

Fundamental Knowledge of Abhidhamma

Lesson-11

(24- Sense-sphere Beautiful Consciousnesses)

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Sense-Sphere Beautiful-Consciousness -24	<i>Somanassa-sahagata</i> (or) <i>Upekkhā-sahagata</i> Accompanied by~ joy (or) equanimity	<i>Ñāṇa-saṃpayutta</i> = Associated with~ / <i>Ñāṇa-vippayutta</i> = Disassociated from~	<i>Asaṅkhārika</i> = unprompted / <i>Sasaṅkhārika</i> = prompted
Sense-sphere Wholesome Consciousnesses-8	<i>Somanassa-sahagata</i> Accom...by~joy	Asso~ Knowledge	unprompted
	<i>Somanassa-sahagata</i> Accom...by~joy	Asso~ Knowledge	prompted
	<i>Somanassa-sahagata</i> Accom...by~joy	Disasso~ Knowledge	unprompted
	<i>Somanassa-sahagata</i> Accom...by~joy	Disasso~ Knowledge	prompted
	<i>Upekkhā-sahagata</i> Accom...by equanimity	Asso~ Knowledge	unprompted
	<i>Upekkhā-sahagata</i> Accom...by equanimity	Asso~ Knowledge	prompted
	<i>Upekkhā-sahagata</i> Accom...by equanimity	Disasso~ Knowledge	unprompted
	<i>Upekkhā-sahagata</i> Accom...by equanimity	Disasso~ Knowledge	prompted
Sense-sphere- Resultants Consciousnesses (with roots)-8	The Classification is the same as Wholesome		
Sense-sphere-Functional Consciousnesses(with roots)-8	The Classification is the Same as Wholesome (the only difference is not producing result)		

Sense-Sphere Beautiful- Consciousness –(24)

The consciousnesses that have their proper domain in the sensuous plane existence, though they may arise in other planes as well. (CMA- p.30)

{Eleven sensuous planes – four woeful states,
the human realm, and the six sensuous heavens.}

The Kammically active *cittas* of any particular sphere, the *cittas* that generate *kamma*, tend to produce rebirth into corresponding plane of existence, and if they succeed in gaining the opportunity to generate rebirth, they will do so only in that plane, not in any other plane. (CMA – p.30)

The Kammically active *cittas* – *wholesome and unwholesome consciousness*

Aṭṭha Mahākusala (or) Kāmāvacara-kusala-cittāni

Sense-sphere Wholesome Consciousnesses - 8

Wholesome Consciousness – consciousness accompanied by the wholesome roots – non-greed or generosity, non-hatred or loving-kindness, non-delusion or wisdom.

{The characteristic of Wholesome consciousness (***Kusala Citta***) is –

- 1) mentally healthy, morally blameless (***Anavajja***), and
- 2) productive of pleasant results (***Sukha-vipāka***).

Sense-sphere Wholesome Consciousnesses – the consciousnesses that accompanied by the wholesome roots, mentally healthy, morally blameless (***Anavajja***), and productive of pleasant results (***Sukha-vipāka***), produce the rebirth into (beautiful) sensuous planes.

Two Types of wholesome-resultants

- Wholesome-resultant rootless consciousness (***Ahetuka kusalavipāka cittas-8***)
- Wholesome-resultant consciousness with beautiful roots

(*Saketuka Kāmāvacara vipāka cittas-8*)

Aṭṭha Mahāvipāka (or) Sahetuka-kāmāvacara-vipāka-cittāni

Sense-sphere resultant Consciousnesses with roots - 8

Both the rootless wholesome-resultants and the rooted resultants are produced by the same eight wholesome cittas, but the two sets differ in their qualities and functions. These differences will become clearer when we discuss the functions of consciousness. (CMA – p.49)

Kammically wholesome active (productive) <i>cittas</i>	Two types of Wholesome-Resultants
Sense-sphere Wholesome Consciousnesses – 8 (<i>Mahākusala (or)</i> <i>kāmāvacara-kusala-cittas-8</i>)	Sense-sphere resultant Consciousnesses with roots – 8 (<i>Mahāvipāka (or) Sahetuka-kāmāvacara-vipāka-cittas-8</i>)
	Rootless wholesome-resultant Consciousnesses – 8 (<i>Ahetuka kusalavipāka cittas-8</i>)

Aṭṭha Mahākiriya (or) Sahetuka-Kāmāvacara-kiriya-cittāni

Sense-sphere Functional Consciousnesses with roots - 8

Whereas the eight wholesome sense-sphere *cittas* arise in worldings and trainees, they do not arise in Buddhas and Arahants, who have transcended the cycle of *kamma* and future becoming in the realms of rebirth.

However, in Buddhas and Arahants there arise eight types of consciousness which are their exact counterparts. These are called *kiriya* (***kiriya***) or functional *cittas* because they merely perform their functions without leaving any *kammic* deposit. (CMA – p.50)

Consciousness	Individuals	
sense-sphere wholesome <i>cittas</i>	Worldings (<i>Puthujjana</i>) and trainees (<i>Sekha</i>)	With future becoming
sense-sphere functional <i>cittas</i>	Buddhas, Pacceka-buddha and Arahants	No more future becoming

Three principles (p.47,51)

Sense-Sphere Beautiful- Consciousness -24

By way of Kind	By way of feeling	By way of Presence or Absence of Knowledge	By way of spontaneity or prompting
Wholesome -8	(Joyful – 12) <i>Somanassa-sahagata</i> Accom...by~joy	<i>Ñāṇa-sāmpayutta</i> = Associated with knowledge -12	<i>Asaṅkhārika</i> = unprompted -12
Resultant -8			
Functional -8	(Neutral – 12) <i>Upekkhā-sahagata</i> Accom...by equanimity	<i>Ñāṇa-vippayutta</i> = Disassociated from Knowledge -12	<i>Sasaṅkhārika</i> = prompted -12