *dâyikâ*s should refrain from talking too long with the *bhikkhû*s who are exercising on *samatha* and *vipassanâ*.]

## Rules and Regulations that Should be Followed

Like the Mahânâga Mathera at Kâļavunlika and the 50 *bhikkhû*s that observed three months of spent at a monastry on the bank of Kalamba River, the bhikkhû proceeds to the village with the mind associated with *kammţţhâna* (with mind having *kammţţhâna* always taken to heart). (It specially refers to usual *kammaţţhâna*, one exercise of the 40 kinds, such as *ânâpâna* in- and out-breath).

The village in which alms-collection round, with mouthful of water, is to be made is approached, and make a prior inspection of the road leading to it. This road should be free of drunkards, gamblers, wild elephants or horses. If the alms-collection round is made, the *bhikkhû* should not walk briskly. *Paṇdapâtika-dhutanga* walking with a certain speed is undesirable. When walking on an uneven road, go in such a way as if the the surface is evenly smooth. The alms-collection is made at every house, those willing to and those unwilling to donate alms-food is noted, and waited for an appropriate duration time. When the collection has been completed, the *kammaṭṭhâna* is taken to heart at a suitable place is selected in or outside the village or in the monastry where water etc., is available. Here paṭikûla-saññâ repulsiveness of food is perceived. After

- such a perception, food should be looked upon as by virtue of the following examples.
  - 1. Like Akkhabbhañjana, the greasing the hub of a wheel,
  - 2. Like *Vanâlepana*, medicine applied to a wound,
  - 3. Like *puttamam* person who eat his own son's flesh to be able to overcome obstacles (*Sam.*-1: 233).

After such a consideration, perceived as

1. I am having this meal not for the purpose of playing around like village boys.

- 2. I am having this meal not for the purpose of gaining strength like a boxer or a
- 3. I am having this meal not for the purpose of beautifying my self to sell by body in the palace atmosphere.
- 4. I am having this meal not for the purpose of making my self good looking like professional deancers.

As a matter of fact, the food is consumed:

- 1. For the maintenance of this body made of the four elements.
- 2. For the well-being and long life.
- 3. For the relief of suffering due to hunger.
- 4. For the attainment of the two modes of Brahmacariya such as Sâsana-Brahmacariya = the three-fold sikkhâ of sîla-samâdhi-paññâ, and Magga-Brahmacariya referred to as the Ariva-Magga (the Noble Path).
- 5. For relief of suffering of extreme hunger.
- 6. For hinderance of arising of new suffering of hunger.
- 7. For better feeling of the body as a whole after having food.
- 8. For a peaceful existence, but not the suffering due to *citta* in searching, receving and consuming, after having the food.

The *ahâra* is consumed, concentrating on its 8-fold *paccavekkhaṇa* features.

After having the alms-food, and ther alms-bowl washed, a slight tiredness due fullness could arise, which could be relieved by lying donw on your left side (or whatever body position is preferred).

Kammaţţâna exercise is taken to heart the whole morning by sitting or walking up and down as well as after lunch, before midnight and at dawn.

Such bhikkhûs, who are fulfilling the function of gattapaccâgata-vutta, are referred to as those who exercise Kammattâna both on the way to from the village for **alms-collection round** (*Abhi.- Ttha.-2*: 337; *Ma.- Ttha.-* 1: 363-364).

One who fulfills the paccagatavatta by exercising Kammattana on the way to from alms-collection round, and so complete with upanissaya as to attain the Arahattaphala, then he can acquire the following.

- 1. He could attain the *Arahatta-Phala* at the first part of his life, if not,
- 2. At the the *macchima* (middle) part of his life, and if not,
- 3. Then at *pacchima* (the last) part of his life. If the attainment of *Arahatta-Phala* is still impossible at *pacchima* existence,
- 4. It can be acquired at a time prior to near death moment. Supposed *Arahatta-Phala* cannot be attained at a time prior to death.
- 5. It can be acquired as deity in the realm of celestial beings. Again, suppose the *Arahatta-Phala* cannot be attained in this realm, and suppose also that one is endowed with powerful support as a cause = *upanissaya* which is powerful enough to acquire paccakkha-bodhiñâṇa.
- 6. If one happens to acquire the life of sentient being at a time when the enlightened Sammâsambuddhâs have not arisen, then one can attain paccekabodhi-ñâṇa. If paccekabodhi-ñâna cannot be attained, still endowed with upanissava-ñâna.
- 7. Like Rev. Bâhiyadâruciriya Mathera, if existence of Khippâbhañña Bhikkhûs, possessing special knowledge that enables one to acquireArahatta-Magga and

- Arahatta-Phala in no time in the presence of the enlightened ones Sammâsam-buddhas. In addition, if he is endowed with upanissaya, then one can attain
- 8. Status of a recluse of great knowledge, like the Rev. Sâriputtarâ Mathera, or
- 9. The status of an arahant of great power, like the Rev. Moggallâna Mathera, or
- 10. The status of an ascetic with the ability of *etadañga* (pre-eminent in position) in practice of *dutañga*, like the Rev. Mahâ-Kassapa Mathera, or
- 11. The status of a recluse being *etadañga* in functioning of *dibba-cakkhu-abhiññâṇa* (the Heavenly eye), like the Rev. Anuruddhâ Mathera,or
- 12. The status of a recluse being *etadañga* in the practice of *vinaya*, like the Rev. Upâli Mathera, or
- 13. The status of a recluse being *etadañga* in performance of a Dhamma-kathika, like the Rev. Puṇṇa Mathera, the son of Mantâṇṇi the female byahmana, or
- 14. Can be an recluse being *etadañga* like the Rev. Revata, the youngest borther of the Rev. Sâriputtarâ, or
- 15. Can be an recluse being *etadañga* in the possession of *bahusuta* (having great knowledge) like the Rev. Ānandâ Mathera, or
- 16. Can be an recluse being *etadañga* in wishing for *Sikkhâkâma* = the 3-fold noble morality like the Rev. Râhulâ Mathera, the son of the Buddha.

In this *catukka* (tetrad), the recluse, practicing *kammaţţâna* on the way to and from the alms collection rounds, has acquired the *gocara-sampajañña* has attained it peak in him.

Here – *Abhikkante paţikkante sampajânakârî hoti* = going forward or backward is made with *sampajañña ñâṇa* the knowledge of comprehension. In the section on the explanation of this Pâļi, the three mode of *sampajañña* have been given as *sâtthasampajañña*, *sappâya-sampajañña* and *gocara-sampajañña*. There, however, still remains the *asammoha-samjañña*. Before writing on it, *Upanissaya-Sampanna* and *Diţţhe diţţha mattam* will be treated with reference to explanations by previous *Aţţhakathâ* (commentators) and Ţîkâ sayâdaws.

### Upanissaya-Sampanna

Tahhta paccekabodhiyâ upanissaya sampadâ kappânam dve asankheyyâni satasatasahassañca tijjam puññañâ ñâṇa-sambharaṇam, sâvaka-bodhiyam eggasâvakânam ekam asañkheyyam kappa satasahassañca, mahâsâvakânam kappa satasahassañmeva, itaresam atîtâsu jâtîsu vivuţṭasanissayavasena nibbattitam nibbebhâgiyam kusalam (Dî.-

- 1. To be completely endowed with *upanissaya*, powerful support to *paccekabodhi*  $\tilde{n}a\eta a$ , fulfilling paramis (the perfections) and acquiring meritorious deeds, relevant to *paccekabodhi*  $\tilde{n}a\eta a$ , have to be practiced and cultured for innumerable years and a hundred thousand eons.
- 2. Among the three *sâvakabodhi ñâṇa*s, special *pâramî kusala* relevant *aggasâvakabodhi ñâṇa* building up of knowledge has to be cultivated by *aggasâvakas* throughout the period of innu-merable years and a hundred thousand eons.
- 3. To acquire *mahâsâvaka bodhi ñâṇas* building up of knowledge, the *mahâsâvaka*s have to culture *pâramî kusala* relevant to the *mahâsâvaka bodhi ñâna* for hundred thousand eons.
- 4. To be possessed of the *pakatisâvaka bodhi ñâņa* the *pakatisâvaka*s have to cultivate in the past the *nibbedhabhâgiya* = the special *pâramî kusala* that can breakdown the massive

kilesâ, and are said to be endowed with upanissaya sampanna = a powerful upanissya the great support. These can be cultured by virtue of *vivuţţa* the deliverance from rounds of rebirth as its support (Dî.- Tî.-1: 126, Ma.- Tî.- 1: 257).

To be completely endowed with sâvaka bodhi ñâna, the pakatisâvakas should possess special nibbedha bodhiya kusala. It is cultivated in the past as good seeds of vijjâ and carana, such as the mass of lobha, dosa, moha, etc., having the penetrative power of breaking down these massive kilesâ. This is contrast to the assertion that pâramî is not required in acquiring the sâvaka bodhi ñâna. According to the above explanations, culture of dâna, sîla, samatha, referred to here as the good seeds of carana, the destruction of rûpanâma to the attainment to knowledge of wisdom in the past to their ultimate realities, are all nibbedha-bhâgiya kusalas which help disseminate the mass of kilesâ. This attainment already of *nibbedha-bhâgiya kusala pâramî* is a prerequisite for acquiring the *sâvaka bodhi* ñâna. Pointing out Saccekka Paribâjaka and frog-devâ as examples (in story of Mantukadeva putta), the Reverend Letî Sayâdaw has indicated that the nibbedha-bhâgiya kusala pâramî fulfilled in previous two or three exsitences are adequate to acquire the pakatisâvaka bodhi ñâna. He also exaplined that at least the exercise on the four great elements to the attainment of their ultimate realities has to be accomplished. So much the better if one is possessed of the nâma-rûpa pariccheda ñâṇa, pacceya pariggaha ñâna and vipassanâ ñâna.

In association with the story of the Rev Bâhiyadâruciraya Mathera, the Sayâdaw has explained the process of exercise *Ditthe Ditthamattam*. Since this process is relevant to mediation by way of Sampajañña method, a brief description will be made of it.

### Ditthe - Ditthamattam Method of Meditation

Tasamâhita te bâhiya evum sikkhatabbam -

"Ditthe Ditthamattambhavissati, sute sutamattam bhavissati, mute mutamattam bhavissati, viññâte viññâmattam bhavissatî"ti. Evañhi te bâtiya sikkhitabbam.

Yato kho te bâhiya ditthe ditthamattam bhavissati, sute sutamattam bhavissati, mute mutamattam bhavissati, viññâne viññâmattam bhavissati, tato tun bhâhiya na tena. Yato tun bâhiyana tena, tato tun bhâhiya na tattha. Yato tun bhâhiya na tattha, tato tun bhâhiya nevidha na huram na ubhayamantarena. Esevunto dujjhassâti (Khu.- 1: 85 – 86, UdânaPâli).

My dear son Bâhiya .... In this sâsanâ you should make every effort to concen-trate as given below.

- 1. If you visualized the *rûpârammana* by virtue of *cakkhu-viññâna*, you should practice
- 2. If you hear the saddhârammana by way of sotaviññâna, you should practice just to
- 3. If you come into contact with gandhâramana by ghânaviññâṇa, rasârammana by jîvhâviññâna, pholabbârammanana by pholabbâviññâna, you should practice just to sense the contact.
- 4. If you sense the *dhammârammana* by *manoviññâṇa*, you should practice just to have the sense of them.

My dear son Bâhiya .... Make effort to meditate in this way. Then, you would be able to acquire the six modes of *ârammana* which are *dittha-suta-muta* and *viññâta* as given below.

- 1. If you happen to visualize *rûpârammana* via *cakkhu-viññâna*, then it would be just seeing it.
- 2. If you happen to hear the *saddhârammana* by way of *sotaviññâna*, then it would be just bearing it.
- 3. If you happen to come into contact with *rasârammana* by *jîvhâviññâṇa*, *pholabbârammanana* by *pholabbâviññâṇa*, *gandhâramana* by *ghânaviññâṇa*, then it would just be sense of contact.
- 4. If you happen to sense the *dhammârammana* by *manoviññâṇa*, you should, it would then be just having the sense of them

My dear son Bâhiya .... Then you would not have attachment on these ârammana via  $r\hat{a}ga$ , commit no offence by dosa, ignorant by way of moha the nature of the  $\hat{a}rammana = no$  delusion. (Vision, hearing, contact, realization do not occur in association with  $raga\ dosa$ , and moha). Then, my dear son Bâhiya .... There exist in you no dittha-suta-muta-viññata of  $\hat{a}rammana$  (associated with raga-dosa-moha).

My dear son Bâhiya .... If there exist no *ârammana* of *diţţha-suta-muta-viññâta* associated with (associated with *râga-dosa-moha*), then they would not also exist in

- 1. In your present life nor
- 2. In your life after death, nor
- 3. In both the present life and life after death.

Their non-existance in both the present and the life after death means the termination of kilesa-dukkha and *samsarâ-vuţţa dukkha*. This is what the Buddha has expounded (Khu.-1: 58, UdânaPâļi).

1. **Diţṭhe diṭṭhamattanti** rûpâyatane cakkhuviññâṇena diṭṭhe diṭṭhamattam bhavissati. Cakkhuviññâṇenam hi rûpe rûpamattameva passati, na niccâdisbhâvum. Iti sesaviññânehipi me ettha rûpa diṭṭhamattameva cittam bhavissatîti attho (Sam.- Ṭṭha.-3: 28).

Cakkhuviññânena diţţhe diţţhamattanti cakkhuviññânassa rûpâyatanam yattako gahanâkâro, tatthakam. Kittakam pamânanti atthasamvediyam parassana na dissitabbam, kappanâmattam rûpam. Tenâha "cakkhuviññânamhî"tiâdi. Rûpeti rûpâyatane. Rûpamattamevâti nîlâdibhedam rûpâyatanamattam, na nîlâdi. Visesanivuttanattho hi ayam mattasaddo. Yadi evum, eva-kâro kimatthiyo? Cakkhuviññâm hi rûpâyatana labbhamânampi nîlâdivisesam "idam nîlam nâma, idam pîtam nâmâ"ti na ganhâti. Kuto niccâniccâdisabhâvatthanti samhitassapi nivattanattham evakâraggahanam. Tenâha "na niccâdisabhâvun"ti. Sesaviññânehipi (Sam.- Ţî.- 2:301 – 302).

According to *Diţţhe diţţhamattam* seeing the *rûpârammana* by way of *cakkhu-viññâna*, try to realize its attributes. In seeing various *rûpârammana*s the *cakkhuviññâna* does know the color brown, gold etc., nor the nature of *nicca* and *anicca*, but just that they are colors. In the same way, in concentrating by *cakkhu-dvârikaviññâna*, *manodvârikaviññâna*, on the *rûpârammana*, concentrate on (not the various colors) just the state of being colors. This is the real meaning of *Diţţhe diţţhamattam*. It is the first method. Not satisfied with the first, a second method was explained.

2. Atha vâ diţţhe diţţham nâma cakkhuviññâna, rûpe-rûpa-vijjânananti attho. **Mattâ**ti pamâṇam, diţţha mattâ assâti diţţha mattam, cittam cakkhuviññattameva me cittam bhavissati attho. Idam vattam hoti — yatthâ âpâthagata-rûpe cakkhuviññânam na rijjati na dussati na muyhati, evum râgâvirahena cakkhuviññâṇam mattameva javanam

bhavissati, cakkhuviññâṇa pamâṇenva javanam ṭṭhapassamîti (Sam.- Ṭṭha.- 3: 29).

Diţţhamnâma cakkhuviññâṇam rûpâyatanassa dassanti katvâ. Te nâha "rûpa rûpavijânenan"ti. Cakkhuviññâṇamattamevâti yatthakam cakkhuviññâṇam rûpâteṇa gahaṇa mattam, tammattameva me sabbam cittam bhavissatîti attho. "Râgâdihiharenâ" ti vâpaţţho (Sam.- Ţî.-2: 302).

Ittha rûpâyatanam passitabbaditthena dittham nâma, cakkhuviññâṇam pana saddhim tamdvârikaviññâṇehi dassana ţţhena (Udâna – Ţţha. - 92).

According to **Dittha** in **Ditthe**, make sure that **Dittha** acquired. It is named dittha because cakkhuviññâṇa bears the meaning of ability to realize the rûpârammana (the material object). (It means only the color of the *rûpârammana* is realized).

*Matta* refers to a measure of size.

Ditthamatta refers to continuity of consciounsness of javana-vîthi-citta. (It is the continuity of consciousness of manodvâra-vîthi-citta which continue to have impulsion of the *rûpârammana* via *cakkhu-dvâra-vîthi*).

What is really means is 'I will exercise in such a way that the consinuity of the consciousness of javana-vîthi-ciita of mine must have the speed of the magnitude of the Cakkhuviññâṇa.

When the rûpârammana, acquired through the eye-door, arises, then the cakkhuviññâna should not have attachment (no raga), nor offence (no dosa), nor ignorant of it real nature (no *moha*). (The mind and mental concomitants which can arise in association during cakkhuviññâna and a cittakkhana are only the seven modes of sabba-cittasâdhârana. The raga, dosa and moha are not include nor associated with these nâma dhammas.

In this way the continuity of consciousness of javana-vîthi-citta of the magnitude of cakkhuviññâna and free of râga etc., would be cultivated, and javana citta of cakkhuviññâna magnitude will be maintained.

According to this annotation the term ditthe ditthamattam mean that just as the cakkhuviññâna is not associated with râga, dosa and moha, if the rûpârammana is taken as object in continuation, then these javana-vîthi-citta should also be free of râga, dosa and moha. (The method of exercise will be given later). A third method has been again annotated by by the atthakkathâ.

3. Attha vâ diţtham nâma cakkhuviññâṇâne diţtha-rûpam, diţthe diţthamattam nâma tattheva uppannam sampaţicchana-santîraṇa-voţţhabbana sañkhâtam cittattayam. Yathâ tam na rajjati na dussati na muyhati, evum âpâthagate rûpe teneva sampaţicchanâ dippamâṇena javanam uppâdassâmi, nâham tam pamâṇam atikkamittvâ rjjanâdivasena uppajjantum dissâmîti ayamittha attho. Eseva nayo **Sutamutesu** (Sam.- Ttha.- 3: 29)

Diţţham nâma padatthato cakkhuviññânena diţţham -rûpam. Atthevâti cakkhu Viññânena diṭṭhamatte rûpe. **Cittattayam** diṭṭhamattam nâma cakkhuviññâṇam viya ragâdiviharena pavattanato. Tenâha "yathâ tan" ti âdi (Sam.- Ţî.- 2: 302).

Rûpâyatanam passitabbâțhena dițtham nâma (Upâda-Ttha. 82), according to which the rûpârammaṇa is in essence diţţha (vission) because of the fact that its realization is made via cakkhuviññâṇa (visual cognition). Therefore, in this third method the rûpârammana which can be perceived by way of *cakkhuviññâna* is the *dittha*. It is just a *matta* (measure) in visual cognition of the *ârammaṇa*, and in so doing the three *cittas*, referred to as *sampaṭicchana-santîraṇa-vuṭṭho*, arise free of *râga-dosa-moha*. Because of this, it is called *diṭṭhamatta*.

Just as the combination of the three *cittas* have non-attachment, non-offence, and the non-delusion with regard to the *rûpârammaṇa*, so also in the case of the *rûpâ-rammaṇa* that impinges on the visual cognition. I would cultivate by continuity of consciousness my measure of *sampaṭicchana-santîraṇa-vuṭṭho* free from *râga-dosa-moha*. Make effort to with such determination "I would not allow the attachment, offence or delusion to arise overriding the *sampaṭicchana-santîraṇa-vuṭṭho*. This is what it is all about. (This is also true in case of *suta-muta* (what is seen and thought). The way to exercise to get delivered from *raga-dosa-moha* will be described later) (*Sam.- Ṭṭha.-* 3: 29).

# Viññâte Viññâtamattam

Viññâte viññâtamattamti ettha pana viññâtam nâma manodvârâvajjanena viññâtâ-rammaṇam, tassamim viññâte viññâtamattanti âvijjanapanâṇam. Yathâ âvijjanena na rijjati na dussati na muyhati, evum rijjanâdivasena uppacchitom adatvâ âvijjanapamâ-neṇena cittam ţhapassâmîti ayamettha attho (Sam.- Ṭṭha.- 3: 29).

