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THEOPSYCHIC BEING, ANTHROPOMORPHIC GOD:

Just as the lotus born in the water, grown up in the water – rises above the water, and remains unsoiled by the water;

So is the Buddha, though born in the world, grown up in the world – rises above the world, and remains unsoiled by the world.

PATICCA-SAMUPPĀDA : “Antecedental Concurrence”

“Pratīyasamutpāda” (*sanskrit*)

“Prati” = coming before, preceding;

“Itya” = being;

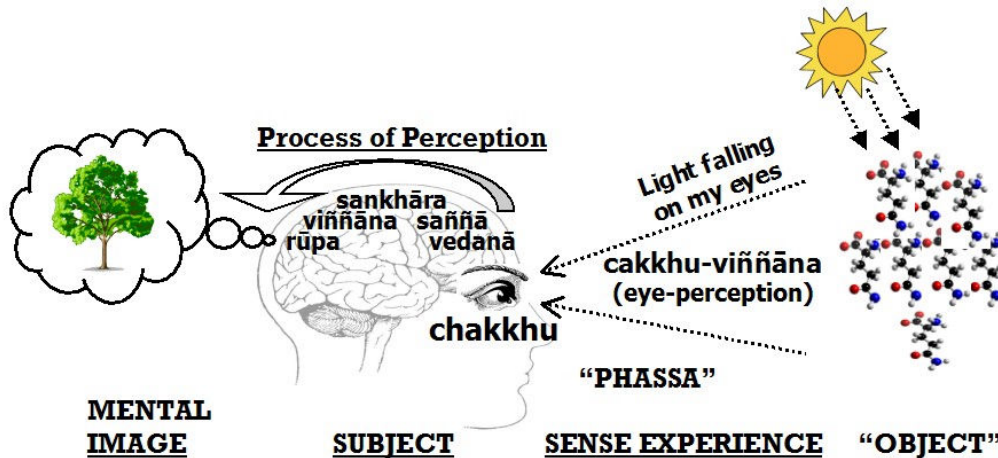
“Sam” = simultaneous;

“Utpāda” = coming into being, arising.

There are 3 kinds of antecedences:

- I) **Spatial** – eg. A row of marbles where one comes before the other;
- II) **Temporal** – eg. A melody where one note comes before the other;
- III) **Logical** – eg. A series of numbers in logical sequence: 1, 2, 3, 4... etc.

Paticca-Samuppāda is about logical antecedence.



PROCESS OF COGNITION (“Mano”):

- Memory is the Fluid Past organized in a categorized manner
- Fluid Present refers to the Categorized Past (“Papanca”)
- Giving meaning to & re-cognizing what was perceived (“interpretation”)
- The meaning cognized is “Dhamma”

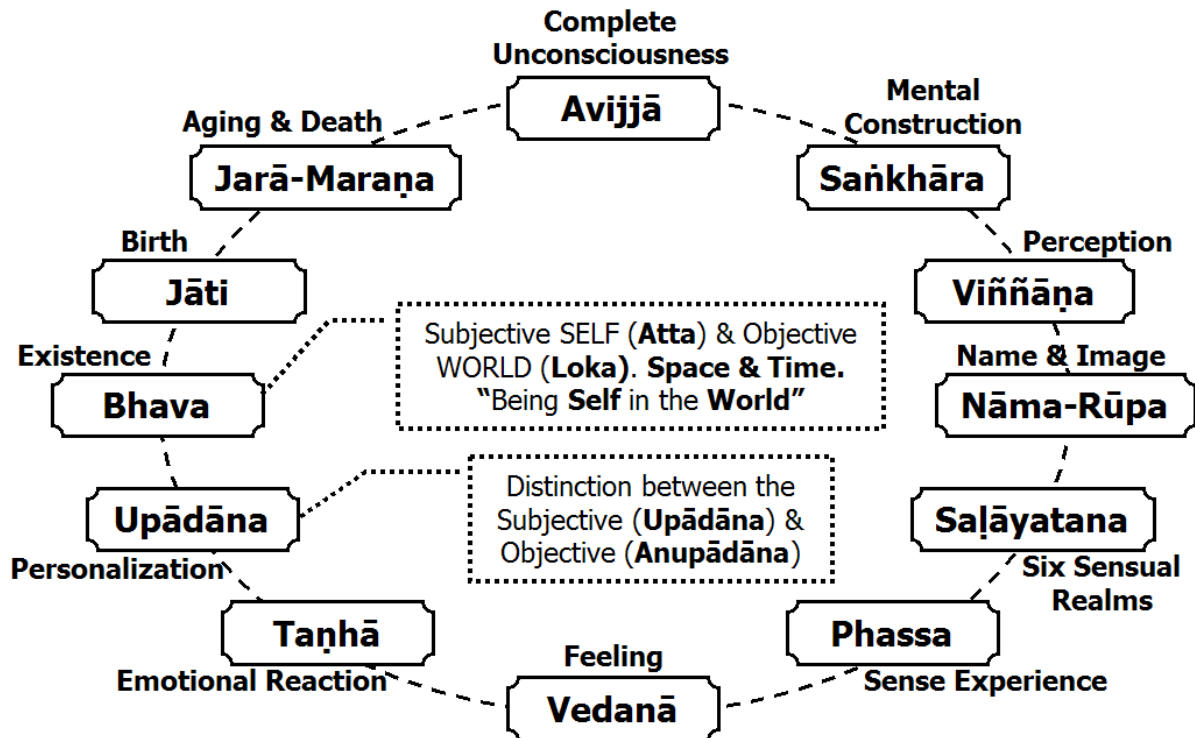
CONSTRUCTION PROCESS (“Saṅkhāra”)

There are 3 kinds of Construction Process in the Process of Perception (“Pañca khandha”):

- I) **Vedanā-Saññā** : mental part (“**mano**”) of construction process;
- II) **Vitakka-Vicāra** : verbal part (“**vacī**”) of construction process;
- III) **Ānāpāna** (breathing): physical part (“**kāya**”) of the construction process.



PAṬICCA-SAMUPPĀDA (Antecedental Concurrence)



IMPORTANT:

Please bring this handout to the next Sutta Class on 15th August for Part 2 of **Paticca-Samuppāda**.