

# Fundamental Knowledge of Abhidhamma

## Lesson-12

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### ( Ten Bases Of Meritorious Deeds)

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# Ten Bases Of Meritorious Deeds (*Puññakiriyavatthu*)

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1. *Dāna* – giving
2. *Sīla* – virtue
3. *Bhāvanā* – meditation

Three main bases of Meritorious Deeds

4. *Apacāyana* – reverence
5. *Veyyāvacca* – service

– former two are considered as pertaining to the actions of virtue

6. *Pattidāna* – transference of merit
7. *Pattānumodana* – rejoicing in (others') merit

– middle two are considered as pertaining to the actions of giving

8. *Dhammasavana* – Hearing the Dhamma
9. *Dhammadesanā* – Teaching the Dhamma
10. *Diṭṭhijjukamma* – Straightening out one's views

– they are considered as pertaining to the actions of meditation



# Ten Unwholesome courses of action (*Akusalakammapatha*)

1. *Pāṇātipāta* – killing
2. *Adinnādāna* – stealing
3. *Kāmesu micchācāra* – sexual misconduct

Bodily actions (Kāyakamma) – as they generally occur through the door of the body (Kāyadvāra)

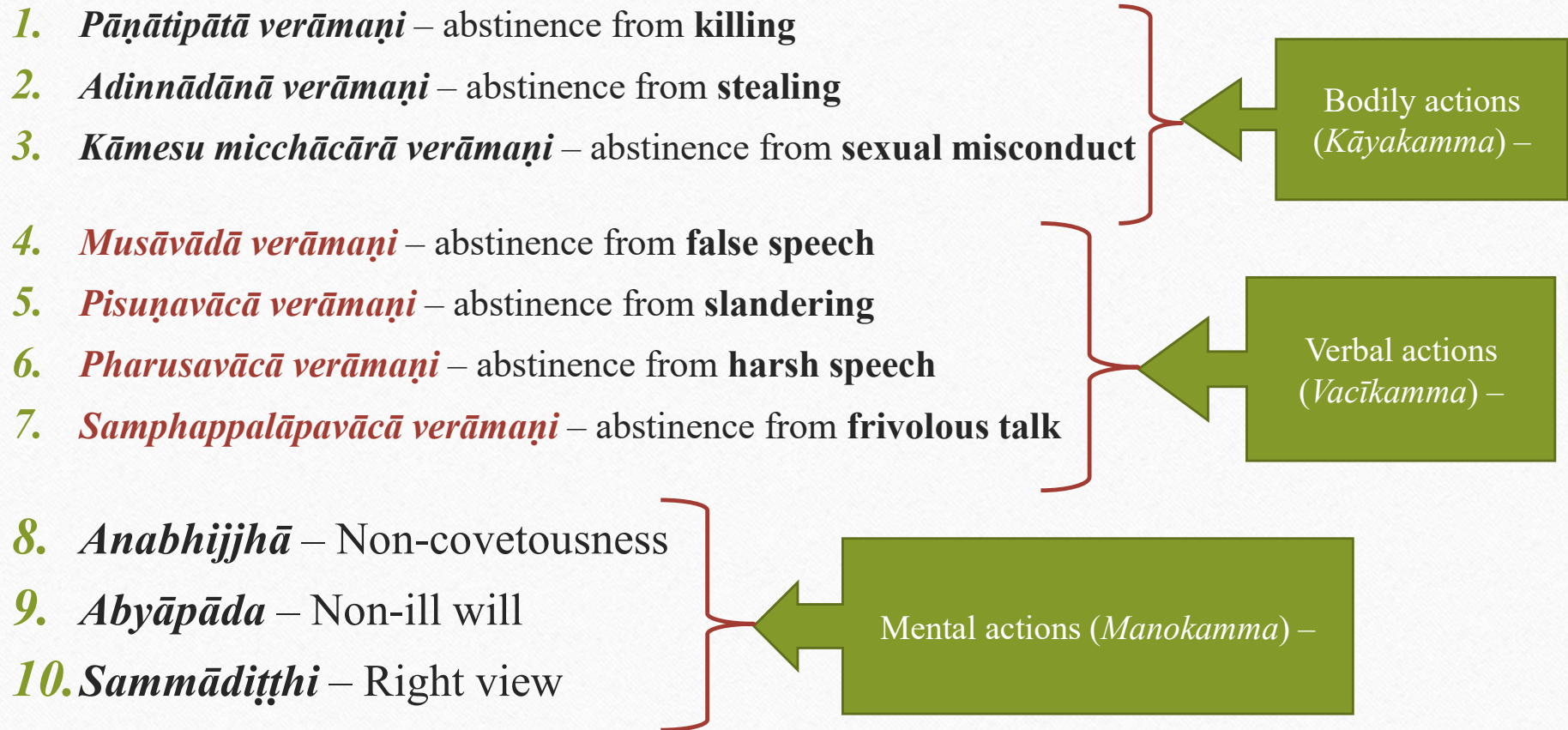
4. *Musāvāda* – false speech
5. *Pisuṇavācā* – slandering
6. *Pharusavācā* – harsh speech
7. *Samphappalāpavācā* – frivolous talk

Verbal actions (Vacīkamma) – as they generally occur through the door of speech (Vacīdvāra)

8. *Abhijjhā* – Covetousness
9. *Byāpāda* – ill will
10. *Micchādiṭṭhi* – Wrong view

Mental actions (Manokamma) – as they generally occur only in the mind without (bodily or vocal) intimation (Viññatti)

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The first seven courses are identified with the **volition** initiating an effort to accomplish the respective action.