Manodvârâvijjanena viññâtârammanam viññâtanti adhippetam râgâdiviharena viññevyato. Tenâha "yathâ âvajjanenâ"tiâdi (Sam.- Ţî.- 2: 302).

Viñnâta, as given in viñnâte viñnâtamattam refers to the ârammaṇa that is realized by virtue of manodvârâvajjana (advertence to the threshold of mind). [The manodvârâ vajjana can take, as object (of thought), each of the six modes of ârammana corresponddingly. Here, the object refers to that of vipassanânâṇa called the dhammârammaṇa. The inference have been made as rûpârammana from aspect of diṭṭha, saddârammana from aspect of suta, gandhâ-rammana, rasârammana, and pholabbârammana from aspect of muta. Because of this in asmuchas the viñnâta is concerned, pasâda-rûpa, sukhuma-rûpa and lokâ-citta-cetasika, that should arise in your santâna, the objects of vipassanâ, the constituents of dhammârammana, should be firmly cultivated. Therefore, the diṭṭha-suta-muta-viñnâta refer to all the 6 modes of objects. If complete modes of objects are taken as object of concentration, by means of vipassanâ ñâṇa, to the attainment of ultimate reality up to elemental state, then there is no more objects of concentration left.]

In the ârammana, called viññâta which realizes by way of manodvâra-vajjana, viññâtamatta is the continuity of consciousness having a measure of the manodvâra-vajjana. As I exercise on the non-attachment, non-offence, non-delusion of the viññâta factors by virtue of manodvâra-vajjana, so would I keep the continuity of javana-citta by a measure of manodâra-vajjana (= continuity manodvârika-javana-vîthi citta). This is what is meant by viññâta-mattam (Sam.- Ţṭha.- 3: 29).

'You the gentleman should recollect the *nâma kamaţţhâna*' is the essence when the explanations above are taken in brief.

Concentrate once again on the collection of *cetasika dhammas* associated with *pañcadvâra-vajjana* (the five sense doors), *cakkhu-viññâṇa*, the seeing consciousness, (*sota-viññâṇa*, *ghâna-viññâṇa*, *jivhâ-viññâṇa*, *kâya-viññâṇa*), *sampaṭicchana*, *santîraṇa*, *vattho* and *manodvâra-vajjana*. The so associated *cetasika*s are entirely free of *raga*, *dosa*, *moha*. Therefore, no mind of attachment, nor of offence, nor of delusion will arise along with *rûpârammaṇa* or any other related ones. Similar to this practice, make effort to concentrate on the *javana cittas* arising in association with the continuity of the

thought process. How could one practice to be free from raga, dosa, moha?

# Ñâtapariññâ Tîranapariññâ

Iti bhagavâ bâhiyassa samkhitta rucitâya sahi viññânakâyahi saddhim saṭṭhârammaṇabhedabhinnam vipassanâya vissayam diţţhâdîhi catûhi koţţhâssehi vibhajitvâ tatthassa ñâtatîraṇapariññam dasseti. Katham? Ettha hi rûpâyatanam passitabbaṭṭhena diṭṭham tamdvârikaviñññâinehi nâma, cakkhuviññâṇam pana saddhim dassanatthena. Tadubhayampi yathapaccayam pavattamânam dhammamattameva, na ettha koci kattâ vâ kâreta vo, yato tam hutvâ abhâvaţţhana aniccam, udabbayayappaţipîļanaţţhena anattâti kuto tattha pantitassa rijjanâdînam okâsoti okâsoti? Avamettha adhippâyo sidâdîsupi (*Udâna-Ṭha.-* 82, *Anuţî-* 2: 183).

The Buddha expatiated the *dhamma* in an abridged form to Bâhiya to his liking. The rûpârammaṇa, saddârammaṇa, gandhârammaṇa, six modes of *ârammaṇa* – the pholabbarammana and dhammarammana - together with the 6 modes of viññana cakkhuviññâṇa, sotaviññâṇa, ghânaviññâṇa, jîvhâviññâṇa, kâyaviññâṇa and manoviññâ-ṇa. The six modes of *ârammana*, the objects of *vipassanâñâna*, are taken as

- 1. Diţţha dhamma
- 2. Suta dhamma
- 3. Muta dhamma
- 4. Viññâta dhamma

which are the six modes of  $kutth\hat{a}sa = make$  analysis by group by group. Bâhiya has been instructed to exercise on *ñâtapariññâ* and *tîranapariññâ* from among the six modes of viññâṇa and the six modes of ârammaṇa.

In way was the instruction made? See the following

- 1. Because of the fact that rûpârammaṇa can be seen by cakkhuviññâṇa, it is called dittha. It is a phenomenon that can be discerned.
- 2. Cakkhudvârikavîthi, the eye door thought process (manodvârikavîthi citta which continued taking rûpârammaṇa as the object of concentration), together with cakkhuviññâna, bears the meaning of dittha because of its ability to discern the *ârammaṇa*. These are phenomenal groups that have the ability to discern. (These words indicate the nâma-rûpapariccheda-ñâṇa – analytical knowledge of mind and matter).
- The discerned and the discerning phenomena are just ones that can arise only when conditioned by relevant causes. In these phenomena, there are no atta (self) that could create nor the created. (These words describe how one could culture the discerned and the discerning phenomena by virtue of paccaya-pariggaha- ñâṇa. The nâma-rûpapariccheda-ñâṇa and paccaya-pariggaha- ñâṇa are, infact, the ñâta-
- 4. The discerned and the discerning groups, arising by relevant causes, are of just a phenomenal nature. The are the dhammas the bears the nature of
  - (a) *anicca* (impermanence) as they arise and then perish away
  - (b) dukkha (suffering) as they exert relentless torturing and suffering
  - (c) anatta (non-self) as they never arise in the way one wishes them to be.

If you, a gentleman, have been exercising *vipassanâ* on the three-fold characters as above, there is no way the raga, dosa, and moha can arise in your santâna. This is, indeed, the actual meaning of the terms ditthe and ditthamattam in this sâsanâ. It is also true for

suta-muta-vita. (With these words the sammasanañâņa and udayabbayañâņa, referred to as tîraṇapariññâ, have been stated). (Transaltion has been made as given in Anuţî- 2: 183, Ayañhettha adhippâyo, esa nayo sutâdîsup).

#### **Meditation in Brief**

- 1. **Dițțha** (a) Discernible dhammas or phenomena =  $r\hat{u}p\hat{a}ramma$ , a
  - (b) Discerning dhammas = cakkhudvâravîthi, manodvâravîthi dhammas of nâma dhamma groups
- 2. *Suta* (a) Heard *dhammas* = *saddârammaṇa* 
  - (b) Hearing *dhammas* = *sotadvâravîthi, manodvâravîthi dhammas* of *nâma dhamma* groups
- 3. **Muta** (a) Contact dhammas 1. Gandhâramaņa
  - 2. Rasâramana
  - 3. Pholabbâramaņa
  - (b) Contacting dhammas 1. Ghânadvâravîthi Manodvâravîthi nâma dhamma groups
    - 2. Jîvhâdvâravîthi Manodvâravîthi nâma dhamma groups
    - 3. Kâyadvâravîthi Manodvâravîthi nâma dhamma groups
- 4. Viñnâta (a) Realized dhammas Dhammâramaņa
  - (b) Realizing dhammas Manodvâravîthi nâma-dhamma groups

First of all, try to concentrate on the above four modes - dittha-suta-muta-viññâta dhammas – the massive  $r\hat{u}pas$  and  $n\hat{a}mas$  to their ultimate realities, and analyze by virtue of  $n\hat{a}na$ . (This method of concentration explained sensu lato in previously).

Then try to find the causes of these *rûpa*s and *nâma*s, and concentrate on the causal relationship. (It will be clear in *Paticcasamuppâda* and *Paccaya-pariggha nâna* section).

Then again exercise vipassanâ on the three characters of the cause together with *rûpa-nâma dhamma*s. (It will be clear in section on Vipassanâ). After this, the Buddha instructed Bâhiya works to be continued beginning with a phrase *Yato kho te Bâhiya* –

### To the Pahânapariñnâ Destination

Idâni ñâtîraṇapariññâsu patiţţhitassa upari saha maggaphalena pahânapariññam dassetum "**yato kho te Bâhiyâ**"tiâdi âraddham (Udâna-Ṭṭha.- 82, Anuţî- 2: 183).

With reference to this statement when *diţţha-suta-muta-viññâta dhammas* have been contemplated to the attainment of *udabbayañâṇa*, *vipassanâ* concentration must be made on *bhañgañâṇa* to acquire higher *vipassanâ ñâṇa* and *magga-ñâṇa* and *phaļa-ñâṇa* (It will become clear in section on Vipassanâ). With a view to the attainment of the *arahatta-phaļa-ñâṇa*, the Buddha exhorted to Bâhiya the following.

My son Bâhiya ....Exert your effort to concentrate this this way. Suppose that sometimes you might just discern, hear, touch, realize the phenomena diţţha-suta-muta-viñnâta. And also suppose the you would not have attachment with raga, nor offence with dosa nor moha on the diţṭha-suta-muta-viñnâta dhammas. (Inability to discern these dhammas to the attainment of their paramatta, or failure to acquire viapssanâ ñâṇa is said to be deluted).

My son Bâhiya .... Sometimes it might happen that you are not attached with raga, nor offend with dosa, nor delutioned with moha, on the dittha-suta-muta-viñnâta dhammas. Then you will not be associated with these three, then you would not have raga, dosa and moha on diţţha-suta-muta-viñnâta dhammas. [Ettha vatâ pahânapariñâm mattakam pâpattatvâ khînâsavabhûmi dassitâ = With this much words, the Lord has shown the plane of Arahants who have peaked in attaining the pahânapariññâ, and in whom kilesâ (defilement) and âsava (canker) have been eradicated (Udâna- Ttha.-82)]

Then, my son Bâhiya .... These will not arise in you

- 1. In *paccuppana loka* (the present realm of existence)
- 2. In next existence (life after death)
- 3. In the present and next existences.

The Buddha has expounded that not arising in the present and the next existences indicate the end of suffering from defilement and of the rounds of rebirth (Khu.-1: 85-86).

The Buddha Rev Bâhiya-Dâruciya Mathera has fulfilled his pâramî for attainment of Khippabhiñña Etadañga for a hundred thousand eons commencing from the time of the Buddha Padumuttara, especially cultivating an Arahant's *dhamma* for twenty thousand years, and lastly exercising the *vipassanâ* on top of a mountain at the risk of his life. One must be careful not to compare one's newly acquired pâramî, still in in its young state, with the matured and longed acquired pâramî of the Mathera. In this case the pâramî plays an important role. The Rev Bâhiya-Dâruciya Mathera is a Khippâbiñña Arahant who has acquired Paţisambhidâ ñâņa (discrimatory knowledge). The noble ones who have cultured Paţisambhidâ ñâṇa have performed, during the time of early Buddhas' sâsanâ, the functions of gatipaccâgatikavatta and have practiced vipassanâ meditation to the attainment of sañkhâ-rûpakkhâ ñâṇa (Visuddhi- 2: 72).

**Pubbayogo** nâma pubbâbuddhânam sâsane gatapaccâ-gatikabhâvena yâva anuloman gotarabhusamipam, tâva vipassanâ-nuyogo (Visuddhi- 2: 72).

Now the section on *Asammoha sampajaña*, the remaining portion of the Pâli – *Abhikkante Paţikante* – will be treated.

#### Asammohasampajañña

Abhikkmâdîsu pana asammuyhanam asammohasapajaññam, tam evum veditab-bam - idha bhikkhû abhikkamanto vâ paţikkamanto vâ yathâ andhabâlaputhujjanâ abhikkamâdîsu "attâ abhikkamati, attanâ abhikkamo nibbattito"ti vâ "aham abhikka-mâmi, mayâ abhikkamo nibbattito"ti vâ sammuyhanti. Tatthâ asammu yhanto "abhikkamâmî "ti cite uppajjamâne teneva citta-samuţţhâvâyodhâtu viññattim janayamanâ uppajjanti. Itha cittakiriyâvâyodhâtuvipphâravasena ayam kâyasammato aţţhisañghâto abhikkamati, tassevum abhikkamato ekekapâdudharane pathvîdâtu âpodhâtûti dve dhâtuyo omattâ hunti mandâ, itarâ dve adhimattâ honti balavatiyo. Tathâ atiharaṇavîtiharaṇesu. Vosajjane tejodhâtu vâyodhâtûti dve dhâtuyo omattâ hunti mandâ, itarâ dve adhimattâ hunti balavatiyo. Tathâ huntri balavatiyo. Tathâ sanikkhe-panasanirujjhanesu tattha uddarane pavattâ rûpârûpadhamma atiharanam na pâpuṇan-ti, tathâ atiharane pavattâ vîtiharanam, vitiharane pavatta vosajjanam, vosajjane pavat-tâ sanikkhepanam, sanikkhepane pavattâ sannirujjhanam na Tattha tattheva pabbam pabbam sandhi sandhi odhi odhi hutvâ tattakapâle pakkhittilam viya paṭapaṭâ-yanta bijjanti. Tatthako eko abhikkamati, odhi hutvâ tatthakapâle pakkhitatilam paţapaţâyantâ bhijjanti. Tattha ko eko abhikkamati, kassa vâ ekassa abhikkamanam. Paramattato hi dhâtûnamyeva gamanam, dhâtunam thânam, dhâtunam nissajjanam,

dhâtûnam sayanam. Tassamin tassamañhi koṭhâse saddim rûpeti –

Aññam upajjate cittam, aññam cittam nirujjhati.
Avîcimanusambandho, nadîsotova vattatîti.
Evum abhikkammâdîsu asammuyhanam asammoha sampajaññam nâmâti.
Niţţhito **abhikkante paţikkante sampajânakâri yotî**tipadassa attho (Abhi.- Ţţha.- 2:339,
Ma-Ttha-1: 265).

Realization without confusion of the *paramatta* in going forward or backward is known as the *asammohasampajañña*. Now understand *asammohasampajañña* in the way as given below.

Lacking eye of wisdom for *paramatta*, the *andhabâla-puthujana* (the blind stupid worldling) would understand, with *tahnâ diţţhi*, going forward etc. as *atta* (self), *atta* would make going forward possible, or "I am going forward,I would make myself go forward.

The yogâvacara (meditator) recluse who belives in the Buddha's Sâsanâ, who has succeeded in culturing  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$  masses by breaking them down to ultimate reality by means of  $n\hat{a}na$  (Ghanavitabhogena  $-S\hat{i}-T\hat{i}-246$ ), would not have confusion, nor wrong view like the blind stupid man. In the recluse if realization of "going" arises in his mind together with the cittasamutthana vayodhatu, included in the mind-produced kalapa, will cause body behavior =kayavinnatta-rupa to arise in him. Because of the spread throughout the body of mind-produced, and having high natural powers, rupa-kalapa of the vayodhatu, the vayodhatu and vayodhatu are all the vayodhatu are all the vayodhatu are all the vayodhatu are all the vayodhatu are strong and vayodhatu are strong by language of vayodhatu are strong forward can happen only when the bones and the corresponding joints are strong.)

- 1. The realization of going forward by *paramatta-saccâ* is forward movement of the all the *rûpa dhammas* and of the bones and corresponding joints by *sammuti saccâ*. In each raising of a leg = going upward, the *tiharaṇa*, become inferior, weak and without force. But *tejo dhâtu* and *vâyo dhâtu* become superior and full of strength. (The raising and lowering of the leg in each step will be referred to as "raising."). the same applies to the following two.
- 2. Directed forward atiharana
- 3. Swinging the leg = bring the leg back to its usual position  $v\hat{i}tiharana$ .

[Tejo dhâtu, which always follows the  $v\hat{a}yo$  dhâtu, is the cause of rasing and lowering the leg for which the two dhâtus are described as being preeminent. Indeed the tejo dhâtu has the nature of raising the leg up and bringing it high up. That in rasing the tejo dhâtu has the nature of always following the  $v\hat{a}yo$  dhâtu is quite evident. The commentator has explained in such a way as to make explicitly of the preeminence of  $v\hat{a}yo$  dhâtu and tejo dhâtu, following the former, in rasing the leg and inferiority and weakness of the pathavî dhâtu and  $a\hat{p}o$  dhâtu at the same time. Again the tejo dhâtu, which always follows the  $v\hat{a}yo$  dhâtu, are the cause of leading forward = atiharaṇa, swinging sideways and bringing back = rasing and lowering the leg =  $v\hat{t}tharaṇa$ . In fact, there is excessive power together with anxiety in atiharaṇa and  $v\hat{t}tharaṇa$  of the  $v\hat{a}yo$  dhâtu that tends to go athwart. In this way, the fact that tejo dhâtu always follows the  $v\hat{a}yo$  dhâtu always holds true. Going beyond the place of standing = carry forward beyond standing leg is atiharaṇa. Swinging the leg from standing position away to avoid a stumbling block or a stump is  $v\hat{t}tharaṇa$ . In other words, bring the

leg back to the standing position is the atiharana, and moving the leg forward or sideways from the standing position is *vîtiharaṇa* (*Thî-Tî-* 247). Designated in this way, note that the atiharana can be shortened as "lift" and vîtiharana as "swing."]

Vosajjana In lifting of the leg (the stepping leg), the tejo dhâtu and vâyo dhâtu are inferior, weak and are of no strtength. The pathâvî and âpo dhâtus are very powerful and energetic. Note that the same applies to the action of lowering down the leg = sanikkhepana, set the leg on the ground = sannirujjhana have been differentiated. (In stepping, sending off of the leg forward to press down is the *vosajjana*, the act of putting the leg on the ground or the floor is the *sanikkhepana*. Pressing down the leg for a next step is the sannirujjhana. (the whole processes has been shortened as the Lift-carrycarrying in between-release -down-press)

- 1. Uddharana = lift
- 2. Atiharana = carry (back to place of standing)
- 3. *Vîtiharana* = carrying in between (between first and second step)
- 4. *Vossajjana* = release (lowers the lifted leg for next step)
- 5. Sanikkhepana = set leg on the ground
- 6. *Sannirujjhana* = press on the ground (to carry the other leg forward)

The rûpa and nâma dhammas, the real paramatta, arising at the moment of the uddharana = lifting the leg off the ground, would be not carried on leading to the moment of atiharana = leg standing on the ground. Nor the  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$  dhammas arising at the moment of carrying on to vîtiharaṇa = the moment of taking over. In the same way, the rûpa and nâma dhammas arising at the moment of taking over to moment are not carried on leading to vossajjana, nor its rûpa and nâma dhammas to that of sanikkhepana, nor its rûpa and nâma dhammas to sanikkhepana. The rûpa and nâma dhammas arising at the moment of sanikkhepana do not get carried to the moment of the sannirujjhana.

Only at a particular place, at a particular moment, section by section, joint by joint the movements are arising and disappearing like sesame seeds placed on a hot iron plate. [Khaṇamattâ vaļânato (Sî- Tî- 248) static only for a moment as Upâda-Thî-Bhañga (arising-static-perishing away).]

In going forward and drawing back, which is the individual or a sentient being that is making such a movement? Who is going forward, or making a movement forward? No one. It is just the continuous process of the mass of *rûpa* and *nâma* dhammas moving repetitively forward and backward in new places.

Rûpâ rûpadhammâti uddharaṇâkârena pavattâ rûpadhammâ, tamsamuţţhâpatâ arûpadhammo ca (Sî- Ţî- 247, Ma- Ţî-1: 358).

Here the rûpa and nâma dhammas of lifting the leg are, in fact, the padhâna (essential) rûpa dhamma or apadhâna (non-essential) rûpa dhamma, i.e. the rûpa dham -mas, in which are citta samutthâna dhammas and which have the nature of the lifting, and those which are being lifted. And these are the nâma dhammas. what it means is that the *rûpa* and *nâma dhamma*s arising at each moment of the lift-carry-carrying in between-release -down-press process, section by section, joint by joint process should be analytically discerned individually by virtue of nana.

