

Fundamental Knowledge of Abhidhamma  
&  
Discussion

**The Rootless Consciousness  
(Ahetuka Citta)**

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Recommended reading (CMA) p – 40 to 45

Classification - according to its roots,

## Six types of Roots ( *Cha Hetū* )

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1. *Lobha* – greed
2. *Dosa* – hatred
3. *Moha* – delusion
4. *Alobha* – non-greed
5. *Adosa* – non-hatred
6. *Amoha* – non-delusion

1. *Ahetuka citta* – rootless consciousness
2. *Sahetuka citta* – consciousness with roots, accompanied by roots

Three types of *Sahetuka citta* –

1. *Eka-hetuka* – consciousness with one root,
2. *Dvi-hetuka* – consciousness with two roots,
3. *Ti-hetuka* – consciousness with three roots,  
( *lesson -27* ) (p.120)

1. *Ahetuka puggala* – rootless individual, whose rebirth-linking (*paṭisandhi citta*) consciousness is not accompanied by any roots
2. *Sahetuka puggala* – individual with roots, whose rebirth-linking consciousness (*paṭisandhi citta*) is accompanied by the roots (double-rooted individual, and triple-rooted individual).

# Rootless Consciousness – 18

(*Aṭṭhārasa Ahetuka-cittāni*)

Why are they called Ahetuka, rootless consciousness?

*Ahetuka* – devoid of the mental factors called hetu, roots.

Three unwholesome root – greed, hatred, and delusion. & Three bright root – non-greed, non-hatred, and non-delusion.

1- Unwholesome-Resultant Consciousness – 7  
(*Satta Akusala-vipāka-cittāni*)

Result of unwholesome *kamma*.

Rootless **Resultant**  
Consciousness – 15

2- Wholesome-Resultant Rootlessness Consciousness – 8  
(*Aṭṭha Kusala-vipākāhetuka-cittāni*)

Result of wholesome *kamma*.

3- Rootlessness Functional Consciousness – 3  
(*Tīṇi Ahetuka-kiriya-cittāni*)

- not wholesome *kamma*

- not unwholesome *kamma*

- not result of *kamma*

- but just **functional**

- (action without any kammic potency)

Rootless **Functional**  
Consciousness - 3

(1)	~Sahagata	Type of Consciousness
Unwholesome-resulant-7 Akusala-Vipāka-	1 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	cakkhu-viññāṇa Eye-Consciousness
	2 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	sota-viññāṇa Ear-Consciousness
	3 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	ghāna-viññāṇa Nose-Consciousness
	4 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	jivhā-viññāṇa Tongue-Consciousness
	5 DukkhaSahagata Accompanied by pain	kāya-viññāṇa Body-Consciousness
	6 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	Sampaṭicchana Receiving Consciousness
	7 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	Santīraṇa Investigating Consciousness

(Dvipāṇca-viññāṇa) Two sets of fivefold sense consciousness-10)

- (cakkhu-viññāṇa) Eye-Consciousness -2
- (sota-viññāṇa) Ear-Consciousness -2
- (ghāna-viññāṇa) Nose-Consciousness -2
- (jivhā-viññāṇa) Tongue-Consciousness -2
- (kāya-viññāṇa) Body-Consciousness -2

(2)	~Sahagata	Type of Consciousness
Wholesome-resulant-8 Kusala-Vipāka-	8 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	cakkhu-viññāṇa Eye-Consciousness
	9 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	sota-viññāṇa Ear-Consciousness
	10 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	ghāna-viññāṇa Nose-Consciousness
	11 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	jivhā-viññāṇa Tongue-Consciousness
	12 SukhaSahagata Accompanied by pleasure	kāya-viññāṇa Body-Consciousness
	13 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	Sampaṭicchana Receiving Consciousness
	14 SomanassaSahagata Accompanied by joy	Santīraṇa Investigating Consciousness
	15 UpekkhāSahagata Accompanied by equanimity	Santīraṇa Investigating Consciousness

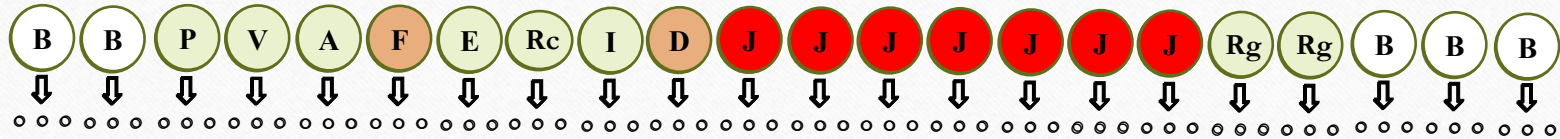
(Sampaṭicchana) Receiving Consciousness - 2

(Santīraṇa) Investigating Consciousness - 3

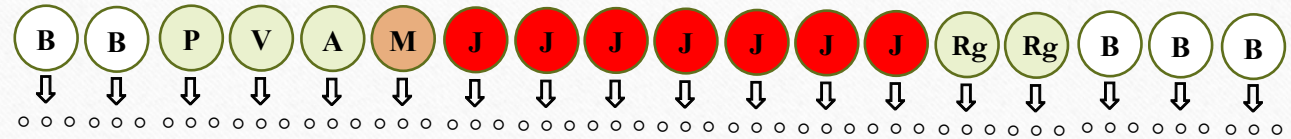
(3)	~Sahagata	Type of Consciousness
(Ahetuka-kiriya)- Rootless-functional - 3	<i>UpekkhāSahagata</i> Accompanied by equanimity	<i>Pañcadvārāvajjana</i> Five-sense-door adverting Consciousness
	<i>UpekkhāSahagata</i> Accompanied by equanimity	<i>Manodvārāvajjana</i> Mind-door adverting Consciousness
	<i>SomanassaSahagata</i> Accompanied by joy	<i>Hasituppāda</i> Smile-producing Consciousness

(*Āvajjana*) Adverting Consciousness - 2 + (*Hasituppāda*) Smile-producing Consciousness - 1 = 3 – Rootless Functional

Five-door  
Process



Mind-door Process



**(Dvipañca-viññāṇa) Two sets of fivefold sense consciousness-10**

**(Sampaṭicchana) Receiving Consciousness - 2**

**(Santīraṇa) Investigating Consciousness - 3**

**15** – Rootless  
Resultants

1) Sukha-sahagata – 1

2) Dukkha-sahagata – 1

3) Somanassa-sahagata – 2

4) Upekkhā-sahagata – 14

**(Āvajjana) Adverting Consciousness - 2**

**(Hasituppāda) Smile-producing Consciousness - 1**

**3** – Rootless  
Functional