Such **volition** is an unwholesome kamma regardless of whether or not it completes the action, but if it does reach completion of the action and achieves its aim (e.g. the death of the intended victim, the appropriation of another's property, etc.) then it becomes a full course of action.

The characteristic of a full course of action is being a kamma **with the potency** to take on the rebirth-generating role.

## The Roots of Ten Unwholesome courses of action and Twelfefold unwholesome consciousness

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**(1) Three actions spring from the root of hatred.**

1. *Pāṇātipāta* – killing (1)
2. *Pharusavācā* – harsh speech (6)
3. *Byāpāda* – ill will (9)

**(2) Three actions spring from the root of greed.**

1. *Kāmesu micchācāra* – sexual misconduct (3)
2. *Abhijjhā* – Covetousness (8)
3. *Micchādiṭṭhi* – Wrong view (10)

**(3) Four actions spring from the two roots of greed and hatred.**

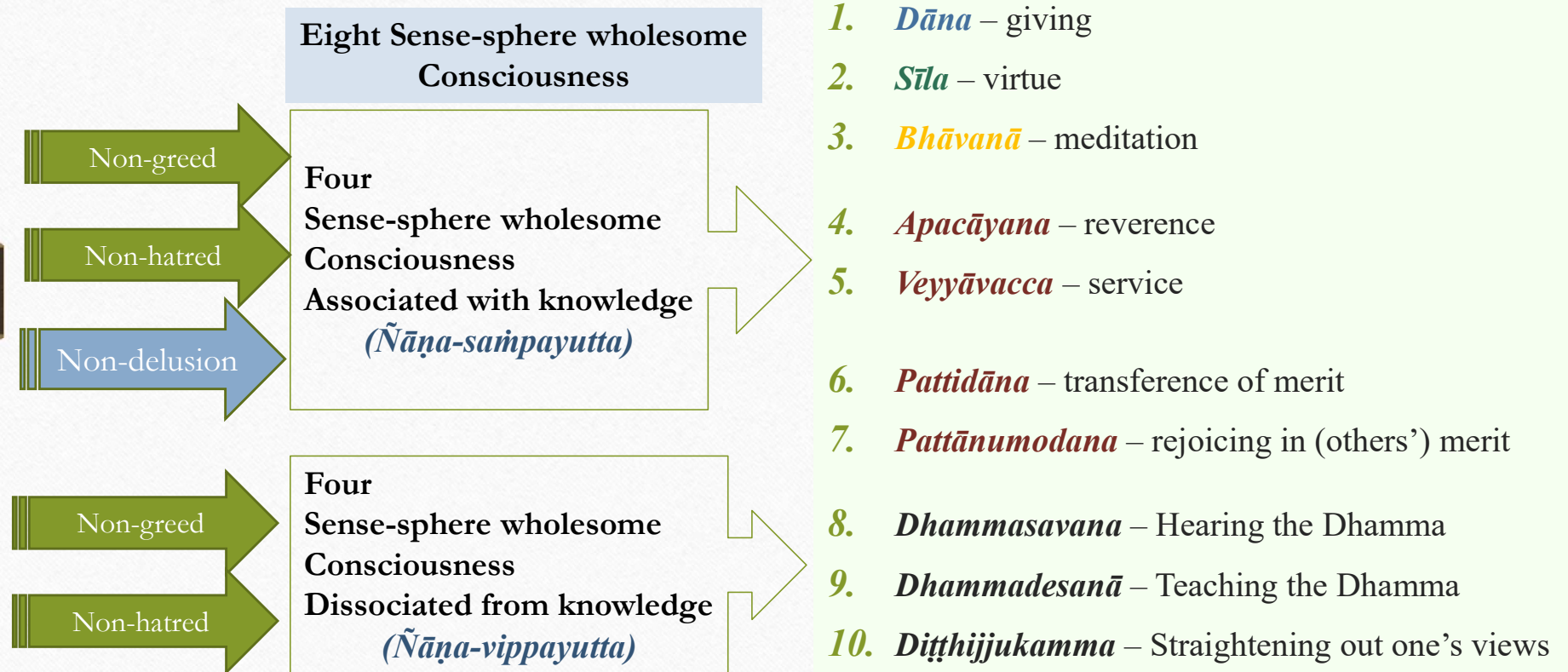
1. *Adinnādāna* – stealing (2)
2. *Musāvāda* – false speech (4)
3. *Pisuṇavācā* – slandering (5)
4. *Samphappalāpavācā* – frivolous talk (7)

Eigher greed or hatred.

According to the classes of consciousness this unwholesome kamma is altogether twelfefold.



# Roots – Consciousness – Actions



## Twenty kinds of Sense-sphere Kamma (Unwholesome and Wholesome)

- 1)– 12 unwholesome consciousness
- 2)– 8 wholesome consciousness

The Mental factors of volition (*Cetanā*)  
associated with 20 types of  
consciousness



20 Sense-sphere Kamma.

**Twelvefold** unwholesome consciousness – Ten unwholesome courses of actions.  
**Eight** wholesome sense-sphere consciousness – Ten bases of meritorious deeds.



## Unwholesome *Kamma* , Wholesome *Kamma* and Wholesome but not *kamma*

- 1) Unwholesome *Kamma* (only sense-sphere)
- 2) Wholesome *Kamma* – Sense-sphere-(8),  
fine-material-sphere-(5),  
immaterial-sphere-(4),
- 3) Wholesome but not *kamma*  
(supramundane wholesome (*Magga*) – (4)