For this reason the *Atthakathâ* has explained as given below.

Indeed, moving when viewed from Paramattha-dhamma-sabhâva:

- 1. In moving it is the *rûpa dhâtu*s and *nâma dhâtu*s only which are going.
- 2. In standing it is the *rûpa dhâtu*s and *nâma dhâtu*s only which are standing still.
- 3. In sitting it is the *rûpa dhâtu*s and *nâma dhâtu*s only which are sitting.
- 4. In sleeping it is the *rûpa dhâtu*s and *nâma dhâtu*s only which are sleeping.

The moving, stopping, sitting and sleeping are  $kutth\hat{a}sas$  in which the  $r\hat{u}pa$  and  $n\hat{a}ma$  dhammas to gether with –

- 1. Other *citta* has ceased.
- 2. Still other *citta* has arisen anew.

Take to heart, and concentrate by analytical knowledge that the process takes place continuously in this way. Understanding of the moving forward and backward of the  $r\hat{u}pa$  dhammas and  $n\hat{a}ma$  dhammas to the attainment of their paramattha is called asammuyhana = realization without confusion = realizing the true nature. Then be sure to understand that realizing the paramattha of these dhammas without confusion is the asammoha-sampazañña.

Here then, explanation on the real meaning of the *abhikkante paţikkante sampazânakâri hoti* = the action of going forward or backward is usually made with  $sampazañña \, \hat{n} \, \hat{a} \,$ 

The method of meditation is similar to that of *Irriyâpatha* described in section on *Nâma* Kammatthâna.

# Âlokite vilokite sampajânakâri hoti

Looking straight and looking sideways are made with sampajañña ñâņa.

Looking to front = looking straight ahead is termed  $\hat{a}lokita$ . Looking sideways = glancing is known as *vilokita*. Looking up, down or back do not conform to devotion and respectable grace of a recluse, for which reason the Buddha did not expatiated. Only these two kinds of looking conforms to an Arahant's life. In other words, all kinds of looking are led by the forward looking and looking sideways, are taken collectively as seeing (Abhi.-  $T_i$ tha - 2: 339 - 340, Ma-  $T_i$ -1: 265 - 266).

### 1. Satthakasampajañña

In the act of looking forward or sideways, if a will arises in one to do so, one should be careful to consider if the seeing (the object) is of fruitful or not before actually doing so. The ability to discriminately discern in this way is termed the *satthaka-sampajañña*. How this *sampajañña* come into being should be understood by referring to Rev Ãnanda Mathera. With regard to this, the Buddha has expounded as given below.

Bhikkhûs ---- Suppose a nanda Aranhant (dear recluse) is about to look toward the east. He did so first of all realizing that he has no intention of attaching to the  $r\hat{u}p\hat{a}$ -rammaṇa =  $abhijjh\hat{a}$  (wrongful thought) factor, grief = domanassa factor which are of inferior nature and  $akusala\ dhamma$ , would not arise in him. After taking all these serially appearing factors to the heart, then he would look toward the east. In this way, the recluse is endowed with the  $sampajañña\ nana$  by which discrimination of beneficial or not of looking east is made. The beneficial aspect is discriminated by the  $sampajañña\ nana$  nana.

Bhikkhûs ---- if a nanda Aranhant is

- 1. About to look west. R.
- 2. About to look north. R.
- 3. About to look south. R.
- 4. About to look up. R.
- 5. About to look down. R.
- 6. About to look to corner. R.

Suppose a *nanda Aranhant* is about to look to a corner. He did so first of all realizing that he has no intention of attaching to the  $r\hat{u}p\hat{a}$ -rammaṇa =  $abhijjh\hat{a}$  (wrongful thought) factor, grief = domanassa factor which are of inferior nature and akusala dhamma, would not arise in him. After taking all these serially appearing factors to the heart, then he would look to the corner. In this way, the recluse is endowed with the sampajañña ñâṇa by which discrimination of beneficial or not of looking east is made.

The beneficial aspect is discriminated by the sampajañña ñâṇa (Am- 3: 14, Abhi.- Ttha – 2: 340, *Ma- Tî-*1 : 266).

When the venerable Nanda Mathera exercising *vipassanâ bhâvana*, he has in mind "I have come to a state where I fail to observe these indariyas and consciousness based on which I have the perverted thought of unhappiness in the sâsanâ. It has been a shame. From now on, I would relinquish these failures." In this way, he become possessed of ussâha (diligence), powerful shamefulness and frightfulness the hiri-uttappa phenomena. observing that *indriya*, he has fulfilled the *paramî* for hundred thounsand eons for which he has come to possess adhikâra kusala. Because of this possession, he has attained the peak in indriyasamvara the observation on the indriya. For this reason the Lord has expounded to *nanda-arahants* as follows.

Etadaggam bhikkave mama sâvakânam bhikkhûnam indriyeysu guttadvârânam yadidam nando (Am.-1: 26).

Bhikkhûs .... Among my disciples, who are mindful of and who observed the security of the *indriya*, the recluse Nanda is the best and the noblest of all. He is regarded as the *Etadañga* (*Dî-Ţî-* 1: 249).

## 2. Satthakasampajañña – Sappâyasampajâñña In Another Way

In another way, as in going forward and backward, understand satthakasam-pajañña as well as sappâyasampajâñña by virtue of seeing a cetiya (shrine) etc. (Abhi-Ttha-2: 340).

### 3. Gocarasampajañña

Kamaţţhâṇassa pana avijahanameva **gocarasampajaññam**. Tassamâ khandhâdhâtuâyatanakamaţţhânikehi attano kamaţţhânavaseneva, kasinâdikammaţţhânikehi vâ pana kamaţţhâna siseneva âlokanavilokanam kâtabbam (Abhi-Ţţha-2: 340, Ma- Ţţha-1: 266).

Not abandoning the kamatthâna that you are always exercising only is the gocarasampajañña. Therefore -

1. A recluse contemplating on the five-fold khandhâ, the khandhakammatthânika individuals, when looking straight forward or sideways, should concentrate only on the five-fold *khandhâ* 

- 2. A recluse contemplating on the 12 modes of *âyatana*, the *âyatana kammaţţhânika* individuals, concentrate on 4 *âyatana*s when looking straight forward, 4 *âyatana*s when looking sideways. (It will be clear in later sections).
- 3. An arahant contemplating on the 18 modes of *dhâtu*, the *dhâtukammaṭṭhânika* individuals, concentrate on the 4 *dhâtus* when looking straight forward, the 4 *dhâtus* when looking sideways. (It will be clear in later sections).
- 4. An arahant concentrating on *kasiṇa* (sign), *kasiṇâdika* individuals, concentrate on only the usual *kasiṇakamaṭṭhâna*.
- 5. If a meditator contemplating on *ânâpânassati samâdhi*, the *ânâpânakamaţţhânika* individual, then look straight forward or sideways led by *ânâpânasatipaţţhâna* (mindfulness of in-breathing and out-breathing).

What the above all mean is that if your meditation is at *samatha* stage only, then concentrate on the *samatha kamaţţhâna* you are cultivating when you looking front or sideways. In the same way, if your meditation is at *vipassanâ* stage, then concentrate on any one the five-fold *khandhâ*, 12 modes of *âyatana*, the 18 modes of *dhâtu* etc., that you are culturing. If you are meditating in this way, then you are a competent *gocara-sampajañña*. According to these explanations, one can be said to be competent in *gocarasampajañña* as given below.

Suppose a gentleman only at the stage of cultivating *samâdhi*, is concentrating on his *samatha kamaţţhâna* while moving to the front or the back, then he can be as competent with *gocarasampajañña*.

If a gentleman has acquired *samâdhi*, based on which he progressed towards the *vipassanâ*. By exercising *vipassanâ* he moved to the front or to the back while discerning the *khandhâ*, *âyatana*, and *dhâtus* – discerning on the *khandhâ*, *âyatana*, and *dhâtus* a stage of acquiring the knowledge in their *paramatta*, then the *gocarasam-pajañña* and *asamohasampajañña* will be established in his *santâna*.

#### 4. Asamohasampajañña

Within the body there is no such a thing as *atta* that is forward-looking, nor the backward-looking *atta*. If a consciousness arises having an intension of looking straight forward, then together with that consciousness arise the mind-produced *citta samuţţhâna* a *viññatta rûpa*, caused by *vâyo dhâtu* which is highly powerful with natural energy, will arise. In this way, by virtue of the mind-derived *citta*, the lower eye-lid is pulled down, the upper eye-lid pulled up (= rises, blown out of course). There, indeed is no one who has opened (make it open) the eye mechanically. Then, the *cakkhu-viññâṇa* arises making the function of vision accomplished. Understanding discriminatively in this way is called *asamohasampajañña* in *âlokite* (looking forward) and *vilokite* (looking backward) (*Abhi-Ţṭha-2*: 340, *Ma- Ṭṭha-1*: 266).

[N.B. It is said that *cakkhu-viññâṇa-citta* arises following the function of seeing. So this *cakkhu-viññâna* cannot arise without *pañca-dvâra* preceding it, without *sampaṭic-chana-santiraṇa-vuṭṭho* following it, if it is *mahantâramman* without *javana* and if it is *atimahantaja-vana* without *javana tadârammana*. So, cultivate in your *cakkhu-viññâṇa* the *cakkhudvâravîthi nâma* collections and *rûpârammaṇa* which are not free from the *avinâbhâva* ways. The Aṭṭhakathâ Sayâdaw, willing you to cultivate this way, has once again indicated as given below.]

Mûlapariññâ (The Root of Analytical Knowledge) In another way –

- 1. By virtue of *mûlapariññâna*
- 2. By virtue of  $\hat{a}gantu = of a guest$
- 3. By virtue of *mûlapariññâ*
- 4. By virtue of *tâvakâlika* = of momentary existence

Understand the *asamohasampajañña* in looking ahead and sideways. First of all how the asamohasampajañña arises by virtue of mûlapariñña will be described.

In looking straight or glancing at the *rûpârammana*, (*Bhavañaga*) the thought process arise in order of pañcadvâra-vajjana, cakkhuviññâna, sampaticchana, santîraṇa, vuttho, javana.

Among those cittas, the bhavañga is the vîthimutta-citta free of vîthi. The bhava (life) between the period of birth to death is called *uppapatti bhava*. The *bhavañga* arises at a time when the *vîthi-citta*s of the *bhava*, called *uppapatti*, have not arisen yet. They help accomplish continuity memtal processes of the causal factors of a bhava.

When the rûpârammaṇa falls on the cakkhudvâra and manodvâra, the manodvârâvajjana citta, called kiriya-manodhâtu citta, arises completing discerning âvajjana by activating (= stop) the *bhavañga*.

The cakkhuviññâṇa arises by discerning this rûpârammaṇa following perishing aways of the cakkhuviññâṇa.

The sampaticchana, called vipâka-mano dhâtu, arises after completing discerning the same rûpârammaṇa, which is the function of sampaticchana, and following the cessation of cakkhuviññâṇa citta.

Because of the cessation of cakkhuviññâṇa, the santîraṇa citta, called vipâkamano citta dhâtu arises after completing the investigating of the same rûpârammana.

Because of the cessation of, the *vuṭṭho citta*, called *kiriyamano viññâṇa dhâtu*, arises following the determination of the *rûpârammaṇa* either as *ittha* or *aniţtha*.

The seven modes of *javana* are apperceived after cessation of *vuttho citta*.

Among the seven *javana*, looking straight and sideways as "this is the woman, this is the man" by virtue of attachment, defilement and delusion, have not arisen even in the first, nor the second nor the 7th javanas. If the 7 javanas got disarrayed, upside down, then looking straight and sideways, as "this is the woman, this is the man," by virtue of attachment, defilement and delusion, arises. In looking to the front or sideways, realization of asammoha sampajañña must be made by virtue of mûlapariññâ (Abhi-Ttha-2: 341).

What the above means is as follows. In cakkhudvâravîthi etc. of the pañcadvâravîthi, the understanding and realization, such as "woman and man," by way of the attachment etc. has not occurred yet. In that pañcadvâravîthi, there occurred the rising of just the lobha such as the ittha rûpârammana of a woman by virtue of ayoniso manasikâra (unwise attention) of the pañcadvâravajjana and vuttho. In discerning the anittha rûpârammana of a woman, just the obdurateness of mind paţigha arises. (It is not that realization of man and woman induce raga, dosa and moha, but just that the color as the rûpârammana resulting in the appearance of lobha, dosa and moha do happen).

Manodvâre pana "iţţhî puriso"ti rajjanâdi hoti. Tassa pañcadvâravajjanam mûlam. Yathâvuttam vâ sabbam bhavañgâdi. Evum manodvâravajjanassa mûlavasena mûla pariññâ vuttâ (Dî- Tî-1: 250).

But in *manodvâravîthi* attachment, offence and delusion arise by realization such as "this is the man, this is the woman." (Only at the *manodvâravîthi* did the realization, by way of attachment by *raga*, offence by *dosa* and delusion by *moha*, arise as discrimination of "the woman, and man." Refer to earlier parts of this section).

The root of the causal factors for the arising of the *manodvâravîthi*, in which are included the *lobhajavana*, *dosajavana* and *mohajavana* such as the attaching, offending and deluting, are the *javana*. In other words, they are the process of *pañcadvâravîthi* together with the *bhavañga*. The realization analytically of *pañcadvâravîthi*s by virtue of roots of the causes of the *manodvâra javana* is called *mûlapariññâ*.

In  $\hat{a}lokite$  and vilokite = looking to the front and sideways, the  $atthakath\hat{a}$  has instructed to realize the formation of asamoha-sampajana by virtue of the  $m\hat{u}lapari\tilde{n}\hat{n}\hat{a}$ . In looking this way, the following have to be concentrated analytically to the knowledge of their paramatta.

- 1.  $Cakkhudv \hat{a}rv \hat{i}thi = citta + cetasika$  (mind and mentalconcomitants) =  $n\hat{a}ma$  dhammas
- 2. *Manodvâravîthi nâma dhamma*s which still take *rûpârammaṇa* as the *ârammaṇa* (the object of meditation).

If the meditator can concentrate in the way given above, then he has acquired the *asamoha-sampajana* by virtue of the *mûlapariññâ*.

## Upalakkhana method and Nidassana Method

As the components were to be appreciated, so are the composite of the components and such a method of realization is termed the *upalakkhaṇa* method. As a distinct part was indicated to be taken, the way of taking the whole of the parts are termed the *nidassana* method.

In *sampajañña*, the Buddha has instructed to concentrate on *cakkhudvâravîthi* and *manodvâravîthi nâma dhamma*s which take *rûpârammaṇa* as the object when looking straight or sideways. The instruction is as follows.

The instruction was made to meditate on a certain obvious component referred to as *nâma dhamma* group which have the *rûpârammaṇa* as the object. This *desanâ*, therefore, expounded in *upalakkhaṇa* way which can take all the six modes of *ârammaṇa* as objects in a befitting way, that all the *nâma dhamma*s as a composite have to be concentrated. This is the *lakkhaṇâhârenitti* method given in Nittipâḷi as follows.

Vuttamhi ekadhamme, yedhammâ ekalakkhaņâ tena, Vuttâ bhavunti sabbe, iti vutto lakkhaņo hâro.

Among the six modes of *ârammaṇa*, *nâmarûpa dhamma* groups which take *rûpâram-maṇa* as the object, are instructed to concentrate on the *nâma dhamma* groups which takes the sixfold *ârammaṇa* as object. In one way it means that, being similar in taking *ârammaṇa* as object, the *nâma dhamma* groups such as *sotadvâravîthi* etc., should also be concentrated upon in meditation.

Avinâbhâva Way. As the instruction has been made to concentrate on the nâma dhamma groups which take on rûpârammana as the object, this is the way in which

rûpârammaṇa and the corresponding objects, not free from vipassanâ bhâvanâ, are to be cultivated. It is because, in a realm of the five-fold khandhâ, called pañcavokâra, they are not free from respective objects and from dependent materials. For this reason the commentator himself will again instruct in âlokite vilokite that the five-fold khandhâ are to be concentrated. (It will become clear later). Concentrate on the following when –

- (A) In discerning on the *rûpârammna* as indicated in *âlokite vilokite* 
  - (1) The *rûpârammna* and corresponding material phenomenon
  - (2) Similar to the way to concentrating on the *cakkhudvâravîthi manodvâravîthi*, the *nâma dhamma* groups, which take *rûpârammna* as object
- (B) In hearing =  $sadd \hat{a} ramm na$ 
  - (1) The *saddârammna* and corresponding material phenomenon
  - (2) Concentrating on the sotadvâravîthi manodvâravîthi, the nâma dhamma groups, which take *saddârammna* as object
- (C) In smell = gandhârammna
  - (1) The *gadhârammna* and corresponding supporting material phenomenon
  - (2) Concentrating on the ghânadvâravîthi manodvâravîthi, the nâma dhamma groups, which take gandhârammna as object
- (D) In sensation of taste =  $ras \hat{a} rammna$ 
  - (1) The *rasârammna* and corresponding supporting material phenomenon
  - (2) Concentrating on the rasâdvâravîthi manodvâravîthi, the nâma dhamma groups, which take rasârammna as object
- (E) In sensation of touch or contact = pholabbârammaṇa
  - (1) The *pholabbârammna* and corresponding supporting material phenomenon
  - (2) Concentrating on the kâyadvâravîthi manodvâravîthi, the nâma dhamma groups, which take *pholabbârammna* as object
- (D) In realizing *rûpa-nâma* singly or in groups
  - (1) The *pholabbârammna* and corresponding supporting material phenomenon
  - (2) Concentrating on the dhammâdvâravîthi manodvâravîthi, the nâma dhamma groups, which take *dhmmârammana* as object

# The Nature of *Agantuka* (The Nautre of Avisitor)

Again, if the the rûpârammna has attained stage of being discerned at the cakkhu $dv\hat{a}ra$  (and  $manodv\hat{a}ra$ ), the moving  $bha\tilde{n}ga = at$  later stage above the formation of the bhavañga-calana (it means the ceased bhavañga = stationary bhavañga bhavañgupaccheda), and their respective functions accomplished, by virtue of which the pañca-dvâravajjana, cakkhuviññâna, sampaţicchana, santîrana, and vuţţho all have arisen and perished away. At the end of all these, *javana* (impulsion) arises. This *javana* is like the home to the previously arisen pañca-dvâravajjana, for which it is like a visitor to the cakkhudvâra. If the hosts remain silent towards the visitor, who came into to ask for something, he should not make a demand for what he wanted. In the same way, the cakkhudvâra, the home for these âvajjana (pañcadvâravajjana) etc., the vîthi-cittas (thought processes) should not be attached, nor offend, nor delusioned towards the *rûpâ-rammaṇa*, and so should the *javana* be towards these *ârammaṇa*s. Understand the *asammoha-sampajjaññâ* in the way what happened to the visitor (*Abhi-Ṭha-*2: 341; *Ma-Tha-*1: 267).

Pañcadvâravajjana, cakkhuviññâṇa, sampaţicchana, santîraṇa, and vuţţho could realize just the color of a rûpârammaṇa, and javana vîthis could also arise having the same properties. If the concentration can be made of the javana together with cakkhudvâravîthi nâma dhamma groups, which can realize just these colors, to the attain-ment and disintegration of the masses to their paramatta, then one said to have acquired the asamohasampajañña. A meditator should make every effort to acquire the asamoha-sampajaññâṇa. As a visitor did not have attachment nor offence other's material things, so should a meditator attempt concentration. In addition, if *âvajjana* and *vuttho*, included in the *cakkhudvâravîthi*, is taken to heart these rûpârammaṇa by ayonisomanasikâra (wrong attention), then, it will be influenced by lobha-vajjana, dosa-javana, and moha-javana, as the case may be. The arising of these javanas is not due to lobha-vajjana, dosa-javana, and moha-javana produced by realizations as "this is the woman or the man." This is only due to attachment, offence, or delusion based on the realization by ayonisomanasikâra of only the color of the rûpârammaṇa. It is also not like attachment, offence or delusion on the living and non-living material bodies of a house owner on his possessions. It is but like those of a visitor on the If contemplation could be made by a meditator of these possession of his host. cakkhudvâravîthi, in which are included the lobha-vajjana, dosa-javana, and moha-javana, to their ultimate realities (paramatta), then asamoha-sampajaññâna would be attained. A meditator should make every possible effort to acquire this asamoha-sampajaññâna. This is what is meant by the above paragraph.

