

Outline short notes for lesson 82 of the 6th Patriarch's Dharma Jewel Platform Sutra

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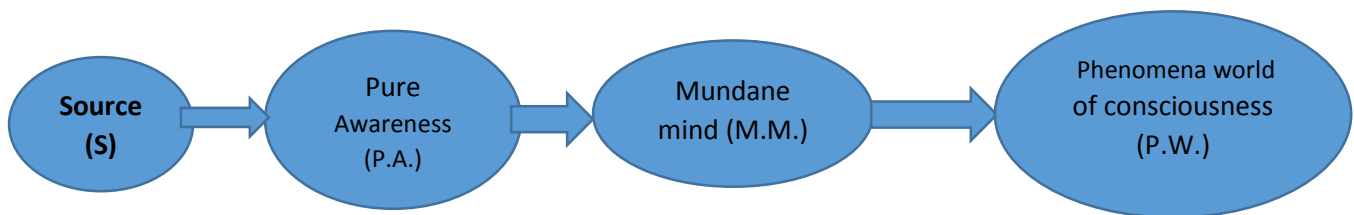
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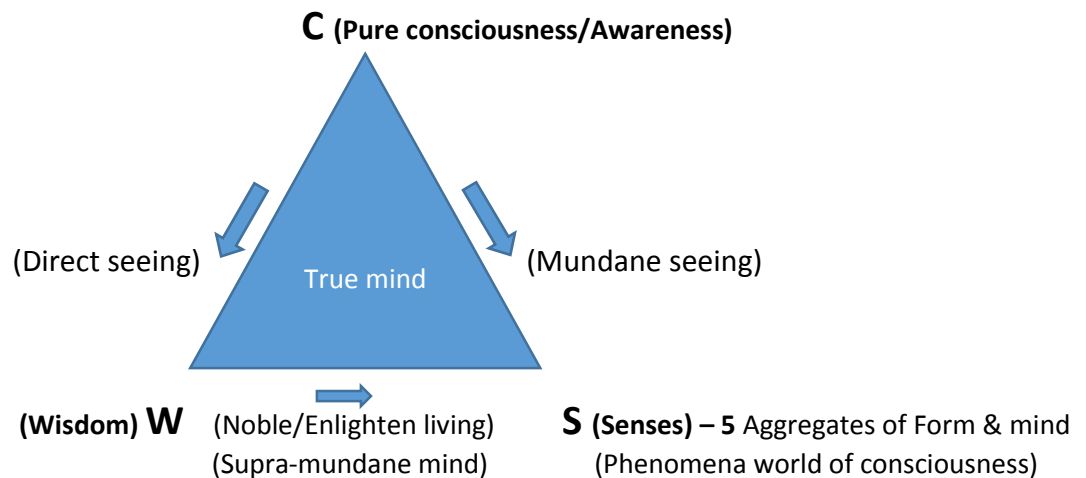
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1. Stages of mind's creation: From the **Source** comes the **Pure Awareness**, then the **Mundane Mind** followed by the **Phenomena world** of consciousness.



- The **Source** is the **Oneness nature** or the **Toa**. It is the **source** or **beginning** of all the Myriads things.
- **Pure awareness** is the **silent mind without** any mind activity or movement as yet. It is **only aware** but it is *capable* of **seeing things as they are (direct seeing)**.
- When one **input** the **content of consciousness** via **wrong views** into the **pure consciousness**, the **mundane mind** comes into being. This Mundane mind is **manifestative** and it **can only arise** when there are **sense bases** (the 6 sense bases), **sense data** and **mind** coming together to arise contact. **Mundane mind** lead to **creation of Karma** (moral causation).
- **Whatever perceivable** by the **mind via the senses** is a **phenomenon**. The **existential world** is a **Phenomena world of consciousness**. With **delusion** one will **grasp** (via **giving meaning**) at the phenomena world of consciousness.

