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Fundamental Knowledge of Abhidhamma

(Chapter-VI) Lesson – 44 –

The Origination Of Matters

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Suggested reading P. 246 – to - 252

3- The Origination of Matter (*Rūpa-samuṭṭhāna*)

- The four modes of origination
- What are the causes (in specification)?
- When the production starts?
- How often are these matters produced?

—The Four Modes Of Origination —

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| 1) <i>Kamma</i> — | 2) <i>Citta</i> — | 3) <i>Utu</i> — | 4) <i>Āhāra</i> — |
| Kamma | Consciousness | Temperature | Nutrimen₂t |

–The Four causes & Four types of Matter–

1) *Kamma* – 1-*Kamma-samuṭṭhāna-rūpa* (Or) *Kammaja-rūpa*

Material phenomena originating from Kamma

Kamma-born matter

2) *Citta* – 2-*Citta-samuṭṭhāna-rūpa* (Or) *Cittaja-rūpa*

Material phenomena originating from **Consciousness**

Consciousness-born matter

3) *Utu* – 3-*Utu-samuṭṭhāna-rūpa* (Or) *Utujaja-rūpa*

Material phenomena originating from temperature

Temperature-born matter

4) *Āhāra* – 4-*Āhāra-samuṭṭhāna-rūpa* (Or) *Āhāraja-rūpa*

Material phenomena originating from nutriment

Nutriment-born matter

– The Four Modes Of Origination –

Four Causes of Matter

1) *Kamma* – Kamma

The (25) twenty-five kinds of wholesome and unwholesome kamma

Sense sphere Kamma – 20 = (Unwholesome – 12 + Great wholesome – 8)

Fine material sphere Kamma – 5

2) *Citta* – consciousness ;

The (75) Seventy-five kinds of Consciousness

-excluding the immaterial-sphere resultants – 4 (and)
the two sets of fivefold sense consciousness – 10 = 14

3) *Utu* – temperature;

The **Fire element** – which comprises both cold and heat

4) *Āhāra* – nutriment ;

The materiality of **nutriment**
– which is known as nutritive essence

– The Four Causes of Matter –

1) *Kamma* –

25-Kamma

Kamma here refers to volition (cetanā) in past wholesome and unwholesome state of consciousness

Volitions associated with – Unwholesome Citta – **12** +
 Great wholesome cittas – **8** +
 Fine-material wholesome Cittas – **5** = **25**

Why wholesome immaterial-sphere kamma cannot produce matter?

The volitions of the **wholesome immaterial-sphere** cittas generate rebirth
 - in the immaterial plane and **thus** cannot produce material phenomena.

2) Citta– (75) kinds of Consciousness – except **four** immaterial resultants
and the two sets of fivefold sense consciousness
– **Starting from the arising moment of first Bhavaṅga**

Why the **four** immaterial resultant consciousness cannot produce matter?

– **Since they arise only in the immaterial realms**

Why the two sets of fivefold sense consciousness cannot produce matter?

– **Since they lack the power to produce matter.**

– **Rebirth consciousness** – also cannot produce matter

-because rebirth consciousness is a newcomer to the new existence
(- only the kamma-born matter arise at the moment of rebirth)

–The death consciousness of Arahants – also cannot produce matter

- Because the arahants have no more continuity of matter for next life

3) *Utu* – Temperature

Beginning from the stage of presence at the moment of rebirth-linking citta,

The internal fire element (found in the material groups born of kamma)

– combines with **the external fire element** and

- starts producing organic material phenomena originating from temperature.

– **Thereafter, the fire element (in the material groups born of all four causes) produces** organic material phenomena born of temperature the course of existence.

Externally, temperature or the fire element also produces **inorganic** material phenomena, such as climatic and geological transformations.

4) *Āhāra* – Nutriment

The internal nutritive essence (supported by the external) (**CMA – 250**)
 – produces material phenomena – at the moment of presence
 – **starting from the time it is swallowed.**

Nutritive essence that has reached presence
 (in the material groups originating from nutriment)
 –**produces a further octad**; thus the occurrence of octads links up **ten** or **twelve** times..

With regard to the temperature-born rūpa,
 it is the **internal** temperature that produces rūpa.

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With regard to the nutriment-born rūpa,
 it is the **external** temperature that produces rūpa. (with the support of internal)
Sub-commentary of Visuddhimagga – It is the internal nutritive essence produces matter,
 not external. External is only a support.

Text study

- (1) The material phenomena of the heart and the (eight) faculties are born of kamma. (9) One cause
- (2) The two media of intimation are born only of consciousness. (2) One cause
- (3) **Sound** is born of consciousness and temperature. Two causes: 1,
- (4) The triple qualities of lightness, (malleability, and wieldiness) arise from temperature, consciousness, and nutriment. Three causes: 3,
- (5) The inseparable material phenomena and the element of space arise from four causes. (9) Four causes: 9, Causeless: 4
- (6) Characteristic material phenomena do not arise from any causes.