Nature of *Tâvakâlika* 

At the *cakkhudvâra* arise, starting with *pañcadvârâvajjana* ending with *vuṭṭho*, the *cittas*. These *cittas*, in association with corresponding *cetasika sampaytta dhammas*, perish away themoment they have perform their respective functions. They have so short a durations of existence that they did not realize each other. They are related to their *tâvakâlika* the duration of their functions = a momentary period. If all the occupants of a house died except one, then at that instant (= a condition of near death), dancing, singing by the remaining individual is not relevant. In same way, the related *cittas* like *âvajjana* etc., which appears one after the other at the any one *dvâra* (door), perishd away as soon as their corresponding functions have been accomplished. So also it is irrelevant to be attached, offended or delusioned towards the *ârammaṇa* by *javana-cittas* at the remaining moment of the accomplished functions. Understand the *asamoha-sampajaññaṇa* by realizing that there is a relationship between the functioning and time *tâvakâlika* = temporary moment. (*Abhi-Tha-2*: 341; *Ma-Tha-1*: 267).

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The *vîthi-cittas* within the corresponding *vîthis*, such as *cakkhudvâravîthi*, toge-ther *sampayutta-cetasika dhammas* accomplish their respective functions and perish away in the short moments. This phenomenon should be discerned via *ñâṇa*. The *vîthi-nâma dhamma* groups appearing at the six *dvâras* (the six doors) should be concentrated and if the

concentration could be promoted to vipassana meditation, then the raga, dosa, moha would not have the chance to made their appearance. This means realization of the truth without delusion, the asammoha-sampajjañña could be acquired.

Also understand asammoha-sampajjañña by virtue of khandhâ, âyatana, dhâtu, paccaya-paccayakkhana.

## Attainment of Asammoha-Sampajjañña by Virtue of Five-Fold Khandhâ

In looking straight ahead or sideways (during cakkhu-viññâna citta-kkhana, a thought moment of visual consciousness)

- 1. Cakkhu-viññâṇa (visual cognition) and rûpârammaṇa is the rûpa-kkhandhâ aggregate clinging to material qualities).
- 2. *Cakkhu-viññâṇa* which can discern the *rûpârammaṇa* is the *viññâṇâ-kkhandhâ*.
- 3. *Vedanâ* associated with *cakkhu-viññâna* is the *vedana-kkhandhâ*.
- 4. Saññâ associated with cakkhu-viññâṇa is saññâ-kkhandhâ.
- 5. Phassa-cetanâ-ekaggatâ-jîvita-manasikâra associated with the cakkhu-viññâṇa is the sañkhâra-kkhandhâ.

If these five-fold aggregates get united, the looking straight ahead or sideways arise distinctly. If so what person or the sentient being looks straight ahead and who looks sideways? (*Abhi-Tha-2*: 342; *Ma-Tha-1*: 267 – 268).

# Atthâti pacakkhandhavasena âlokana-vilokene paññâyamâne tabbinimutto ekâ eko *âloketi, ko viloketi* (*Dî.- Ţî.-*1: 250).

If looking straight ahead or sideways have arisen by virtue of combination of the fivefold *khandhâ*, then who would look straight or sideways free from that five-fold *khandhâ*? There is no such a person or sentient being lookin straight or sideways. There only is the the five-fold *khandhâ*.

The way the explanation are given in the above *Atthakathâ* are referred to as Uppalakkhana method and Nidassa method.

The five-fold *khandhâ* are meditated during *cakkhu-viññâṇa citta-kkhana*. So also each of the five-fold khandhâ are concentrated at every thought moment located in manodvâra-vîthis, which take as the ârammana the manodvâra-vîthi and rûpârammana. If the five-fold khandhâ could be concentrated at every thought moment, then asammoha sampajjañña-ñâna is acquired. The same applies to sotadvâra-vîthi etc.

# Arising of Asammoha Sampajjañña-ñâṇa by Way of Avatana

In looking straight ahead or sideways (during a thought moment of visual consciousness)

- 1. The visual clearness element is termed *cakkhâyatana* (the eye-base)
- 2. The *rûpârammaṇa* is termed the *rûpâyatana* (visible object base).
- 3. *Cakkhu-viññâṇa* which can discern is termed the *manâyatana* (mind base).
- 4. The seven modes of sampayutta cetasika associated with cakkhu-viññâṇa, such as

vedanâ etc., are termed dhammâyatana (mental object base).

If the four  $\hat{a}yatanas$  become distinctly united, then the act of looking straight or sideways will appear clearly. If that is the case, what person or the sentient being looks straight ahead and who looks sideways? (*Abhi-Tha-2*: 342; *Ma-Tha-1*: 267 – 268).

If the looking straight or sideways clearly appear by virtue of the four modes of *âyatna*, then who would be looking straight and who sideways? In fact, what it means is that there none looking straight nor sideways, but only the four modes of *âyatana*. Here too understand that it is the *Uppalakkhaṇa method and Nidassa method*. At every *citta-kkhaṇa*, situated in *cakkhudvâra-vîthi* and *manodvâra-vîthi*, if each of the four *âyatana* can taken as object of concentration, then the *sampajjañña-ñâṇa* is acquired. The same applies to *sotadvâra-vîthi* (the eye-door cognition process). In this way the 12 modes of *âyatana* (sense-bases) will be completely covered.

# Arising of Asammoha Sampajjañña-ñâṇa by Way of 18 Dhâtu

In looking straight ahead or sideways (during a thought moment of visual consciousness)

- 1. The visual clearness element is termed *cakkhu-dhâtu* (visual element).
- 2. Rûpâyatana (visible object base) is termed the rûpa-dhâtu (visible element).
- 3. *Cakkhu-viññâṇa* which can discern is termed the *cakkhu-viññâṇa dhâtu* (seeing consciousness element).
- 4. The seven modes of *sampayutta cetasika* associated with *cakkhu-viññâṇa*, such as *vedanâ* etc., are termed *dhamma dhâtu* (mental element).

If the four *dhâtus* become distinctly united, then the act of looking straight or sideways will appear clearly. If that is the case, what person or the sentient being looks straight and who looks sideways? (*Abhi-Tha-2*: 342; Ma-Tha-1: 267 – 268).

If the looking straight or sideways clearly appear by virtue of the four *dhâtus*, then who would be looking straight and who sideways? In fact, what it means is that there none looking straight nor sideways, but only four the *dhâtus*. Here too understand that it is the *Uppalakkhaṇa method and Nidassa method*. At every *citta-kkhaṇa*, situated in *cakkhudvâra-vîthi* and *manodvâra-vîthi*, each of the four *dhâtus* must taken as object of concentration.

In this way, if the each of the four *dhâtu*s can be concentrated at every thought moment during the *cakkhudvâravîthi-manodvâravîthi*, then the *sampajjañña-ñâṇa* is acquired. This is also true for *sotadvâra-vîthi* etc. If concentration can be made in this way, all the 18 modes of *dhâtu* would have been completed.

# Arising of *Asammoha Sampajjañña-ñâṇa* by *Paccya-Paccavekkhaṇa* (Meditation on the Cause)

Tathâ cakkhu nissaya-paccayo rûpam ârammaṇa-paccayo, âvajjanam anantara-samantara-anantararûpanissaya natthiviugatapaccayo, âloko upanissayapaccayo, vedanâdayo sahajâtâdipaccayâ. Evametesam paccayânam samâvâye âlokavilokanam paññâyati. Tattha ko eko âloketi, ko viloketi (Abhi- Ţha.-2: 342; Ma. Ţha-1: 268).

"Upanissayapaccayo" ti idam suttantanayeyna pariyâyako vuttam. Sahajatapaccayti nidassnamattametam aññamañña-sampayutta-atthiavigatâdipaccayâ nampi labbhanato (Dî.- Ţî.-1: 250).

In looking straight or sideways (during a thought moment of visual consciouness)

- 1. The visual clearness is the *pûrejâtanissaya paccaya* (a cause which renders support in the formation of cakkhu-viññaṇa by competition between very early atîtabhavañga and visual clearness and among uppâdas before the cakkhu-viññâna made its appearance).
- 2. The rûpârammaṇa is the ârammaṇa paccaya (the rûpârammaṇa is the object of the cakkhu-viññâna citta. On when there is discernible object could the viññâna, which can discern the object, be formed. There would be no viññâna without discernible object. Therefore, for the appearance of cakkhu-viññâna the rûpârammana presents itself as a cause and support in the form of object that is to discerned.)

The pañcadvâra-vajjana is the (a) anantara, (b) samantara, (c) anantarûpanis-saya, and (c) vigata paccaya. These are the causes.

(a) It is unusual for two cittas to arise simultaneously. One arises after the formation and perishing away of the another. Therefore, only when pañcadvâravajjana citta has ceased can the cakkhu-viññâna citta arise. As long as the pañcadvâravajjana citta is still there, the cakkhu-viññâna citta cannot arise as yet. The cakkhu-viññâna citta ceases only after supporting the arising of the cakkhu-viññâna citta. In between the supporting pañcadvâravajjana citta and the supported cakkhu-viññâ citta there exist no separating phenolmenon.

# *NÃMARÛPAVAVATTHÃNA* DETERMINATION OF *NÃMA* AND *RÛPA*

## 4. $N\hat{a}mar\hat{u}pavavatth\hat{a}na = Determination of R\hat{u}pa + N\hat{a}ma$

So evum phassâdînam vasena upatthite cattâro arûpino khandhe nâmanti, tesam arammaṇabhûtâni cattâri mahâbhûtâni, catunnañca mahâbhûtâni upâdâyarûpam rûpanti vavatthapeti. Iti aṭṭhârassa dhâtuyo dvâdasâyatanâni pañcakkhandhâti sabbepi tebhûmake dhamme khaggena samuggam vivaramâno viya yamakakâlakandam phâlaya-mâno viya ca nâmañca rûpañcâti dvedhâ vavatthapeti. Nâmarûpamattato uddam añño

satto vâ puggalo vâ devo vâ byahmâ vâ nattîti nittam gacchati (Visuddhi-2: 227 - 228).

When the meditator has clearly discerned the  $r\hat{u}pa$  phenomena in his conscious-ness, so would the  $n\hat{a}ma$  phenomena be. In such a discernment of the  $n\hat{a}ma$  factors, there are three ways:

- 3. The method of concentration starting with *phassa* (contact),
- 4. The method of concentration starting with *vedanâ* (suffering),
- 3. The method of concentration starting with consciousness viññâṇa (perception).

If the meditator concentrated on the *nâma dhammas* via one of these three ways, then *vedanâ-saññâ-sañkhâra-viññâṇa*, referred to as the four-fold *nâmakhandhâ*, are recog-nized as the *nâmadhammas* which will be acquired in his conscious mind. *Mahâbhûta* = the four great elements and all the *upâdârûpas* which take the four great elements as their object, are recognized as *rûpa dhammas*. In this way the 18 elements, 12-fold *âyatanas*, the five-fold *khandhâs* and all those factors in the three planes of existence = these innumerable *rûpa-nâma dhammas* have been definitely and clearly defined. It comes to the realization that there are just the *nâma* and *rûpa* in the three planes of life, above which there exist no higher *individuality-sentient being-life-self-human-devâ-byahmâ* (*Visuddhi-2*: 227 - 228).

According to the above instruction, when one is able to discern both  $r\hat{u}pa+n\hat{a}ma$  at every thought along the path of cittaniyâma, then these  $r\hat{u}pa+n\hat{a}ma$  are taken as object of concentration to discern that in these there are **no "individuality-sentient being-life-self-human-** $deva-byahm\hat{a}$ , but **just the**  $r\hat{u}pa+n\hat{a}ma$ .

The determination is made of the  $r\hat{u}pa+n\hat{a}ma$  as explained above. (When one has acquired the ability to extend his consciousness to *bhahiddha* and collectively meditate on the *bhahiddha*  $r\hat{u}pa+n\hat{a}ma$  in the 31 planes, then one would clearly realize the non-existence of human- $dev\hat{a}$ - $byahm\hat{a}$ ).

#### An Invaluable Resolution

The Venerable Sayâdaw Mathera, referred to respectfully by the *desanâ* as **Ãcariyadhammapâla**, has made an invaluable resolution in the domain of meditation in his Mahâtîkâ with respect to the above opening commentary.

Sabbepi tebhûmake dhamme nâmañca rûpañcâtîti ittha kiñcâpi sabba saddo anavasesapariyâdâyako, nâmarûpabhâvo pana aññamaññavidhuyoti na tadubhayam samudâyavasena parissamâpayetabbam, tasmâ "yadatthe namanlakkhanam, tam nâman. Yam ruppanalakkhanam, tam rûpa"ti evum vavatthepetîti attho. Evum vavatthapan-toyeva ca tadubhayavinimuttassa tebhûmakadhammesu kassaci dhamassa abhâvato "sabbepi tebhûmakedhamme nâmañca rûpañcâti dve dhâ vavatthapetî"ti vuccati. "Nâmañca rûpañcâ"ti eteneva tassa duvidhabhâve siddhe "dvedhâ vavatthapetî"ti idam nâmarûpavinimutthassa aññassa abhâvadassattham. Tenevâha "nâmarûpamattato uddha"tiâdi. "Sabbepi tebhûmake dhamme"ti pana sabbaggahanañcittha sammasama-

nupagassa dhamamasanavasesetabbatâya vuttam. Tahñi anavasesato pariññeyam ekamsato virajji tabbam tato ca cittam virajayam pamocetabbam. Tenaha bhagava —

"Sabbam bhikkhave anabhijânam aparijânam (tattha cittam) Avirâjayam appajaham abhabbo dukkhakkhayâya. R. Sabbañca kho bhikkave abhijânam parijânam (tattha citta) Virâjayam pajayam bhabbo dukkhakkhayâyâ"ti.

(Sam.-2:249 - 250 Parijânana Suttana; Mahâţî-2: 358).

Iti imassamim sutte tissopi pariññâ kathitâ hunti. "Abhijânan"ti hi vacanena ñâtapariññâ kathitâ, "parijânan" ti vacanena tîrana pariññâ, "virâjayam pajahan" ti dvîhi pahânapariññâti (Sam.- Tţha-3: 6).

The commentator in the above Visuddhimagga commentary has explained as: Sabbepi tebhûmake dhamme nâmañca rûpañcâti dvedhâ vavatthapeti = tebhûmakas, within the three planes of life referred to as all of the kâma-rûpa-arûpa, are recognized as rûpa dhammas as well as nâma dhammas (mental factors, material factors) as two distinct groups.

Here, the word sabba = completeness = all is meant to include the entire dhammas of the sañkhâra phenomena. Nâma and rûpa, however, are taken to be far apart from one another. (They are not the associated sampayutta dhammas, but are dissociated vippayutta dhammas). Therefore, the nâma and rûpa dhammas should not be analyzed together as a composite group, but be recognized as two distinct groups, and are to be taken as given below:

- 3. The *dhammas* that are of the nature of being attracted towards the object are *nâma*,
- 4. The *dhammas* that are subject to change are the *rûpa*.

Only when so recognized can the non-existence of a certain dhamma (such as the living being, soul, viññâna, self) of the tebhûmaka dhammas present in the three planes of life and being free from both nâma and rûpa — the entire tebhûmaka dhammas of the three planes of life are recognized as two distinct nâma and rûpa dhammas. And this is what the commentator has stressed in his explanation.

The expression "Nâmañca rûpañca" = nâmadhamma and rûpadhamma is an adequate indication that the *nâma* and *rûpa* are two distinct words, yet they are further expressed as dvedhâ vavatthapeti = recognized as two distinct groups. It was expressed so to vindicate the non-existence of a certain dhamma (such as the living being, soul, viññâna, self) of the tebhûmaka dhammas present in the three planes of life and being free from both *nâma* and *rûpa*.

It was expounded in this way to arrive at the determination that there exist no individual--sentient being-life-self-human-deva-brahmâ beyond the nâmarûpa.

Again, it was expatiated as sabbepi tebhûmake dhamme = tebhûmakadhamma — in the word sabba = all is used for purpose of concentration on the three general characters anicca-dukkha-anatta = so as not to leave any of sammasanupaggadhamma.

Indeed, the *tebhûmakadhamma* in the three planes of existence is the *dhamma* which should entirely be understood analytically; the attachment on to these tebhûmaka-dhammas via craving should be eradicated through practice. By practicing to eradicate the craving on these, one should acquire freedom. That is the reason why the Buddha has admonished as follows:

"Bhikkhus .... if the craving for the entire *rûpanâma* phenomena

7. are not understood penetratively by *ñâtapariññâ paññâ*,

- 8. are not known analytically by *tîranpariññâ*,
- 9. cannot practice to eradicate and be relieved of the attachment to them by craving, then one is not worthwhile to be relieved of the sorrows of the sansâric circus.

"Bhikkhus .... in fact, if the entire rûpanâma phenomena

- 10. are understood penetratively by *ñâtapariññâ paññâ*,
- 11. are known analytically by *tîranpariñâ*,
- 12. has practiced to eradicate the attachment to them by craving, then one is worthwhile to be relieved of the sorrows of the sansâric circus (*Sam.*-2: 249 250).

This resolution has been made in Mahâtîkâ with reference that of Aparijânanasuttana of Samyuttapâli Salâyatanavaggasamyutta.

- 4. A statement that Nibbâna can be attained by meditating on just a single *rûpa* element,
- 5. A statement that Nibbâna can be attained by meditating on just a single *nâma* element, and
- 6. A statement that Nibbâna can be attained by meditating on just a single *rûpa* element and just a single *nâma* element.

These three statements are definitely the opposite of the resolution described in Mahâtîkâ. He who is in search of the right dhamma, however, should not turn his back on the resolution made in Mahâtîkâ. In fact he should obediently follow that resolution which has been made with reference the Buddha's verbally delivered discourse. [The three kinds of <code>Pariññapañña</code> have been explained in Bhuddekarata.]

## DIŢŢĦIVISUDDĦI (PURITY OF VIEW)

Lakkhaṇa-rasa-paccupaṭṭhāna-padaṭṭhânavasena nâmarûpapariggaho diṭṭhivisuddhi nâma. (Abhidhammatthasañgaha).

= Cultivation of nâmarûpa by the power of the lakkhana-rasa-paccuppatthânapadatthâna (salient feature-taste-manifestation-proximate cause) is the purity of the paramattañâna view = ditthivisuddhi. (Abhidhammatthasañgaha).

It is the word explained on the basis of the Atthakathâs such as Dîghanikâya Mahâvagga Atthakathâ = (Dî-Ttha-2: 53), Sayuttanikâya Nidânavagga Atthakathâ = (Sam-*Ttha.*-2: 44) etc. Therefore, *ditthivisuddhi* = for the sake of the purity of *paramat-hañaa* view nâmarûpa factors have still to be cultivated via the power of the lakkhana-rasapaccupaţţhâna-padaţţhâna. The way of such cultivation will be described in separate section on Lakkhanâdicatukka. Here, in continuation, the meditation on the nâmarûpa phenomena by

- 4. Method of 18 element
- 5. Method of 12 *Ayatanas* and
- 6. Method of five-fold *Khandhâ*s will be described.

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The Six Doors	The Six Objects	The Six <i>Viññâna</i> s	
Receptor Element	Reacting Element	Resultant Element	
<ol> <li>Visual Element</li> </ol>	Material Element	Element of visual	
(= Eye clearness)	(= Material object)	Cognition	
2. Sound Element	Sound Element	Element of auditory	
(= Ear Clearness)	(= Sound object)	Cognition	
3. Odor Element	Smell Element	Element of nasal	
(= Nose Clearness)	(= Smell object)	Cognition	
4. Taste Element	Taste Element	Element of gustatory	
(= Tongue Clearness)	(= Taste object)	Cognition	
5. Body Element	Contact element	Element of physical	
(= Body Clearness)	(= Contact object)	Cognition	
6. Mind Element	Dhamma element	Element of mental	
	(= Dhamma object)	Cognition	

#### **Dhâtu** = **element** - attano sabhâvum dhâretîti dhâtu

It is named *dhâtu* because it possesses its own natural character (*Visuddhi-2*:116).

