



Tamed, he is supreme among those who tame;
At peace, he is the sage among those who bring peace;
Freed, he is the chief of those who set free;
Delivered, he is the best of those who deliver.

—*Āṅguttara Nikāya* 4:23

The Five Aggregates

(based on SN 22:56–57 and 22:95)

Aggregate	Content	Condition	Simile
form	four great elements and form derived from them	nutriment	a lump of foam
feeling	six classes of feeling: born of contact through eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, and mind	contact	a water bubble
perception	six classes of perception: of forms, sounds, smells, tastes, tactile objects, and mental phenomena	contact	a mirage
volitional formations	six classes of volition: regarding forms, sounds, smells, tastes, tactile objects, and mental phenomena	contact	a banana-tree trunk
consciousness	six classes of consciousness: eye-, ear-, nose-, tongue-, body-, mind-consciousness	name-and-form	a magical illusion

The Six Internal and External Sense Bases

Internal sense bases	External sense bases	Types of consciousness arisen from the sense bases
eye	forms	eye-consciousness
ear	sounds	ear-consciousness
nose	smells	nose-consciousness
tongue	tastes	tongue-consciousness
body	tactile objects	body-consciousness
mind	mental phenomena	mind-consciousness

The Four Classes of Noble Disciples

By Way of Fetters Eliminated and Types of Rebirth Remaining

Class of disciple	Fetters newly eliminated	Remaining types of rebirth
stream-enterer	identity view, doubt, wrong grasp of rules and observances	at most seven more births among humans and devas
once-returner	none, but weakens lust, hatred, and delusion	one more birth in the sense-sphere realm
nonreturner	sensual lust and ill will	spontaneous birth in the form realm
arahant	desire for existence in form realm, desire for formless existence, conceit, restlessness, ignorance	none