2. The way of Consciousness:



- The **Pure Awareness** is the **silent mind (without any content)** that first arise from the **Source**.
- The **pure awareness** via its **direct seeing** develops **wisdom**.
- When **wisdom** is **connected** to the **form and mind (living being)**, there is **noble (enlighten) living**.
- However, for unenlightened beings the **pure awareness** is **over looked** and **they manifest** via the **mundane seeing**; seeing the **phenomena world** via the **mundane mind**. That is **upon contact** with sense bases, the **respective mundane consciousness** comes into being. Via **delusion** one will inputs the **wrong content of consciousness** into the **sense experience**. This will **cause the mundane mind to stir and react to sense experience** hence the **reason why one is not at peace at the moment of sense experience**.
- Whatever **created** by the **mundane mind** is **not real** because they are **dependent originating, condition arising** hence **impermanent (not a permanent unchanging entity)** that we can cling on to or hold onto as the 'I' and the 'Me'".
- If one **focuses** the mind **to stop thinking** (using energy field), it is a **conditioned state** hence **not a free mind** and this is **not the true mind**. It is **still within** the field of thought (one-pointedness focusing).
- **Pure Awareness** is a free mind. There is **no concentration** involved yet the **silent mind** which is free is **collected and unwavering**. This is **real Samadhi**.
- Most beings are **trapped** at the **mundane mind stage**. Why is it so difficult for beings to realize the **silent or true mind**? The reason being **when one experience great peace and calmness of mind** during meditation they tend to **attach and cling** onto *such peace and calmness* and they **do not know** how to **just relax into it to allow** it to **return** to its **original state of stillness and tranquility**. And most of the time, beings *begin to feel fear* as their breath become *so subtle* until *it is like there is no breathing at all* then the **fear of death** will arise **to cause the mundane mind to stir up** again.
- Apply the 4th support of '**trust**' at the **Pure Awareness** stage to locate the '**gateway**' to **our nature** and after that **just let things be and silent everything for cessation to happen**, i.e. to realize Nibbana. This is the way of the Bodhisattva.
- Bodhisattva **takes birth not** via **ignorant like normal beings** but via a **pure mind** with love and compassion borne of **wisdom and their vows**.
- **Vinanam** is the (=) **empty consciousness** or the **receptacle** (the 4th aggregate of mind).
- **Citta** = [consciousness + content of consciousness (feeling, perception and sankhara)] = the thought (5 **mental aggregates** of form and mind).
- **Mano** = mind (all of mind - true mind, mundane mind and the Supra mundane mind)

- It is impossible to 'cut' at the **feeling link** to prevent the **craving link** from arising because **without wisdom** or when there will be **no yoniso manasikara** (wise attention) at the *moment of sense experience*, feeling will be conditioned into craving straight away. For wisdom is to be awakened to because it is not a **knowledge** – so if you don't have (the wisdom) it means you don't have. You cannot learn to be wise because it is **not a knowledge** or **something** for you **to commit to memory**. Only with **wisdom** or the arising of **yoniso manasikara** at the *moment of sense experience* can the **feeling link remain as pure feeling**. Without **wisdom feeling** will **immediately** condition **craving**.
- **Avijja** → (paccaya) **sankhara** → **vinanam** → **nama rupa** → **6 sense bases** ... (following the 12 links or dependent origination movements).
- Due to **ignorant or avijja** (wanting to know) **thinking** (sankhara) arise. Thinking give rise to **contact** within the mind (which is also a mental 'organ'), giving rise to mind (mental) consciousness (vinanam). Then when the **content of consciousness** is inputted it **condition** the arising of the **5 mental aggregates of form and mind** (nama rupa).
- Sister Eng Bee asked *whether there is avijja at the vinanam link* because if there is, vinanam cannot be just pure consciousness. Brother explained that this vinanam link is just the **sense door consciousness** that arises **upon contact before** the **input of the content of consciousness** matching what the Buddha said in his teaching, *"In the seeing there is only the seeing consciousness initially."* That is there is no one to see as yet because the content of consciousness that give rise to the egoic mind has not gone in yet.

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