The atta (self), which is the thought of wrong viewers and whose way of thinking is outside the sâsanâ, when investigated by paramattha eye of wisdom, does not clearly exist. Its non-existence becomes more clearly realized especially when the *rûpa* and *nâma* are investigated by way of the eye of wisdom after realization of their ultimate truth. Nothing other than rûpa and nâma is realized, nor is there the atta, as visualized by ñâna. Atta is functionally karaka (producer); atta can appreciate vedaka (feeling). In this way atta has been designated to be *karaka* and *vedaka*, but they are not to be. It cannot function nor feel. It is because the *atta* itself, is claimed to have functioning or feeling property, is non-existent.

The ultimate truth, such as *cakkhu* (eye) etc., are capable of performing and existing their own nature. For instance

Rûpâbhighâtârahabhûtappasâdalakkhanam,

Dalukâmatânidânakammasamutthânabhûtappasâdalakkhanam vâ cakkhu (Visuddhi-2: 74).

Element of vision (= eye clear element), upon which impinges on the *bhûtarûpa* (mental qualities of sense-fields) = possesses nature of giving clear vision on the Four Great Elements. In other words, it has the nature of giving clear vision of the Four Great Elements caused by *kamma* arising from wishing to see the material object which are based on *kâmatahnâ*.

Among these 18 elements, the element of vision etc., are by now clearly explained A slight treatment on those still not clear will be made. First, mind element, *pañcaviññâ-dhâtu* (the five mind element) element of mental cognition will be described.

# MANODHÂTU (ELEMENT OF APPRECIATION)

Tîni manodhâtucittâni ekâ manodhâtu. (Visuddhi-2: 224).

4. Pañcadvârâvajjan; (2) Ahitakusalavipâkasampatechan; Ahitaakusala vipâkasampatcchan, the three kinds of mind are called the manodhâtu (element of appreciation).

> Antâdikâ manodhâtu, manoviññânadhâtuyâ. Pavesâpagane dvâra-pariyâyene titthti (Nâmarûpapariccheda).

Among the three citta named the manodhâtu, the bhavañga referred to as the manoviññâna (mind cognition) get dissolved when pañcadvârâvajjâna is attained and is thought to have entered into the state of pañcadvârâvajjâna. Therefore, pañcadvârâvajjâna is the dvâra (door) through which bhvañgamanoviññâna enters. Again, the manoviññâna called the santîrana (investigation, decision) made its appearance following the sampaticchana (acceptance). Sampaticchana, again, functions as the outlet for manoviññâna. With reference to instructions of this nature, the three manodhâtu can be taken as the doors for the manoviññâna. In other words, it means it unusual appreciation.

It is explained in the earlier pages of the section on Nâmakammatthâna etc. that

- 4. Element of bhavañgamano clearness is the manodvâra (mind door),
- 5. Bhavañgamano together with âvajjana (adverting mind) is the manodvâra,
- 6. From point of view of *Tthânûpacâra* (by way of place) or *phalûpacâra* (by way of contact, the *hadayavatthu* (heart-based corporeality) is called the *manodvâra* too. (see pages etc.). Taking of bhavañga as the manodvâra, and of bhavañga together with *âvajjana* as *manodvâra* is the usual way of appreciation.

In pañcadvârâvajjana (five door contemplation) and sampaticchânadve named as manodvâra (mind door), pañcadvârâvajjana, when taken as object, is not effective as taking object of concentration following others nor as repetitively taken object of concentration, because the newly formed object in earlier stage of concentration has been taken only once. That is why the manodvâravajjana and sampaticchanadve are — mano manodhâtu— referred to as the manodhâtu because it is an element which could bring about just the consciousness.

### PAÑCAVIÑÑÂNADHÂTU

The panñviññânas have to simply capture the object which directly appear on the receptive corporeality. Therefore, the force of concentration is more than that of the manodhâtu, and that is the reason why it is nominated as the viññânadhâtu. It is also named visesanajâtîti viññânam = takes the object more forcefully than the manodhâtu. Because it is supported by anantara force from the âvajjana (adverting mind), having different objects, and has to support the sampaticchana having different object, it used to be less forceful than the *manoviññâna* supporting the *viññâna* of similar objects. instructed in Vibhañga Pâli referred to as Aññatara Abhinipâtamatta it is just that falling upon the respective object of the five-fold object.

[Anantara—Someone becomes successful at the expense of someone else. As this statement goes, two cittas (consciousnesses) cannot come about simultaneously, but one after another. (The earlier consciousnesses disappear after facilitating the appearance of the later). The early cittas arose and, after facilitating the rising of the later, perish away. Before dissolution of the former, the later cittas have no chance to arise. Remember that an old

president would relieve himself only after handing over his duties to the new one. The support of the former *citta* for the appearance of the next one is called *anantarapaccaya*.]

## THE MANOVIÑÑÂDHÃTU

Literally *mano* (mind) refers to "knowledge", and so also the *manoviññâna* (mental consciousness) to "special knowledge." The combination of the two explicitly gives the essence of a "wide knowledge, a very high knowledge and very high and wide knowledge." The way the realization is acquired by the very high and wide knowledge is

this. Unlike the *citta*s described above, it does not take the new object at very early state (even though the capture has to be made in a way similar to *manodvâravajjana*), supported by anantara force of the citta having similar object, supports the later citta of the same material object by force of *anantara* support. Hence the capture on the object is very effective. Therefore, it is a nominated, from *manoviññânadhâtu* point of view, as *mano* with *viññânam* (see Compendium of Buddhist Philosophy, p.182).

# THE 12 ÃYATANAS

#### Outer Six Ayatanas Inner Six *Ãyatana*s 1. *Cakkhâyatana* (The Eye Base) 1. Rûpâyatana (Visible Object Base) 2. *Sotâyatana* (Sense Field of the Ear) 2. Saddâyatana (Sound Base) 3. *Ghânâyatana* (Nose Base) Gandhâvatana (Smell/Scent Object 3. Base) 4. *Jivhâyatana* (Sense of Tongue) 4. *Rasâyatana* (Taste Object Base) 5. *Kâvâyatana* (Sense Field of the Body) 5. *Pholabbâvatana* (Tangible Object Base) 6. *Manâyatana* (Mind Base Sense) 6. *Dhammâyatana* (Mental Object Base) 1. The eye clearness element = the visual sensitivity is called *cakkhâyatana*. 2. The ear clearness element = the sound sensitivity is called *sotâyatana*. 3. The nose clearness sensitivity = the nasal sensitivity is called *ghânâyatana*. 4. The tongue clearness sensitivity = the taste sensitivity is called $j\hat{a}yatana$ . 5. The tactile clearness sensitivity = the tangible sensitivity is called *pholabbâyatana*. 6. The seven *lokî* cognition elements are the *manâyatana*.

[Lokiya satta viññânadhâtuyo "manâyatanan"ti.] (Visuddhi 2:224).

- 1. Rûpârammana (visible object) is the rûpâyatana (visible object base).
- 2. Saddârammana (sound object) is the saddâyatana (sound base).
- 3. Gandhâramman (scent object) is the gandhâyatana (smell/scent base).
- 4. Rasârammana (taste object) is the rasâyatana (taste base).
- 5. *Pholabbârammana* (tactile object) is the *pholabbâyatana* (tangible base)
- 6. The 52 *cetasika* (mental concomitants) and 16 *sukhumarûpa* (subtle material forms) are all *dhammâyatana* (mental base).

#### NOMINATION AS ÃYATANA

Visesato pana âyatanato, âyânam tananato, âyatassa ca **nayanato âyatanam**ti Veditabbam (Visuddhi-2: 112).

#### It is so named

- 1. Because of the functions performed by each and every *citta cetasika* (mind and mental concomitants) on their own.
- 2. Because of the capability of *âya* (lengthening) the stretched mind and mental concomitants due to exerting effort by each and every one of them.
- 3. Because of bearing full suffering of the rounds of rebirth along the *sansâric* circus.

- 4.  $\tilde{A}$  yatana. It means  $\hat{a}$  ya (cause) according to the meaning of the terms. If there is no eye sensitivity and visible object, there can be no cakkhudvârikavîthicitta (mind door thought process). If there are no cakkhudvârikavîthicitta, each and every mind and men-tal concomitant, appearing every cittakhana (thought moment) within, these cannot per-form their respective functions. Thus, the cakkhupasâda and rûpârammana are the causes for cakkhudvâravîthicitta and of carrying out the respective functions by the cakkhudvârika nâma dhammas (mental phenomena arising through the eye door). This is the reason why the name *cakkhâyatana* — *rûpâyatana* is given. Note that the same applies to the remaining *âyatana* pairs.
- 5. Only when there are *cakkhudvâra* (eye door) and *rûpâyamana* (physical object), can there be nâma dhammas (mental factors). Without these there be no cakkhu-dvâra nâma dhammas. Note that it is also true for sotadvâra saddârammana etc. Each mind and mental concomitant appearing with reference to the corresponding dvâras (doors) are stretched by the *âyatanas*. Like a photographic enlarger which enlarges the small photographs, the âyatanas enlarge the mind and mental conco-mitants. If any one (ayonisomarikâra = one having unwise attention) comes across a pleasant sound and agreeable beauty, he would exaggerate on what he has just encountered. But he comes across a disagreeable sound or a feature, he would exaggerate on what he has seen with a wry face. He would be smiling within himself and reflecting in his mind of minds. He would be reminiscing on it. This a kind of enlarging the mind mental concomitant. In the life-continuum of a good man of a yonisomanasikâra (= one having wise attention) the akusala dham-mas (unmeritorious deeds) do not get enlarged on the basis of these dvârâ-rammanas. The mind and mental concomitants associated with the insight know-ledge, such as aniccanupassanâñana, dukkhanupassanâñana, anattaanupassanâ-ñana etc., however become enlarged. Such a kind of enlargement leads one to the nibbana, and is worth culturing.
- 6. In the infinite rounds of rebirth (sansâra), with no beginning, the long suffering of sansâravatta (sansâric function) has not yet ceased with non-reappearing cessation, the anupâdanirodha. As long as they remain, these âyatanas would be bearing the full-fledged suffering of the sansaric circus. And hence, they are referred to as the *âyatana*s (Visuddhi. 2:112).

Manâyatana — Dhammâyatana Mind based sense — Mental object base

Dvârammana bhedena, bhavañtâyatanani ca, dvârammana taduppanna, pariyâyena dhâtuyo (Abhidhammattasañgaha)

Attano sebhâvum dhâretîti dhammo = because they their own specific characters, they are named the dhamma. This being so, since all the paramattha dhammas bear their own specific characters (= the characters), they should be taken as a single "dhammâ-yatana." A question would then arise as to why it is expatiated as 12 *âyatana*s but treating each separately. The answer follows.

This *âyatana desana* is exhorted to clearly differentiate the doors and object of the six kinds of viññânakâya (tactile cognition). Since there are six dvâras and six ârammana âyatanas, it was expounded as 12 âyatanas instead of a single dhammâyatana.

7. The door, at which all the viññâna (cognition) included in the cakkhuviññânavîthi (eye consciousness process), is just the cakkhâyatana, and the rûpârammana (visible object) is the only object domain.

- 8. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *sotaviññânavîthi* (ear consciousness process), is just the *sotâyatana*, and *saddârammana* (acoustic object) is the only object domain.
- 9. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *ghânaviññânavîthi* (nose consciousness process), is just the *gandhârammana* (olfactory object) is the only object domain.
- 10. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *jivhâviññânavîthi* (tongue consciousness process), is just the *rasârammana* (taste object) is the only object domain.
- 11. The door, at which all the *viññâna* (cognition) included in the *kâyaviññânavîthi* (body consciousness process), is just the *phothabbârammana* (tactile object) is the only object domain.

Chatthasa pana bhavañgamanasañkhâto manâyatanekadesova uppattidvâram asâdhâranañca dhammâratanam ârammanti (Abhi. Ttha. 2: 43 - 44; Visuddhi 2: 113).

Bhavañgamanasañkhâtoti dvikkhattom calitvâ pavattabhavañgagamansañkhato. Calanavsena bhavañgappavattiyâ sati eva âvajjanassaâpi kâranabhûtamti katvâ vuṭṭam "bhavañganasañkhâto. R. Uppattidvâran"ti. Asâdhârananti cakkhuviññânâdînam asâdhâranam. Satipi asâdhâranabhâve cakkhâdînam dvârabhâvena gahitattâ dhammâyatanena aggahanam datthabbam. Dvârammanabhâvehi vâ asâdhâranam sandhâya "asâdhâranan"ti vuttham (Mahâtî. 2: 173).

12. The door is the plane where all the *viññânas* (cognition), which are included in the *manoviññânavîthi*, arise and part of the *âyatana* referred to as *bhavañgacitta* arising after being vibrated twice.

(This is a translation with reference to Mahâtîkâ. According to speeches made by successive generations of teachers, the plane of formation of all the *viññânas*, included in the *manoviññânavîthi*, is just a part of the *âyatana* referred to as *bhavañgacitta* arising after vibrating twice. According to the Subcommentary (Tîkâ), the *bhavañgaclana* (vibration of life-continuum), which arises after vibrating twice, is the *manodvâra*. Generations of teachers have said that the vibrating *bhavañga* = vibration of life-continuum = arising completely later = *bhavañgupaccheda* (cessation of life-continuum) The only difference is the usage of *bhavañgacalana* and *bhavañgupaccheda*. In essence, however, note that the main *desanâ* is the same. The vibrating *bhavañga* = *bhavañga-calana* by the power of which the *bhavañga* distinctly arises, and *âvajjana* can only arise when *bhavañga* arises. *Ãvajjana* will not arise when the *bhavañgacalana* does not arise. With *bhavañga* as the cause of *âvajjana* in mind, the commentator has explained that *bhavañgacalana* (= *bhavñgupaccheda*) referred to as *bhavañgamana*, which is a part of *âyatana*, is the plane of *dvâra* where all the *viññâna* included in the *manoviññânavîthi* are formed.)

**Ekadesayûpaca** - Lokiyasattaviññânadhâtu manâyatanam (Visuddhi 2: 224).

It has been explained that all the seven *lokiviññâdhâtu*, i.e., all the *lokîcitta* (the object of insight knowledge) are *manâyatana*. Note that *bhavañga citta*, which is a part of *manâyatana*, is taken by way of *ekadesayñpacâya* as *manâyatana*, and again this *bhavañgamanâyatana* as the *manodvâra* the support of all *manoviññâna*.

**Dhammâyatana** — Tasampayuttâ phassâdayo sesarûpañca "dhammâyatanan"ti (Visuddhi 2: 224).

All âyatanas, except the lokîviññânadhâtu and phassa etc. of 25 mind and mental concomitants occurring in each cittakhana and cakkhâyatana etc. of the above 10 rûpâ*yatana*, the remaining 16 *sukhumarûpa*s are the *dhammâyatana*s. These *dhammâyatana*s are not associated either as dvâra or object with cakkhuviññâna etc. of the pañcaviññâna.

Another way of taking Manodvâra. "Ayam nâma mano manâdvâram na hotî"ti (Abhi. Tha. 1: 129).

According to this commentary, the early mana (= mind) is beneficial to the later mana (mind). Therefore, all the early mana can be taken as the causative dvâra of the later ones. With reference to this commentary all the *citta* called *manâyatana* are *mano-dvâra*. Taking only the bhavañga as the manodvâra is routine way. Note that all the citta as manodvâra is by way of pariyâya. (A kind of pariyâya refers to the anantara, the proximate cause).

**Dhammâyatana also is a pariyâya**. Rûpâyatana etc. are usually (customarily) referred to as rûpâyatana. Dhammâyatana and dhammâramana, however, are slightly different. As mentioned under *Dhammâyatana* (see earlier pages of this vol.), pasâda-rûpa (clear sensitivity), sukhumarûpa (subtle forms), mind, mental concomitant, nibbâna and paññatti (concept) are included in the phenomena called dhammârammana. Exhorta-tion has been made to selectively include the object of insight knowledge in the *dhammâ-yatana*. But nibbâna and paññatti cannot be included. The five clear sensitivity, which have been specially designated as cakkhâyatana etc., cannot be included in the dhammâ-yatana. Because all the *lokicitta*s have been given a special name *manâyatana*, they are not included in the dhammâvatana. Therefore, it must be noted that designating dham-mâvatana as dhammârammana — the six dvârayatana, the six ârammanâyatana — differentiating 12 âyatanas is because of a kind of pariyâya (conditioned cause). (The âyatana desanâ was expounded for rûpasammûlâ and majjimarûci individuals. See section on Rûpakammatthâna).

[Special Note. Among the 16 subtle forms named dhammâyata is also included the very important hadayavatthurûpa (heart-based corporeality, which also is the dhammâyatana. This is a factor very important in concentrating on the 12 âyatana objects and the 18 element objects.]

Again, the six doors, the six objects and the six concepts, developed dependent upon the six objects of concentration, together come to 18 in all — the six each of the doors, the objects and the concepts. It should be noted that, as described in dhammâyatana, the dhammadhâtu is called dhammârammana.

# CULTURING RÛPA — NÂMA BY WAY OF 18 ELEMENTS

In section on Rûpakammatthâna, the cakkhudvâra = 54 kinds of visual sense (the eve), the true rûpas have been described in tables. Among these 54

- (A) 1. Clear sensitivity is the visual element, but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 5. Rûpârammana (visible object base) is the rûpa element.
  - 6. Depending on the *cakkhudhâtu*, and taking the *rûpadhâtu* as the object, there arises the mind which is the cakkhuvññânadhâtu.
- (B) 1. Sotapasâda (clear sensitivity of ear) is the sotadhâtu (sound element), but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. Saddârammana is the saddâdhâtu

- 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending on and taking *saddahâtu* as the object, is the *sotaviññânadhâtu*.
- (C) 1. *Ghânâpasâda* (nose clear sensitivity) is the *gânadhâtu* (the scent element), but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. *Gandârammana* is the *gandadhâtu*.
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending on *ghânadhâtu* and taking the *gandârammana* as the object, is the *ghânaviññânadhâtu*.
- (D) 1. *Jivhâpasâda* (tongue clear sensitivity) is the *jivâdhâtu* (the scent element), but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. Rasârammana (taste object) is the rasadhâtu.
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending on *jivhâdhâtu* and taking *jivhârammana* as the object, is the *jivhâviññânadhâtu*.
- (E) 1. *Kâyapasâda* (clear sensitivity of body) is the *kâyadhâtu* (the body element), but the remaining 53 are not.
  - 2. *Pholabbârammana (tactile object)* is the *pholabbadhâtu* (tangible element).
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending on *kâyadhâtu* and taking *pholabba* as the object, is the *kâyaviññânadhâtu*.
- (F) 1. Pañcadvâvajjana sampatichannadve is the manodhâtu.
  - 2. The 52 *cetasika* (mental concomitants) and 16 *sukhumarûpa* (subtle material forms) are the *dhammadhâtu*.
  - 3. The *citta* (mind) which arises depending *manodhâtu* and taking *dhammadhâtu* as the object, is the *manoviññânadhâtu*.

[Note. As a good man the *manoviññânadhâtu*, which can acquired at a *tihita* (3-rooted condition) worldling stage, in your life-continuum are of the following kinds:

1. Akusalacitta (karmically unwholesome consciousness)	12
2. Santîranacitta (investigating consciousness)	3
3. Manodvâravajjana (advertence)	1
4. Mahâkusalacitta (great, wholesome consciousness)	8
5. <i>Mahâvipâkacitta</i> (result of great deed)	8
6. <i>Rûpâvacarajana</i> ( <i>kusala</i> ) (fine material sphere consciousness)	4 (catukka method)
They all come to a total of 36 kinds.	

If raised to *rûpâvacara* (world of forms) by way of *pañcaka* (five-fold), there will be 37 kinds of *viññânadhatu* (consciousness element). If all the eight *samâpatti* (sustained deep mental absorption) have been acquired, there will be 40 or 41 *viññânadhâtu*.]

