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Fundamental Knowledge of Abhidhamma

(Chapter-VI) Lesson – 45 –

The Material Cluster (*Rūpakalāpa*)

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Suggested reading CMA - P. 252 – to - 255

Four characteristics Of Cetasika –

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

Four characteristics Of Material cluster or group –

- 1. *Ekuppāda* – Arise together** (in the group)
- 2. *Ekanirodha* – Cease together** (in the group)
- 3. *Ekanissaya* – Have the same basis** (in the group)

The common base of conascent great essentials are

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

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

They all occur together from their arising to their cessation.

Eight are regarded as the inseparable material phenomena.

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

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

Classification the Four types of Matter–

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

1) *Kamma-born material clusters* – 9

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

Vital nonad
(*Jīvitānavaka*)

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

Vital nonad + eye-sensitivity = 10

Vital nonad + ear-sensitivity = 10

Vital nonad + nose-sensitivity = 10

Vital nonad + tongue-sensitivity = 10

Vital nonad + body-sensitivity = 10

Vital nonad + femininity-faculty = 10

Vital nonad + masculinity-faculty = 10

Vital nonad + heart-base = 10

Eye decad (*Chakkhu-dassaka*) 1

Ear decad (*Sota-dassaka*) 2

Nose decad (*Ghāna-dassaka*) 3

Tongue decad (*Jivhā-dassaka*) 4

Body decad (*Kāya-dassaka*) 5

Female decad (*Itthibhāva-dassaka*) 6

Male decad (*Pumbhāva-dassaka*) 7

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

Vital nonad = 9 (*Jīvitānavaka*) 9

2) *Consciousness-born material clusters* – 6

1 **Pure octad**
Inseparables (8) ← **Pure octad** (*Suddhatṭhaka*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

3) *Temperature-born material clusters* – 4

1 **Pure octad**
Inseparables (8) ← **Pure octad** (*Suddhaṭṭhaka*)

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

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

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

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

Internal and External Clusters

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

4) *Nutrient-born material clusters* – 2

1 **Pure octad**
Inseparables (8) ← **Pure octad** (*Suddhatṭhaka*)

Lightness triad (3) = 3

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

The **23** matters are enumerated –

as the constituents of the material groups or cluster.

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

– are not enumerated as the constituents of material groups

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

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

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