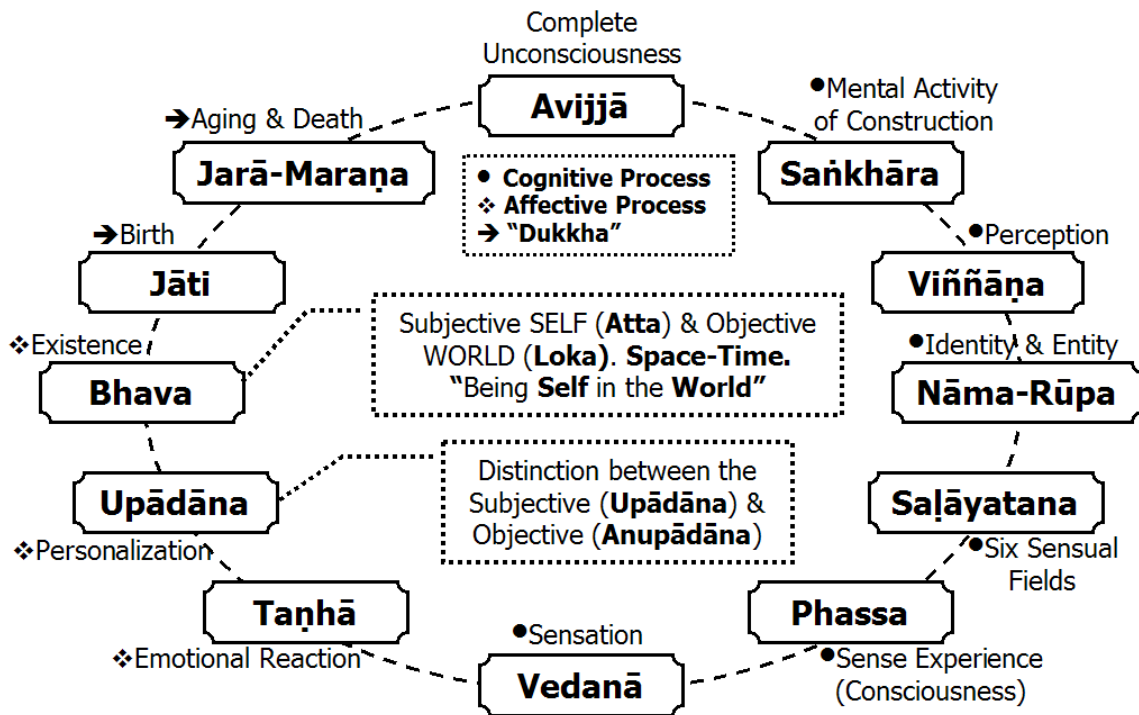


PAṬICCA-SAMUPPĀDA (Antecedental Concurrence)



HOW COGNITIVE EXPERIENCE ARISES (Paṭicca-Samuppāda)

THE COGNITIVE PROCESS:

- In the beginning was COMPLETE UNCONSCIOUSNESS (**Avijjā**)
- From a state of complete unconsciousness, mental activity of construction (**Saṅkhāra**) begins
- With the arising of the mental activity of construction, perception (**Viññāṇa**) begins
- With the arising of perception, image of entity (**Rūpa**) and identity (**Nāma**) arises
- With the arising of entity and identity, the six sensual fields (**Saḷāyatana**) arise to become the "WORLD"
- With the arising of the six sensual fields becoming the WORLD, sense experience (**Phassa**) is completed as consciousness
- With the completion of sense experience (consciousness), sensation (**Vedanā**) becomes available

HOW AFFECTIVE EXPERIENCE FOLLOWS (Paṭicca-Samuppāda)

THE AFFECTIVE PROCESS:

- When sensation becomes available, an emotional reaction (**Taṇhā**) occurs
- When the emotional reaction occurs, a distinction between subjective and objective emerges
- The Subjective (**Upādāna**) is personalized and the Objective (**Anupādāna**) is alienated– "**personalization**" (**Upādāna**)
- With this personalization, the SUBJECTIVE SELF (**Atta** – "personal") and the OBJECTIVE WORLD (**Loka** – "impersonal") come into BEING or EXISTENCE (**Bhava**) – "*Being SELF in the WORLD*"
- With the arising of the notion of EXISTENCE, the notion of SPACE and TIME arises

HOW SUFFERING COMES INTO BEING (Paṭicca-Samuppāda)

- The SUBJECTIVE SELF is the BODY and its ACTIVITIES, and the OBJECTIVE WORLD is what is EXTERNAL to the SELF
- It is the BODY and its ACTIVITIES that have been identified as the SELF, therefore...
- The past of the BODY becomes the past of the SELF which is BIRTH (**Jāti**) of the BODY ("SELF")
- The future of the BODY becomes the future of the SELF which is DEATH (**Maraṇa**) of the BODY ("SELF")
- The process from BIRTH to DEATH is AGING (**Jarā**) of the BODY ("SELF")
- This is how SUFFERING (**Dukkha**) comes into being
- This process called "EXPERIENCE" is independent of SPACE & TIME
- SPACE & TIME are the products of EXPERIENCE