In this way the various *dhâtu* (elements) are discerned to attain the visual knowledge of their ultimate truth:

- 7. Cakkhudhâtu, rûpadhâtu, cakkhuviññânadhâtu,
- 8. Sotadhâtu, saddadhâtu, sotaviññânadhâtu,
- 9. Ghânadhâtu, gandhadhâtu, ghânaviññânadhâtu,
- 10. Jivhâdhâtu, rasadhâtu, jivhâviññânadhâtu,
- 11. Kâyadhâtu, pholabbadhâtu, kâyaviññânadhâtu,
- 12. *Manodhâtu, dhammadhâtu, manoviññânadhâtu*. (Note that it is not citation *kammatthâna*).

## DISCERN THE RÛPA - NÂMA

When you are able to concentrate on and take up the rûpa and nâma by your knowledge as

- 3. Cakkhudhâtu, rûpadhâtu, sotadhâtu, saddâdhâtu, ghânadhâtu, gandhadhâtu, jivhâdhâtu, the 16 sukhumarûpa (a part of dhammadhâtu), called the dhammadhâtu, are the *rûpadhamma*s.
- Cakkhuviññânadhâtu, sotaviññânadhâtu ----- manoviññânadhâtu, the (52) 4. mind and mental concomitants, called the dhammadhâtus, are the nâma-

In this way take up and discern the *rûpa* and *nâma dhammas* (*Visuddhi* 2: 224).

# DISCERNING RÛPA - NÂMA BY WAY OF 12 ÂYATANAS

- A 1. Cakkhupasâda is the cakhâyatana.
  - 2. Rûpârammana is the rûpâyatana.
- B 1. *Sotapasâda* is the *sotâyatana*.
  - 2. *Saddârammana* is the *saddâyatana*.
- C. 1. *Ghanapasâda* is the *ghânâyatana*.
  - 2. *Gadhâyatana* is the *gandhâyatana*.
- D. 1. Jivhârammana is the jivhâyatana.
  - 2. Rasârammana is the rasâyatana.
- E. 1. *Kâyapasâda* is the *kâyâyatana*.
  - 2. *Pholabbâyatana* is the *pholabbâyatana*.
- F. 1. The seven *lokâviññâdhâtu* is the *manâyatana*.
  - 2. the 52 mind and mental concomitants, the *dhammârammana* called the 16 subtle material forms are the *dhammâyatana*.

The cakkhâyatana-rñpâyatana, the sotâyatana-saddâyatana, the ghânâyatanathe *jivhâyatana-rasâyatana*, kâyâyatana-pholabbâyatana, gandhâyatana, the dhammâyatana, called the 16 subtle material forms, are all rûpadhamma.

The manâyatana and dhammâyatan (called the 52 cetasika) are all nâmadhamma.

In this way concentrate on the *rûpa-nâma* and discern the *rûpa-nâma* (Visuddhi 2: 224 - 225).

Here too it is important that the kammatthâna is not a citation. One has to understand that the instruction is made to concentrate on these *âyatana*s as object to attain the ultimate truth via perfect knowledge (insight knowledge). The method is to combine the 18 dhâtus and the 12 âyatanas and to discern on the sum total of these. The discernment analytically of these into finer details is given in Mûlapannasa Commentary as follows. They are the ways of discerning the four *âyatana*s and the four *dhâtu*s that arise at every *vîthicittakhana* (mental process moment) along the course of cittaniyâma (mental certainty).

## A WAY OF DISCERNING DHÂTU — ÂYATANA

Tatthâ cakkhu cakkhâyatanam, rûpam rûpâyatanam, dassanam manâyatana vedanâdayo sampayuttadhammâ dhammâyatanam. Evametesam catunnam âyatanânam samavâye âlokanavilokanam paññâyati. Tattha ko eko âloketi, ko viloketi. Tathâ cakkhu cakkhu-dhâtu, rûpam rûpadhâtu, dassanam cakkhuviññânadhâtu, tamsampayuttâ vedanâdayo dhammadhâtu. Evametâsam cakkhunnam dhâtunam samavâye âlokanavikkanam paññâyati. Tatthako eko âloketi, ko viloketi (Ma-Ttha. 1: 268).

If the following four *âyatana*s happen to come together there occurs the state of looking straight and looking askance.

- 5. Eye clear element is the eye base
- 6. Visible object is the visible object base
- 7. Visualizing visual concept is the mind base
- 8. The associated mind and mental concomitant *sampayutta dhamma* groups, such as *phassa-vedanâ-saññâ-cetanâ-ekaggatâ-jîvita-manasikâra*, are the *dhammâ-yatana* (mental object base).

Now who would see this way? Which living being would look straight forward or askance? (It means there is neither straight forward looking nor looking askance ones). A similarly situation holds true for the following.

- 5. *Cakkhupasâda* (the eye sensitivity) is the *cakkhudhâtu* (the element of vision)
- 6. Rûpârammana (the visible object base) is the rûpadhâtu (the mental element).
- 7. Realizing *cakkhuviññâna* (the eye consciousness) is the *cakkhuviññânadhâtu* (the eye consciousness element).
- 8. The associated mental concomitants, such as *phassa* etc., the *phassasampayutta-dhamma* (associated tangible factors) are *dhammadhâtu* (mind element).

(Ma.Ttha.1: 261).

The opening of these documentaries explained in such a way that the manifestations become vividly materialized using the *upalakkhanâ* and *nidassana* methods.

Now you good man, discern the *nâmakammatthâna* tables again. Pay attention to them as the object of concentration. Pay attention on the corporeality and mentality once again. In the above commentary it is explained that the four *âyatanas* and the four *dhâtus* are realized as the *rûpârammana* at the instance of the *cittaviññâna* (mental consciousness) *cittakkhana* (thought moment).

The mental consciousness cannot arise without pañcadvâravajjana (apprehension through the five sense doors) arising before it. If it is the cakkhuviññâna (eye consciousness), a series of thought processes do not halt during the interval of cakkhuviññâna, or of sampaticchana, nor santîrana. It will continue at least up to vuttho (determining consciousness). Even then, the ârammana has to be weak parittârammana for it to halt the mental processes and come to a bhavañga (rapt.). If the ârammana (the object) is the mahantarâramma, it is usual to continue up to the attainment of jo (impulsion), if atirâm mana up to tadârammana (registering).

Therefore at a consciousness moment of *cakkhuviññâna*, the four *âyatana*s and the four *dhâtu*s are formed, so also at the *pañcadvâravajjana*, *sampticchana*, *santîrana*, *uttho*, *tadârammana* etc., there are four *âyatana*s and four *dhâtu*s respectively. A few examples will be cited here. At each thought moment, there will be four *âyatana*s and four *dhâtu*s respectively, where —

- 5. Supporting heart-based corporeality is the *dhammâyatana* (mental object).
- 6. *Rûpârammana* (visible object) is the *rûpâyatana* (visible object base).
- 7. *Pañcadvârâvajjana citta* (conscious mind through the five sense doors) is the *manâyatana* (mind-based sense).
- 8. The associated mental concomitant *sampayutta* (association) groups are *dhammâ-yatana* (mental base).
- 5. The supporting heart-based corporeality is the *dhammadhâtu*.
- 6. The visible object is the *dhammadhâtu*.
- 7. The *pañcadvârâvajjana citta* is the *manodhâma*.

8. The associated mental concomitant *sampayutta* groups are *dhammadhâtu*.

However, the heart-based corporeality and associated mental concomitant dhamma groups are both the dhammadhâtu. If such similar dhammas are combined, there will be three *âyatana*s and three *dhâtu*s. Note that this hold true for the remaining thought processes (vîthicitta). Whether small or large in numbers, all the associated mental concomitant sampayutta dhammas are the dhammayatana and dhammadhatu only.

There still remain some distinct cases. For example, though sampaticchana is named manâyatana (the mental object base), but as an element it is manodhâtu (the mental element). It is not nominated as manoviññânadhâtu. Note that the remaining thought processes are manoâyatana as well as manoviññânadhâtu. For those still with immature knowledge the jocittakhana (moment of consciousness impulsion), which includes nâmadhamma, is given

In each and every jocittakhanâ (character of consciousness impulsion), understand the four âyatana

- 5. The supporting heart-base corporeality is the *dhammâyatana* (= *dhammadhâtu*).
- 6. The *rûpârammana* is the *rûpâyatana*.
- 7. The kusalajoviññâna (meritorious consciousness impulsion) is the manâyatana (= manoviññânadhâtu).
- 8. The associated mental concomitant, the (33) association dhamma groups are the dhammâyatana (= dhammadhâtu).

In other words, if the heart-base corporeality and mental concomitant dhamma are combined as they have similar âtatana, there will be three âyatanas and three dhâtus. In this way concentrate on the four *âyatana*s and the four *dhâtu*s at every thought process moment. Discern on all the good and bad groups in accordance with process series. Contemplate covering all the six lines. Concentrate on row after row given in the  $\tilde{N}\hat{a}makammattha$  tables. When one is able to also discern patisandhe-bhavañga-cuti, continue in a similar way as above.

If one wants to discern another way, after successfully concentrating on the four *âyatan*s and the four *dhatu*s at every thought moment as mentioned above, one may culture the whole row through and through. Lest use see the first row (good group table) of line showing the rûpârammana of the good group table. Here, there are pañcadvârâvajjana, cakkhuviññâna, sampticchana, santîrana, vuttho, seven impulsions, two tadârammana manodvârâvajjana, seven impulsions, two tadârâmmana respectively. The at every thought process moment, discern as given below.

- 5. The supporting heart base corporeality as object concentrate as dhammâyatana, cakkhâyatana, dhammâyatana, dhammâyatana .....
- 6. Taking rûpârammana as object concentrate as *rûpâyatana*, *rûpâyatana*, .....
- 7. Taking each consciousne mind as object collect as *manâyatana*, *manâyatana*.
- 8. Taking the associated mental concomitant sampayutta dhamma groups as object, concentrate as dhammâyatana, dhammâyatana.

In this way collect each row four times.

In supporting corporeality, all the cakkhuviññâna dhamma groups are upon cakkhuvutthurûpa (visual corporeality). All the remaining thought processes arise dependent upon the heart base corporeality called the dhammâyatana and dhamma-dhâtu. So note that in the supporting corporeality, the dhammâyatanas are for the remaining thought processes, and the cakkâyatana is for the cakkhuviññâna. In con-

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tinuation, a hint on collection by the 18 dhâtu way will be described.

- 5. Taking the supporting corporeality as the only object discern as *dhammadhâtu*, *dhammadhâtu*, *dhammadhâtu*, *dhammadhâtu* ....
- 6. The *ârâmmanarûpa* only is taken as the object and discern as *rûpadhâtu*, *rûpa-dhâru* ....
- 7. Taking each conscious mind as the object discern as *manodhâtu*, *cakkhuviññâna-dhâtu*, *manodhâtu*, *manoviññânadhâtu*.
- 8. The associated mental concomitant *sampayutta dhamma* groups are taken as the object and discerned as *dhammadhâtu*, *dhammadhâtu* .....

The above 1 - 4 belong to the eye door thought process and mind door thought process.

The pañcadvârâvajjana and samptaticchana are the manodhâtu, cakkhuviññâna is the cakkhuviññâna dhâtu, and the remaining thought processes are the cakkhuviññâna dhâtu. In contemplating on the cetasika, each is taken with reference to its associated cetasika arising at each thought moment, and collectively taken as the dhammâyatana or the dhammadhâtu.

Collect all the bad and good groups in each row in the line showing *rûpârammana*. Discern in the *saddârammana*, etc. in a similar way. In this method the discernment on both *âyatana* and *dhâtu* phenomena are the same.

Reside singly in *arañña* (in the forest), *rukkhâmûla* (under a tree), *suññâgâra* (in a quiet place) happily, as the Lord has instructed. With the mind set at the nibbâna with *appamâdadhamma* (mindfulness) called the vigilance on the object *rûpanâmadhamma sañkhâra*, a vigorous concentration is to be made with unyielding zest and zeal.

Now collection of the five-fold corporeality will be described. To begin with, *khandhâ* (corporeality) and *upâdânakkhandhâ* (the five clinging aggregate) will be presented.

### EXTRACTS FROM KHANDHÂ-SUTTANA

Pañca bhikkhave khandhe dassanâni pañcuppâdânakkhandhe ca, tam sunâthe ca bhikkhave pañcakkhandhâ?

- 6. Yam kiñci bhikkhave rûpam atîtâgatapaccuppannam vâ ijjhattam vâ bhahiddhâ vâ olârika vâ sukhumm vâ hînam vâ panîdam vâ yam dûre vâ santiike vâ ayam vuccati rûpakkhandho
- 7. Yam kiñci vedanâ R.
- 8. Yâ kiñci saññâ R.
- 9. Ye keci sañkhâra R.
- 10. Yam kiñci viññânam atîtânagata paccuppannam vâ bhahiddhâ vâ olârika vâ sukhumm vâ hînam vâ panîdam vâ yam dûre vâ santiike vâ ayam vuccati rûpakkhandho. Ime vuccanti bhikkhave pañcakkhandhâ.

### Katame ca bhikkhave pañcuppandhânakkhandhâ

- 6. Yam kiñci viññânam atîtânagata paccuppannam vâ bhahiddhâ vâ olârika vâ sukhumm vâ hînam vâ panîdam vâ yam dûre vâ santiike vâ, sâsavum upâdâniyam, ayam vuccati rûpupâdânakkhandho.
- 7. Yam kiñci vedanâ R.
- 8. Yâ kiñci saññâ R.
- 9. Ye keci sañkhâra R.
- 10. Yam kiñci viññânam atîtânagata paccuppannam vâ bhahiddhâ vâ olârika vâ

sukhumm vâ hînam vâ panîdam vâ yam dûre vâ santiike vâ, sâsavum upâdâniyam, ayam vuccati viññânupâdânakkhandho. Ime vuccanti bhikkhave upâdânakkhandhâti.

Bhikkhus .... I shall now admonish to you as regard five-fold corporeality and the five-fold clinging aggregate. Now you all listen.

Bhikkhus .... What are the five-fold corporeality? Bhikkhus ....

#### There are such *dhammas* as

- 7. The *rûpa* dhamma (corporeality phenomena) of the past, future and present, all those that are internal and external, all those that are coarse and subtle, all those that are low and lofty, all those that are far (from the consciousness of the meditator) and near (close to the consciousness of the meditator). All these (11) categories of material forms are the *rûpakkhandhâ* (the aggregate of the matter or of corporeality).
- All the vedanâ dhamma (phenomena of suffering) are the vedanakkhandhâ (aggregate of sensation or feeling group).
- 9. R. All the saññâ dhamma (phenomena of perception) are the saññakkhandhâ (the aggregate of mental formation or perception group).
- 10. R. all the cetasika sankhâra dhamma (mental formation phenomena) are sankhâranakkhandhâ (aggregate of mental formation).
- 11. All the viññâna dhamma (consciousness factor) of the past, future and present, all those that are internal and external, all those that are coarse and subtle, all those that are low and lofty, all those that are far and near. All these (11) categories of are the viññâna dhamma. are viññânakkhandhâ (the aggregate of consciousness).

Bhikkhus .... These are the five-fold *khandhâ*s (Sam. 2: 39; Khandhâsuttana).

Bhikkhus .... What are the five-fold *upâdânakkhandhâ*?

#### There are such *dhammas* as

- 12. 1. All the *rûpa* phenomena of the past, future and the present, to which are attached as "I, mine" by tahnâ, ditthi and which are the object of the four âsava dhamma (moral intoxicants), all those that are internal and external, all those that are coarse and subtle, all those that are low and lofty, all those that are far (from consciousness) and near (to consciousness). All these physical phenomena are the rûpupâdânakkhandhâ (the aggregate as the object of grasping), existing as (11)categories, and attached as "I, mine" by means of tahnâ, ditthi, the object of the four immoral intoxicants.
- 6. R. All the vedanâ dhamma are the vedanupâdânakkhandhâ (clinging to the aggregate of sensation).
- 7. R. All the saññâ dhamma are the saññupâdânakkhandhâ (clinging to the aggregate of perception).
- 8. R. All the *cetasika sañkhâra* dhammas are the *sankârupâdânakkhandhâ* (clinging to the aggregate of formation).
- 9. R. All the viññâna dhamma (concept phenomena) are the viññânupâdânakkhandhâ (clinging to the aggregate of sensation) (Sam.-2:39, Khandha-suttana)

## KHANDHÂ AND UPÂDÂNAKKHANDHÂ (THE AGGREGATES AND THE AGGREGATES AS OBJECT OF

### **CLINGING**)

Chatthe rûpakkhandho kâmâvacaro, cattâro khandhâ catubhûmakâ. R. Idhâpi rûpakkhandho kâmâvacaro, avasesâ tebhûmakâ vipassanâcâravasena vuttâ. Evmettha rûpam râsatthena khandhesu pavittham, sasavrâsatthena upâdânakkhandhesu. Vedanâdayo sâsavâpi atthi, anâsavâpi atthi. Te rasatthena sabbepi khandhesu pavitthâ, tebhûmakâ panettha sâsavatthena upâdânakkhandhesu pavitthâti (Sam.-Ttha.-2: 249).

- 3. In the five-fold *khandhâ*, *rûpakkhandhâ* is the *kâmâvacara* (the realms of sensual pleasures). The *vedanâ-saññâ-sankhâra-viññâna*, called the four-fold *nâmakkhandhâ* (the mental aggregate) are the *kâma-rûpa-arûpa-lokuttarâ* (the sensual existence-deva corporeal-formless existence), the *dhamma*s of the four *bhavana* (planes) of existence. The first *Khandhâdesanâ* was expounded to show that, whether in the mundane or supra-mundane, all the *dhamma*s that can be taken collectively as aggregates
- 4. In the *upâdânakkhandhâ*, expounded as the second *desanâ*, corporeal aggregate is the *kâmâvacara dhamma*. *Vedanâ-saññâ-sankâra-viññâna*, the four *nâmak-khandhâ*, are those *tebhûmaka dhamma*s formed in the three planes of existence as *kâma-rûpa-arûpa*. The Buddha has to again expatiate the *upâdânakkhandhâ* (the clinging aggregate) as the object of *vipassanañâna* (insight knowledge) referred to as the *vipassanacâra* (vipassanâ exercise).

For a meditator still at the three-root plane of mundane mind and mental concomitant, called the *lokuttarakhandhâ* are the *dhamma* he has not acquired yet. Therefore the *vipassanâbhâvanâ kammatthâna*, taking the lokuttarakhandhâas the object, cannot be made by analytical knowledge. But those who have acquired the *lokuttara dhamma* can. The *lokuttara* mind and mental concomitant, however, the *sañkhata* (results produced by specific action) *dhamma* too. With reference to —

Tînimâni bhikhave sañkhatassa sañkhatalakkhanâni. Katamâ tîni, uppâdo paññâyatti, vayopañâyati, tthitassa aññatthattam paññâyati (Am. 1: 150).

the sañkhata suttana desanâ, formation-static-dissolution = upâdâ-tthî-bhañga, there are definitely three sañkhata (results produced by specific action) characters. Because of these three, they are also the sañkhata dhammas. They are the dhammas dependent upon the phenomena of anicca, dukkha and anatta of the sañkhata dhamma — arising only when supported by the forceful object of upanissaya property of insight knowledge called dhammaditthi. Also when supported by the force of ârammana paccaya (the object condition) of asañkhata dhâtu (the unconditioned and absolute element) only can these dhammas arise. They are the sañkhâra dhammas too. Therefore, it is true that they are the anicca, dukkha and anatta dhammas.