One cause: 11, Two causes: 1, Three causes: 3, Four causes: 9, Causeless: 4

Analysis by way of Origins

(1) Kamma-born Matters – (*Kammaja-rūpa*) – 18

Material phenomena born of kamma (*kammaja-rūpa*) - 18 (see-§15)

Heart-base (1) + faculties (8) = 9 ⇐ Born of kamma only

Faculties (8) = Five sensitivity - 5 + Sexual Phenomena – 2 + Life Phenomenon– 1

Inseparables (8) + space (1) = 9 ⇐ Born of four causes

Inseparables (8) = Colour, Smell, Taste, and Nutritive essence (*Ojā*) – 4 +
Four great essentials (*Mahābhūta*) – 4 = 8

-starting with the arising sub-moment of rebirth-linking consciousness
– at each sub-moments : arising, presence, and dissolution (p.247)

Analysis by way of Origins

(2) Consciousness-born Matters – (*Cittaja-rūpa*) – 15

The two media of intimation are born only of consciousness.

mutable-matters (5) + Sound (1) = 6

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Mutables (*vikāra-rūpa*) (5) =

{Intimations- (2) + lightness, malleability, and wieldiness}

Inseparables (8) + space (1) = 9 ⇐ Born of four causes

-starting from the **arising** sub-moment of the first *bhavanga* citta
 (which arises immediately after the rebirth consciousness).
 – (rebirth-linking citta does not produce consciousness-born matter.) p - 248

Analysis by way of Origins

(3) Temperature-born Matters – (*Utuja-rūpa*) – 13

Lightness triad (3) + Sound (1) = 4

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Lightness triad (*Lahutādittaya*) (3) = {lightness, malleability, and wieldiness}

Inseparables (8) + space (1) = 9 ⇐ Born of four causes

-starting from the **presence** sub-moment of the rebirth-linking consciousness.

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According to the commentators,

- ❖ mental phenomena are strong at the moment of **arising**,
- ❖ material phenomena strongest at the moment of **presence**. ¹²

Analysis by way of Origins

(4) Nuteriment-born Matters – (*Āhāraja-rūpa*) – 12

Lightness triad (3) = 3

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Lightness triad (*Lahutādittaya*) (3) = {lightness, malleability, and wieldiness}

Inseparables (8) + space (1) = 9 ⇐ Born of four causes

-starting from the time when it is swallowed. Just an expression

– (rebirth-linking citta does not produce consciousness-born matter.) p - 250

Notes: The nutriment taken by a pregnant mother pervading the body of the embryo, originates materiality in the child.

- Even nutriment smeared on the body is said to originate materiality.
- The nutritive essence in the internal groups born of the other three causes also originates several occurrences of pure octads in succession.
- The nutriment taken on one day can support the body for as long as seven days.

Functions in the producing of Matter by Consciousness

{1} **The** Sublime *javana* – 26 perform –

the maintenance or upholding function of the bodily postures.

{2} **The** (32) *cittas* produce the **bodily** and **vocal intimations** –

Determining consciousness(1), Sense-sphere *javana* (29), and direct-knowledge (2)

The thirteen (sense-sphere) *javanas* accompanied by joy produce smiling too.

Thirteen *javanas* accompanied by joy (*Somanassa-javana*) (13) =

Four in greed-rooted *cittas* + smile-producing (1) +

Four in great wholesomes + **Four** in great functionals

Among the 75 *Cittas* – 26 *cittas* – uphold the bodily postures – and (49 – cannot do the same)

32 *cittas* – produce the **bodily** and **vocal intimations** – (43)

Among the 32 *Cittas*– 13 *cittas* – produce the smiling

- Two produce the intimations and uphold the posture – direct-knowledge (2)
- Thirteen produce the intimations and smiling – (*Somanassa-javana*) (13)
- Remaining Seventeen *Cittas* produce only the intimation – (17)

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Thirteen javanas accompanied by joy (*Somanassa-javana*) (13) =

Four in greed-rooted citta + smile-producing (1) +

Four in great wholesome + **Four** in great functional

Consciousness of smile or laugh according to Individuals

An ordinary person may smile or laugh by **Eight** Cittas (accompanied by joy) –

Four greed-rooted cittas + Four great wholesomes (accompanied by joy) = 8

An trainee may smile or laugh by **Six** Cittas –

Two greed-rooted cittas (Dissociated from wrong view) + Four great wholesomes = 6

An arahant may smile or laugh by **Five** Cittas –

smile-producing (1) + **Four** great functionals = 5

Aspiration & Sharing Merit

Iminā Puññkammena mā me bālasamāgamo.....,

Sataṃ samāgamo hotu yāva Nibbānappatiyā

-Idaṃ me puññaṃ āsavakkhayā'vahaṃ hotu.

-Idaṃ me puññaṃ..... Nibbānassa paccayo hotu.

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Mama puññabhāgaṃ sabbasattānaṃ bhājemi.

Te sabbe..... me samaṃ..... puññbhāgaṃ labhantu.

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Sādhu... Sādhu... Sādhu

By this action of merit,May I not be associated with fools!,

May I be associated with the wise until the attainment of Nibbāna.

May my (this) merit bring about the cessation of taints (as a result)!

May my (this) merit be the condition for (the achievement of) Nibbāna.

I share my portion of merits with all beings. May all of them achieve my portion of merit evenly.

Well-done Well-done Well-done