Although these *lokuttarâ citta-cetasika* (the supra-mundane mind and mental concomitants) are the *sañkata* and *sañkhâra dhamma*s included in the *anicca-dukkha-anatta dhamma* groups, the *magga dhammas* (the Path factors) are those that relieve one from the suffering of the rounds of rebirth = the good *niyânika* (leading to salvation) *dhammas*. The *phala* (Fruit) *dhammas* are also the good causes definitely leading to enjoyment of the *santisukha* of the *nibbâna* = the great peacefulness. Therefore the discernment on these *lokuttarâ citta* and *cetasika* by *vipassanâ* as *anicca-dukkha-anatta* are not meant to become wearied of worldly life by *nibbinda ñâna* (knowledge of tedium) But when the vipassanâ exercise is made taking as object only on the *lokî citta-cetasika-rûpa*, recognized as the causes for suffering of the *sansâr*ic circus, then the nature of *citta-cetasika* will vividly be understood. Then the *nibbinda ñâna*, which become entirely tedious of the five-fold

upâdânakkhandhâ, referred to as the suffering of the sansâric circus, will arise. That is why only the lokî khandhâs (mundane aggrgate) taken as object in exercising vipassanâkammatthâna. With a view to contemplate in this way,

the Buddha has to admonish *upâdânakkhandhâ desanâ* solely of the *lokî khandhâ*s.

Since the rûpa dhamma means aggregate, it is also included in the khandhâs. It also bears the meaning of aggregate as the object of *âsava* (canker, fetter) *dhammas*, hence it is included in the *upâdânakkhandhâ*s too.

The four-fold nâma khandhâs, such as vedanâ (feeling) etc., are the khandhâs that are the object of the *âsava dhammas*. There are those *khandhâs* which are not the object of the âsava dhammas. The lokî citta-cetasika included in this four-fold khandhâs are the object of *âsava dhammas*, but *lokuttarâ citta-cetasika* are not.

Included in the three planes of life, kâma-rûpa-arûpa, are the lokî citta-cetasikavedanâ-saññâ-sañkhâra-viññâna. These are included in upâdânakkhandhâ because it bears the meaning of being the object of *âsava dhammas*.

The of the *lokî citta-cetasika-rûpa* included in the three planes of life —

- 5. The 28 species of *rûpa* are *rûpupâdânakkhandhâ*.
- 6. *Vedanâcetasika* is the *vedanupâdânakkhandhâ*.
- 7. *Saññâcetasika* is the *saññûpânakkhandhâ*.
- 8. The remaining (50) cetasikas are all vedanupâdhânakkhandhâ.

[N.B. To make it easier, the five-fold upâdânakkhandhâ are sometimes expressed as the rûpakkhandhâ, vedanâ-kkhandhâ, saññâ-kkhandhâ, sañkhârakkhandhâ and viññânakkhandhâ, or rûpa-vedanâ-saññâ, sañkhâra-viññâna respectively. When you come acroos such usage, note that they all refer to the upâdânakkhandhâs, the object of vipassanâ meditation. In the viññânakkhandhâ is mentioned lokîcitta. These lokîcittas, however, refer only to those that can arise in one's santânas (life continuum). Note also that the cetasika refers to those associated with the corresponding *cittas*.]

### DISCERN NÂMA-RÛPA SEPARATELY

Iti rûpakkhandho rûpam, cattâro arûpno khandhâ nâmanti evameko pañcakkhandhavasena nâmarûpam vavatthapeti (Visuddhi 2: 225).

Discern rûpa and nâma separately as "rûpadhamma and nâmadhamma as follows

- 3. *Rûpakkhandhâ* is the *rûpadhamma*.
- 4. The four-fold *nâma khandhâ* is the *nâmadhamma*

This is the way the *rûpa-nâma* are discerned by method of the five-fold *khandhâ*s. This is the way all the rûpadhammas and lokî nâma khandhâs are collectively concentrated

- 4.  $Arûpasammûlh\hat{a}$  = he who lacks clear consciousness on the  $n\hat{a}madhamma$ .
- 5. Samkhittaruci = he who enjoys any thing concise.
- 6. Tikkhapaññava = intelligent and sharp-minded person

With reference to the above three kinds of person, the Buddha has to expound the vipassanâ meditation by method of khandhâ desanâ.

Discerning collectively in this way can be accomplished only by sharp-minded person. The following meditation method is given for slow-minded persons.

DISCERNING IN DETAIL — THE FIVE-FOLD KHANDHÂ METHOD

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Ittha hi cakkhu ceva rûpañca rûpakkhandho, dassanam viññânâ-kkhandho, tam-sampayuuta vedanâ vedanâ-kkhandho, saññâ saññâ-kkhandho, phassâdikâ sañkhârakkhando.

Evametesam pañcannam khandhânam sammavâye âlokanavilokanam paññâyati. Tattha ko eko âloketi, ko viloketi (Ma.-Ttha.-1: 267 - 268).

In the *pañcadvâravîthi* (the five-door consciousness process) at a thought moment of consciousness by way of sight, the straight visualization and visualization at a glance vividly appear when the five-fold corporeality are captured together as

- 6. The eye clear element and *rûpârammana* are the *rûpakkhanda* (aggregate of matter),
- 7. The consciousness by way of sight, having visual capability, is the aggregate of consciousness,
- 8. The *vedanâ* (suffering) associated with the aggregate of consciousness is the aggregate of sensation or feeling group.,
- 9. The perception is the aggregate of perception,
- 10. The contact etc., of the five-fold mind and mental concomitant are the aggregate of mental formation.

Now which individual would have straight visualization and which one has glancing ability? (What it means is that there is neither any individual of straight visualization nor glancing, it is only the phenomenon of the five-fold aggregate coming together.)

As explained in many places above, the consciousness by way of sight cannot arise without the *pañcadvâravajjana* (apprehension through the five sense doors), nor *sampaticchana, santirana, vuttho*, nor impulsion if it is *mahantârammana*, nor the impulsion-tadârammana (the then object) if it is atimahntârammana. Because of this, the five-fold aggregate as the object of concentration, at the thought moment of consciousness by way of sight, has been indicated by the Commentator. Note that it is described as an instruction made via *upalakkhana* (way of distinguishing) and *nidassana* (compartive way). Therefore, the five-fold aggregate is taken as the object of meditation on consciousness by way of sight, so also is it in the following.

- 7. The five-fold aggregate in pañcadvârâvajjana,
- 8. The five-fold aggregate in *sampaticchana*,
- 9. The five-fold aggregate in santîrana,
- 10. The five-fold aggregate in *vuttho*,
- 11. The five-fold aggregate in *javana* (impulsion),
- 12. The five-fold aggregate in *tadârammana*,

Again in *manodvâravîthi* (in *manodvâravîthi*s that follows)

- 4. The five-fold aggregate in manodvârawajjana,
- 5. The five-fold aggregate in each *javana*,
- 6. The five-fold aggregate in each tadârammanas,

Note that it is the same in cases of *sotadvâravîthi* etc.

#### A GOOD DISCIPLINE

In meditation on  $r\hat{u}pa-n\hat{a}ma$  by way of the five-fold  $khandh\hat{a}$ , practice along the rows have been found to have a clearer consciousness. Refer back to the good groups along the  $r\hat{u}p\hat{a}rammana$  rows in the table of  $Kammatth\hat{a}na$ . Take  $Cakkhu-dv\hat{a}rav\hat{i}thi$  and  $Cakkhu-dv\hat{a}rav\hat{i}thi$  (eye-door thought process and mind-door thought process), influenced by

mahâkusala (great moral) impulsion, which occupy the first row of the table as an example. The concentration is made described below.

- 6. The 54 species of corporeality as object together with rûpârammana of each and every cittakhana (thought moment) in the cakkhudvâravîthi and manodvâravîthi are understood by wisdom as rûpa, rûpa ......
- 7. Every vedanâ (suffering) associated with each cittakhana are taken as object and understood by wisdom as vedanâ, vedanâ ....
- 8. Every saññâ (perception) associated with each cittakhana are taken as object and understood by wisdom as saññâ, saññâ ....
- 9. All *cetasika*s (mental concomitants), other than *vedanâ-saññâ*, are taken together as object and understood by wisdom as sañkhâra, sañkhâra ....
- 10. Every citta (consciousness) associated with each cittakhana are taken as object and understood by wisdom as viññâna, viññâna ....

The good and bad groups in rûpârammana are meditated in similar ways. Note that the same applies to those along the saddârammana (sound base).

#### WHAT TO CONCENTRATE UPON WHEN UNDERSTOOD

If you have successfully practiced up to stage mentioned above, you should be able to answer the question. If not, the answer follows.

At every thought moment of *manodvâravîthi*, that continue taking as object *cakkhudvâravîthi rûpârammana* that appears while discerning on the *rûpârammana*, the ultimate truth and *dhâtu* essence of the *rûpa-nâma* should be understood by wisdom as follows.

- 4. **Four each of** *âyatana* according to *âyatana desanâ* ways.
- 5. **Four each of** *dhâtu* according to *dhâtu desanâ* ways.
- 6. **Five each of khandhâ** according to khandhâ desanâ ways.

Now this is the answer to the above query. This answer is just made referring to  $n\hat{a}ma$ - $r\hat{u}papariccheda~\hat{n}\hat{a}na$  (insight knowledge of mind and matter) = ditthivisuddhi (purification of views).

Suppose you have come up to *paccayapariggaha ñâna* (knowledge of discerning the cause and result), you must discern the cause and result at every thought moment. (This will be appreciated well in section on Paticcasamppâda).

A meditator ultimate reality of every individual of the ultimate element of the five-fold aggregate, by way of *lakkhana-rasa-paccupatthâna-padatthâna*, at individual thought moment of the *cakkhudvâravîthi* and *manodvâravîthi*, when he has come up to Lakkhanâdicatukka. (This will be clear in section on Lakkhanâdicatukka).

Again, if the meditator has attained the stage of *viappsanâ* he will have to concentrate on the three general characters, *anicca-dukkha-anatta*, of the *khandhâ*, *âyatana* and *dhâtu*, which are present at every thought moment of the *cakkhudvâravîthi* and *manodvâravîthi*. (This will be clear in section on Vipassanâ). It is the same in the case of concentration on sound.

All these are instructions of the Pâli-Atthakathâ-Tîkâ indicating how, when and what to discern regarding the *paramatta* elements while at seeing and hearing stages.

For the meditators who are searching for the true *dhammas* of the Buddha the Sabbaññuta Sammâsambuddha, those who are willing to penetratively understand, even in this existence, *asankhatadhâtu*, the element of peacefulness leading to the Path and the Fruit, those who are eager to be delivered from the *apâya* (miserable existences), those who are willing to be relieved entirely of the miserable ageing, death and decay, these are the instructions to take to heart, follow carefully and obediently.

#### HE WHO DEFIES ABHIDHAMMÂ

Abhidhammam patibâhunto imassamin jinacakke pahâram deti, sabbaññutaññânam patibâhati, satthu vesârijjañânam patinivatteti, sotumâkam parisam visamvâdeti, ariyamagge âvaranam bandhati. Atthârasasu bhedakaravatthusu ekassamin sandissati, ukkhepanîyakammakijjanîyakammâraho hoti. Tam tam lammam katvâ uyojetabbo "gaccha vighâsâdo hutvâ jîvissatî"ti (Abhi.-Ttha.-1: 30).

The above descriptions in the Atthakathâ are a warning to those who deny that the Abhidhammâ is not admonished by the Buddha, and to those who are under the impression that the *vipassanâ* exercise need not be made on the ultimate truth of *rûpa* and *nâma*, called the *khandhâ*, *âyatana* and *dhâtu*, as instructed in the Abhidhammâ. What it really means is as follows.

One who rejects the fact that Abhidhammâ is Buddha's expatiation and hinders it, and that the *rûpa* and *nâma*, called the truth of *khandhâ*, *âyatana*, and *dhâtu*, that have been expounded in the Abhidhammâ should not and need not be meditated, is in fact hindering and

deviating from the Buddha's noble sâsanâ. He is preventing the Buddha's sabbaññnuta ñâna knowledge of Omniscience. He lets down the Buddha's brave vesârajja ñâna (the brave knowledge of perfect self-confidence). He misleads those who are willing to listen to and practice the Abhidhamma dhamma (= rûpa-nâma in Abhi-dhammâ are not concerned with sâvakas but are for Sabbaññ Sammâsambuddha and the Arahants—those who are willing to listen to the Abhidhammâ are misled in this way to an erroneous concept). It is the same as blocking the Path leading attain nobleness; it is one of distinct the factors that causes that brought about dissention among the Sanghâ

called bhedakara (causing disunion in the Sanghâ).

That *Mahâthera* should neglected from daily affairs by the Sanghâ and to relieve him from the Buddhist order = an act of upakkhepaniyakam. He should be censured by Sanghâ by way of tajjniyakam. [What it means is: the argument that Buddhabhâsita (Buddha's utterances) Abhidhamma is not the Buddhabhâsita is referred to as vivâda (contention). "The Buddha Abhidhammâ would not bestow any benefit on human beings, the sâvakas cannot meditate on the ultimate truth of the *rûpa* and *nâma*, how could any one concen-trate on these hundreds of millions of *nâma dhamma*s which would have arisen and perished away within a blinking moment." The demerit of the Abhidhamma are again indicated in this way. Now the argument on the Abhidhammâ from negative side means committing dhamma avannabhâsana (speaking bad of

dhamma). The *ukkhepaniyakam* as well as *tajjaniya* action should be taken on him.].

By taking these actions he should be sent off ordering him "Eater of others' remainder—Make your living as a pauper." (Abhi.-Tha.-1: 30).

Gentlemen, if you are willing to attain nibbana, be careful not criticize the Abhidhamma without reason and be obedient to the warnings contained in the above Atthakathâ.

### THE FOUR-FOLD VESÂRAJJA ÑÂNA

Bhikkhûs .... The Buddha's brave knowledge called *vesârajja ñâna* are of four-fold. The Lord fully endowed with these *vesârajja ñâna*s has declared himself to be the highest and possessed of sabbaññuta ñâna. He possesses self-confidence in preaching of the way leading to salvation to the people. He sets into Motion the Wheel of Truth. These four are as follows.

- 5. The Buddha who declares himself to have penetratively realized, without any one's help, by *sayambhû ñâna* (self-dependent knowledge) and to be the Sammâsambuddha (the perfectly enlightened one), said "I have acquired peace and tranquility, freedom and bravery, because no one, be a *sâmana*, a *byamana*, a *devâ*, a *mâra*, in this world can argue as there still are *dhammas* that I have not realized."
- 6. To the Buddha, who has declared himself to be a *khinâsava* (one whose mind is free from the mental obsessions), in whom all the *âsava dhammas* have been extinguished = an *Arahant*, it has been asserted as "such and such *âsava* still remained to be extinguished." I have not come across any *nimitta* (sign), in either *samana*, or *byamana*, or *deva*, or *mâra* or any one in this world, who could have the right reason to indicate so. For this reason I have attained the peace and tranquility, freedom and bravery.
- 7. "The assertion that the *dhammas* that I have admonished are impediment to *jâna-magga-phala* is, in fact, not so to those who practice these *dhammas*." I have not encountered any *nimitta* in either the *samana*, or *byamana*, or *deva*, or *mâra* or any one in this world, who could have the right reason to indicate so. For this reason I have come to acquire the peace and tranquility, freedom and bravery.
- 8. "The indications that the *dhammas* that I have given for purpose of cessation of the suffering from the rounds of rebirth, in fact, cannot afford deliverance to any one practicing on these *dhammas*." I have not encountered any *nimitta* in either the *samana*, or *byamana*, or *deva*, or *mâra* or any one in this world, who could have the right reason to indicate so. For this reason I have come to acquire the peace and tranquility, freedom and bravery.

Bikkhus ---- These are the 4-fold *vesârajja nanas* causing bravery. The Buddha, endowed with these *vesârajja nanas* and admitting to possess *sabbaññuta ñâna*, delivered the *dhamma*s bravely and set the wheel of *dhamma* into motion (*Am.*-1: 315. *Vesârajja-Suttana*).

Of these four-fold *vesârajja ñâna*, pay a careful attention to the fourth *vesârajja ñâna*. As has been repeatedly explained previously—in Salâyatanavagga Samyutta Pâli Aparijânana-Suttana that if the *rûpa* and *nâma dhamma* not completely understood analytically by means of the 3-fold pariñña paññâ to attain the *magga* and *phala*, there is no way of liberating from the suffering of sansâric circus (*Sam.*-2: 249 – 250).

The eight noble *dhammas*, called pubbbhâga satipatthâna magga preceding the *ariya magga* (the Noble Path) have to be meditated, by the three-fold *pariñâ pañâ* to analytically realize the *rûpa* and *nâma* so as to attain *magga* and *phala*. The 8-fold magga, the noble practice, are the *niyyânika dhammas* (sanctifying factors) leading to salvation. In other words, if these 8-fold *magga dhammas* are practiced step by step, the *rûpa* and *nâma* are analytically realized by the 3-fold *pariñîa pañãâ* to have attained the *magga* and *phala*. Such a realization itself is the *niyyânika dhamma* delivering one from the suffering of sansâric circus (the rounds of rebirth).

Suppose you are under the impression that "the rûpa and nâma given in the Abhidhammâ are not to be concentrated, but such and such phenomena, other than rûpa and nâma, are to be concentrated in such and such a way." With reference to such a person the Atthasâlini Atthakathâ Sayâdaw given an explanation.

"An individual who hinders the Abhidhammâ is infact defying the noble dhamma called Buddha sasanâ. He is reproving the sabbaññuta ñâna of the Buddha. He is letting down the Buddha's very brave vesârajja nana. He is misleading those gentle persons who are willing to listen to and to practice the good dhamma." (Abhi.-Ttha.-1: 30). Even a learned can err sometime.

### THE ITTHÂRAMMANA-ANITTHÂRAMMANA CONCEPT

2. Samâsana Vâda (Theory of Similar Concept)

To begin with, similar statements made by honorable teachers, called the Samâsana *vâda*, is be presented.

The ârammana (the object) that is unpleasant and should not be sought (rûpa-vedanâsaññâ-sankhâra) is the anitthârammana. Whoever seeks that ârammana, in fact, it is the ârammana that should not be concentrated upon. It is the kind of ârammana that is not acceptable, unglamorous, not to be taken to heart, that is not conducive to kusala citta (meritorious mind).

In fact, it is completeness = far from pleasantness and hence an unpleasant *âram*mana that should not be accepted nor sought after. [The Sampatti here refers to sampatti bhava (blissful life) of sentient beings and devâs.]

In fact, the anitthârammana (physically), among the kamma-produced corpo-reality, are the results of karmically unwholesome deeds. (These are the vipâka nâma groups that have arisen from the akusala kamma of nâma dhamma).

Because it not the cause for the sukhavedanâ, this ârammana should not be acceptable. Because it is not the true cause for the *sukhavedanâ* in the kind of *citta* that is not conducive to mental faculty.

In this mind-produced corporeality, the five-fold ârammana karmaguna (5-fold craving) produced by akusala kamma are all anitthârammana. There is not such a thing as anitthârammana in kamma-produced corporeality arising from kusala kamma. All the kamma-produced corporeality following the kusala kamma are the itthârammana (Abhi.-Ttha.-2: 8-9).

The arising of the kamma-produced ittha-anittha is related to the sentient being bringing about that kamma-produced corporeality. If a living being has cultivated akusala kamma, then it will encounter an anittârammana kamma-produced corporeality. If it is the kusala kamma that is cultivated, an itthârammana kamma-produced corporeality will be the result in due course. Tasmâ kammajanam itthanitthatâ kamma-kârakasatthassa vasena yojanârahâ siya. (Mûlatî.-2: 8).

### A CUP OF PRICELESS MEDICINE

The explanations given by this Atthakathâ-tîkâ are a priceless medicine for a gentle man. The encounter of various unpleasant anitthârammana is the result of the cultivation of akusala kamma in the past. One should not grumble by various sorts reasons as "It is because of something that it has occurred. If so, then you are committing a great blunder referred to as ayoniso manasikara (a purposeless attention).

When the *kusala kamma* is still in force, then that *kamma* will always be creating encounters with discontent ârammana and the discontent sentient beings. Whenever the anitthârammana are encountered, and if they can be taken heart as "well, every body is the nmaker of his own future," then in your *santâna* (life-continuum) *yonisomanasikara* (a wise attention), the true basic causes of *kusala*, has made its appearance. If the three characters of anitthârammana are concentrated by vipassanâ until their ultimate truth is acquired, then it is a kind of *yonisomanasikara* which has attained the peak of *vipassanâ ñâna* (insight knowledge).

#### AN EXPLANATION BY MÛLATÎKÂ

The above *atthakathâ* has explained—*kusalakammajam anittham nâma natthi* = as a rule, *kamma*-produced corporeality resulting from *kusala kamma* never is an *anitthâ-rammana*. The explanation does not include *Akusalakammajam nittham nâma natthi* = as a rule, *kamma*-produced corporeality resulting from *akusala kamma* never is an *itthâ-rammana*. Because of this situation, if *akusala kamma*-produced *rûpa* happens to be pleasant (even though it is an *anitthârammana* for you who have cultivated *akuso kamma* beforehand), it may be *itthârammana* for other sentient beings. Again other teachers are of the opinion that all the *kuso kamma*-produced corporealities are *itthârammana* for both self and others.

As a continuation further explanations will be given. Some sentient beings do not appreciate nor like the human features and his appearance. Because of this dislike they would run away from his presence. In the same way humans are frightened by the appearance and features of the *devâs*. Though the humans and sentient beings are scared away, the *cakkhuviññâna* (visual perception) etc. of *vipâkaviññâna* (resultant perception) takes that corporeality as object (physical object) that has arisen in the *santâna* of these frightened beings, appear as just the *kusalavipâkaviññâna*. Similarly, in living beings scared of humans and humans scared of the *devâs*, these features as *ârammana* cannot be pleasant because they lack the power resulting from good deed. This is the opinion of the some *kecisayâs*. (The idea of *kecisayâ*'s is that all *kusala kamma*-produced corporealities are *itthârammana*. Those who do not have adequate power in their *santâna* find these not charming when they come across these *itthârammana*. As the mûlatîkâsayâdaw disagrees with these assertions, he has retorted as follows.)

The explanation of the *Atthakathâ sayâ* is that the absence of *anitthârammana* in all *kusala* the *kamma*-produced corporeality as well as the absence of the pleasant *itthârammana* in all the *akusalakamma-produced* corporeality, is an apt explanation.

Indeed, the *kamma*-produced corporeality in the *santâna* of the sentient beings, like elephant etc. during the start of life, are the result of *akusala kamma* performed during a certain past existence. The encounter by humans of the *akusala kamma*-produced corporeality of these beings, such as elephant etc., are the *akusalavipâkacitta* that appear due to taking these as object in their *santâna*. (It means *Pañcaviññâna-sam-paticcha-nasantîrana-tadârammana*).

When such beings as elephant etc. has grown into adult after growing gradually, called *pavatti* (formative stage), however, after period of rebirth stage, (to become a *mangala hsin* (lucky elephant) the *kuso kamma*-produced corporeality have the chance to make its appearance. (The elephant, before attaining an elephant's life when *akusala dhammas* are cultivated to attain such a life on one hand, while on the other hand *kusala* meritorious deeds, such as *dâna* (alms-offering), were made so that both *kusala* and *akusala* are amix. If rebirth resultant occurs because *akusala* has acquired more chance, the *kusala kamma* result can also arise so that *pavatti* results may occur in continuation. By the power of *kusala kamma*, which could produce *pavatti* results, *kusala kamma*- produced corporeality in the form of a white elephant etc. may make its appearance.)

By taking as object the kusala kamma-produced corporeality of sentient beings, such elephant etc., called itthârammana, which have gradually grown at the time of pavatti period, kusalavipâkacitta can arise in humans. (Pañcaviññâna-sampaticchana-santîrana*tadârammana-citta* is meant here.)

The encounter by humans of *itthârammana* is also related to their *kusala kamma*, but not to that sentient beings such as elephant etc.

Although it is true that the *kamma*-produced corporeality of sentient beings such as elephants etc. can be an object of the human kusalavipâkaviññâna, but in the santâna of the sentient beings can there be itthârammana kamma-derived corporeality as well as the anitthârammana kamma-derived corporeality. It means that as there can be kusala kammaderived corporeality referred to as itthârammana, so can there be the akusala- kammaproduced corporeality, called the *initthâramma*. Therefore, the itthârammana and anitthârammana are mingled. In such a mingled state in the elephant etc., anitthâ-rammana rûpa called the akusala kamma-produced corporeality is only a minor case in the santâna of it when maturity is attained at a time of pavatti period. The itthârammana, the kusala kammaderived corporeality (adequate enough to have attained the state of a mangalâ elephant) of the previous and present, however, is an overlapping major case. Therefore, however mingled the itthârammana of kusala kamma-produced and anitthâ-rammana of akusala kamma-produced corporealities may be, the akusala kamma-produced anitthârammana, as a minority, cannot be the real cause for arising of the many akusalvipâkacitta in the santâna of humans. Probably, it could be asserted this way. (In the santâna of elephant etc., during the time of pavatti period, only the itthâramma, which are the majority, is taken as object. In the santâna of humans, concentrating on the itthârammana, kusalavipâkacitta has the chance to arise. For this reason, akusala kamma produced-corporeality-anitthârammana cannot be the cause for the appearance of the akusalavipâkacitta in the humans. This is what the whole idea is meant). (Mûlatî-2: 8).

## THE OUTSTANDING FRATURES OF THE TWO VÃDAS

According to the *kecivâda* the splendid material forms, arising in the sentient beings such elephants when they have gradually attained maturity, are only the *anitthâ-rammana rûpa akusala kamma*-produced corporeality due to their cultivation in the past of the *akusalakamma*.

According to Mûlatîkâsayâdaw, the patisandhe kammaja rûpa (kamma-produced rebirth phenomena) of the elephant etc. are only the akusala kamma-produced anitthâ-rammana rûpa. It has been exsaptiated that the splendid rûpas, which appear at pavatti period when maturity is attained, are the kusokammajarûpas = the itthârammana rûpas, which were cultivated in the past existence of these sentien beings. (That is to mean that the ugly and inferior rûpas are the akusalakammaja rûpas. It is consistent with Añgutta-ranikâya Dassakanippâtti Jânusoni-suttana. See Am. 3: 478 - 482).

**So tattha lâbhî hotî**ti so tattha hatthiyoniyam nibbattopi mañgalahatthitthânam patvâ lâbhî hoti. (Am.- Ţha. 3: 339).

In the sant ana of elephant etc., during pavatti period, although the  $itth arammana \ r u pa$  =  $akusalakammaja \ r u pa$  and  $anitth arammana \ r u pa$  =  $akusalakammaja \ r u pa$  are intermingled, the latter are infinitesimal, but  $kusalakammaja \ r u pa$  are of considerable magnitude. Therefore, the Mulatikasayadaw is of the opinion that such an infinitesimal  $akusalakammaja \ r u pa$  cannot be the cause for the arising of akusalavipakacitta in the sant ana of sentient beings like humans. The sayadaw once again expounded as given below.

Vipâkam pana kattaco na sakka vañcetunti vipâkavasena itthânitthârammanava-vatthânam sutthu vuttam. Tasmâ tam anugantvâ sabbattha itthânitthatâ yojetabbâ.

(Mûlaţî- 2: 8).

Again in whichever ârammana it may be, the vipâkviññâna cannot be deceived. Because of this determination of itthârammana or anitthârammana by virtue of vipâkaviññâna (Abhi.Ttha.- 2:10), as explained by Tipitakasûlâbhayathera, has been mentioned in attakthâ. Therefore, the determination ittha and anittha by power of that vipâkaviññâna only, the formation of ittha and anittha ârammana should be associated (Mûlaţî.-2: 8).

Now this is the similarity of meaning by all the *atthakathâ sayâdaws*, the similar *attakathâ* = *samanayâda*.

## VITANTA VÂDÎ VÂDA SOPHISTRY

An individual who would make fallacious speech that could disheartened the men of wisdom is the vitandavâdî (a sophist). He would speak oout as

Itthânittham nâma pâtiyekkam pativibattam natthi, tesam tesam rûcivasena kathitam (Abhi.-Ttha.-2: 9).

There is no such a thing a the *itthârammana* and *anitthârammana* which can be analyzed individually as a single item each. Determination of an *ârammana* as either the *itthârammana* or the *anitthârammana* is related to individual living being's like or dislike of it (that *ârammana*). To the Great King Kosala the Buddha himself has admonished as follows.

"The Great King .... Among the five-fold *kâmaguna ârammana*, I have indicated that only the *ârammana* that is attractive and the heart's liking is the extreme determinant and is noble. The Great King .... Even that individual *årammana*s can be a heart stimula-ting for some, but not for the others. The Great King .... A single kind of sounds, smells, tastes and

touches can be the balm to the heart of some, but not to that of others." This what the Lord has expatiated in Sagâthâ-vaggakosala-samyutta Pañcarâja-suttana (Sam.-1:80).

With reference to the method as indicated above, a single rûpârammana, saddârammana, ganfhârammana, pholabbârammana etc. may be pleasant and attractive ârammana for one, and cause the arising of clinging, attachment and lobha (greed) to that ârammana. To the other these ârammanas could cause anger, a feeling of sorrow, and hate. These *ârammana*s themselves may be the attractive, pleasing and adorable *itthârammans* for one. These may again be the disgusting, disagreeable and unadorable anitthârammanas for the other.

The same *ârammana*s are taken by optimist as pleasing and adorable, on the other hand, they displeasing unadorable for a pessimist. Therefore, there no such a thing as ittârammana separate from anitthârammana in its own entity.

countrymen living in the extreme periphery paccantavâthî) of the Majjhimadesa (the Middle Region) would find even the earthworms to be itthârammana, attractive and adorable. For those living right inside the Majjhimadesa, however, would find these earthworms to be anitthârammana, irritable and rejectable. Again the paccan-tavâthî, the countrymen, would find the meat of peacock to be irritable, inedible and unpleasant. This is the the way of thinking of vitantavâdî with regard to itthârammana and anitthârammana (Abhi.-Ttha.-2: 9).

#### THE REPLY

In response to the idea of *vitantavâdî*, the *atthakathâ* has retored as follow.

Ask the vitantavâdî as

Do you mean there is no such a thing as itthârammana and anitthârammana in its entity to determine separately?

Suppose his answer was "âma natthi = well, no, there is not." Ask him the same question three times, and make him answer âma natthi three times admittedly. Afterwards give him a problem to see what his answer would be.

The question is "Is the *Nibbâna atta* or *anatta*"? The *vitanta vâdî* might answer, through knowledge of his own, indeed nibbana is the ittharammana.

He might remain silent, but in fact nibbâna is the *itthârammana*.

Some people are sensitive and become angry when the merits of the nibbana are mentioned, and would angrily answer as follow.

Well now you are talking about the merits and goodness of the *nibbâna*. I would like to ask you if there were adequate and various kinds of eatables, flowers, perfume, essence, cosmetics, clothings and place to sleep—the five-fold kâmaguna ârammana in the nibbâna?

The answer to question put by the vitanda vâdî would simply be "No." If such an answer is given by sakavâdî, a person whose idea is with the framework of the sâsanâ, and in continuation the *vitanda vâdî* should be told: You would close your ears and say "No. *Alam tava nibbânena* = your nibbâna would be not advantageous."

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The great noble *nibbâna dhamma* is indeed an *itthârammana*. Even though it is so, there are no five-fold *kâmaguna ârammana*s to enjoy, for which the *nibbâna* when viewed from the *vitanda vâdî*'s standpoint comes to be known as *anitthârammana*.

Anitthârammana it may be for those who does not want, the great noble nibbâna dhamma should not and must not be taken as anitthârammana. A person who implied the nibbâna to be anittha is one who possesses viparitasaññâ (altered perception) = wrong perception associated with the lobha (greed) associated with the enjoyment of the five-fold kâmaguna ârammanas. Because of this wrong perception, he has asserted the remark "Hold it. There is no benefit derivable from your nibbâna."

Because of changes of perception =  $vippanl\hat{a}sa$  (transposition) alteration in the perception, an  $\hat{a}rammana$  may be  $itth\hat{a}rammana$  for one who is in search of it. At the same time that  $\hat{a}rammana$  may be disagreeable and unacceptable for another (Abhi.- Ttha.-2: 9 – 10).

Now these are the assertions in atthakathâ made in response to that of the *vitanda vâdî*.

# SAÑÑÂVIPALLÂSA (THE CONCEPT TRANSPOSITION)

The perceptions associated with *lobha* clinging to the *kâmaguna ârammanas*, which are not the true *ittha*, and believe them to be the *ittha*, the *nibbâna dhamma* and other *ârammanas* which are wrongly taken to be the true *anitth*—the perceptions which here are said to be *viparitasaññâ* = perceptions subject to changes. That *viparitasaññâ* is again explained as *saññâvipallâsa*. Because of the *viparitasaññâ* the nibbâna, which lacks *kâmaguna ârammanas* inform of food and enjoyable substances, he simply honestly said "alam tava nibbânena = That is enough. There is no benfit in your nibbâna." The majority of the present day persons wishing for "immediate attainment of *nibbâna*" are, infact, usually have one thing in mind and another in the mind. They want to acquire the nibbâna in no time. They, however, do not practice in the right way to attain the nibbâna following the right path. Having a heart of acquiring nibbâna, though they cannot practice presently, should be said to have a great merit.

### THE THREE-FOLD VIPALLÂSA

Vipallâsâti anicca-dukkha-anatta-asubhesuyeva vatthûsu iccam sukhan attâ subha"ti evum pavatto saññâvipallâso cittavipallâso ditthivipallâso ime tayo (Visuddhi-2: 324).

In the five-fold upâdânakkhandhâ rûpa-nâma dhammas, which are the true anicca, dukkha, anatta and asubha, in other words in the dukkha-saccâ and samudaya-saccâ dhammas, there are three-fold vippllasas:

- 4. Wrong perception as (a) Nicca, (b) Sukha, (c) Atta, (d) Subha = Saññâvipallâsa
- 5. Wrong notion as (a) Nicca, (b) Sukha, (c) Atta, (d) Subha = Cittavipallâsa
- 6. Wrong view as (a) Nicca, (b) Sukha, (c) Atta, (d) Subha = Ditthivipallâsa.

In this way there are three-fold vippllasas as Saññavipallasa, Cittavipallasa, and Ditthivipallâsa. There are four categories in each making it 12-fold of vippllâsa dhammas (Visuddhi-2: 324).

Perceptions subject to change = viparitasaññâ arise because the vippalâsa dhammas distinctly do exist from which no deliverance has been attained. Based on the viparita saññâ, the living beings wrongly perceived *ittha* as *anittha* and vice versa. They are having wrong notions and wrong perceptions and these are, indeed, the avoniso manasikâra (the unwise attensions). There is every possibility that *akusala dhamma*s could arise based on these ayoniso maniasikâra.

## DETERMINATION OF IŢŢHÂRAMMANA AND ANIŢŢHÂRAMMANA **ACCORDING** INDIVIDUALS OF MEDIOCRE LIVING BEINGS

Iṭṭhânitthârammanam pana pâtiyakkam vibhattam aṭṭhîti. Kassa vasena vibhattanti? Majjhimakasattassa (Abhi.- Ttha.-2: 10).

Determination of itthârammana and initthârmmana is given in the Atthakathâ. It is not ture that there never exist itthârammana and anitthârammana as asserted by the Then how is it determined which are itthâramana and which are vitandavâdî. aniţthârammaṇa? The explanation in the Aţthakathâ is that it is made by virtue of wish a Mediocre person.

Further explanation. Determination of an *ârammaṇa* as either *iṭṭha* or *aniṭṭha* should, however, be made by virtue of the great president, the King Mahâsudassanasak-kâya, King Dhammâsoka etc., who are of great power. Indeed, these powerful rulers, belonging to the higher strata, are not contended with nor appreciate an ârammana like ordinary foods, of celestial origin, comparable to the five-fold ârammana karmaguna, though the food is an itthâramman. In their mind this ârammana is taken to heart as not appreciable nor stumlating to their heart.

For very poor, and of low strata, humans and sentient beings for whom getting a daily meal is hard effort, even the meal made broken rice, foul rice and curry would be delicious and will be ittha though it is indeed anittha.

In dertermining whether an *ârammana* is *ittha* or *anittha*, it should be according to the middle class humans' (Pâmokkha, Minister, rich man, merchant etc.) definition.

Therefore, good rûpa-sadda-gandha-rasa-pholabba-dhamma for middle class humans are all *itthârammanas*. The hard-to-come-by physical appearance and the sound of the Sammasambuddha etc. and those of man and woman are very pleasant and adorable ati-The smell of faecal materials, rotten dead dog and man are of repulsive itthârammanas.

kinds; disturbing sounds, unpleasant smell, disagreeable tastes and touches are *anitthârammana*s. This is how determination is made regarding the *itthârammana* and *anitthârammana*. This is the *atthakathâvâda*; the *samânavâda*. (*Abhi.-Ttha.-2*: 10).

In this  $v\hat{a}da$ , note that the formation of *ittha* or *anittha* on an object among the upper. Medium and lower strata humans does not occur during the  $vip\hat{a}kavi\tilde{n}\hat{n}\hat{a}na$ , but during by *javanasena* = the force of *javanna* (impulsion)

# TIPIŢAKACÛLÂBHAYATTHERA VÂDA

Tipiţakacûţâbhayatthero panâha — "Iţţhâniţţham nâma vipâkavasena paricchinnam, na javanavasena. Javanam pana saññâvippallâsavasena iţţhassamim yeva rijjati, iţţhas-samim yeva dussati. Aniţţhassamim yeva rijjati, aniţţhassamim yeva dussatî"ti. Vipâkavaseneva panetam ekantato paricchijjati. Na hi sakkâ vipâkacittam vañcetom. Sace ârammaṇam iţţham hoti, kusalavipâkam upajjati. Sace aniţţham, akusalavipâkam upajjati (Abhi-Tţha-2: 10).

The Venerable *Tipiṭakacûlâbhayatthera* has indicated as follows.

The *iţţhârammaṇa* and *aniţţhârammaṇa* are determined not by the force of *javana* (impulsion) but by the force of *vipâkaviññâṇa* (consciousness acquired through practice). Because of wrong concept = the clinging, the attachment = may result in *lobha*, and also *dosa*, can be formed within a single *iţţhârammaṇa* by force of *vipaţâsa*. Within a single *aniţţhârammaṇa* can be formed the attachment = *lobha*, and also *dosa*. Therefore, the *iţţhârammaṇa* and *aniţṭhârammaṇa* should not be determined on the basis of the force of *javana*.

Therefore, the *iţţhârammaṇa* and *aniţţhârammaṇa* should be determined only by virtue of *vipâkaviññâṇa*. In fact *vipâkacitta* never deceives. An *ârammaṇa* may be an *iţţhârammaṇa*—(let the *javana* dominated by any one of *kusla*, *akusala*, *somanassa*, *domanassa*, *upakkhâ*), then the *vipâkaviññâṇa*s are definitely *kusalavipâka*, *pañcaviññâṇa*, *sampaţicchana*, *santîrana* of *tadârammaṇa*s. An *ârammaṇa* may be an *aniţṭhâram-maṇa*—(let the *javana* dominated by any one of *kusla*, *akusala*, *somanassa*, *do-manassa*, *upakkhâ*), then the *vipâkaviññâṇa*s are definitely *akusalavipâka*, *pañcaviññâṇa*, *sampaţicchana*, *santîrana* of *tadârammaṇa*s. For this reason, the determination of the *iţṭhârammaṇa* and *aniţṭhârammaṇa* should, in deed, be made by virtue of *vipâkaviññâṇa*. *Kiccâpi hi micchâdiţṭhikâ Buddham vâ samgham vâ mahâcetiyâdîni vâ uļârâni âram-manâni disvâ ekkhîni pidahanti*, *domanassam âpajjanti*, *dhammasaddam sutvâ kaṇṇe thakanti*, *cakkhuviññâṇasotaviññâṇâni pana nesam kusalaviâkâneva honti* (*Abhi-Ṭṭha-2*: 10). *Micchâdiţṭhi* (wrong viewers), those with conception outside the bounds of the *sâsanâ*,turn their blind eyes when they encounter *Sammâsambuddha* (the Enlightened One), or Ariya-Sanghâ (the Noble Sanghâ) or Mahâ-Cetiya (e.g. Shwedagon) etc. of noble *ârammaṇas*; feel

unhappy at heart. They would close their ears when the Buddha's sermon is heard.