

THE PALIVERSE PROJECT

The Universe of Buddha's Wisdom

The Triple Canon (Tipiṭaka)

3. The Canon of Higher Teaching (3. Abhidhamma
Piṭaka)

06. Pairs-1 (06. Yamakapāḷi-1)

4. Pairs on Elements (4. Dhātuyamakaṃ)

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06. Pairs-1

4. Pairs on Elements

1. The Description Section

Synopsis

1. Eighteen elements - eye-element, ear-element, nose element, tongue-element, body element, material element, sound element, odour element, flavour element, touch element, eye-consciousness element, ear-consciousness element, nose-consciousness element, tongue-consciousness element, body-consciousness element, mind-element, mind-consciousness element, element of phenomena.

1. The Section on Term Clarification

Conformity

2. Is eye the eye-element?

Is the eye-element eye?

Is ear the ear-element?

Is the ear-element ear? Etc.

Is eye-consciousness the eye-consciousness element?

Is the eye-consciousness element eye-consciousness? Etc.

Is mind the mind-element?

Is the mind-element mind?

Is mind-consciousness the mind-consciousness element?

Is the mind-consciousness element mind-consciousness?

Is mental phenomenon the element of phenomena?

Is the element of phenomena mental phenomenon?

Opposite

3. Is what is not eye not the eye-element?

Is what is not the eye-element not eye?

Is what is not ear not the ear-element?

Is what is not the ear-element not ear? Etc.

Is what is not eye-consciousness not the eye-consciousness element?

Is what is not the eye-consciousness element not eye-consciousness? Etc.

Is what is not mind not the mind-element?

Is what is not the mind-element not mind?

Is what is not mind-consciousness not the mind-consciousness element?

Is what is not the mind-consciousness element not mind-consciousness?

Is what is not mental phenomenon not the element of phenomena?

Is what is not the element of phenomena not mental phenomenon?

2. The Section on Term Clarification Root Wheel

Conformity

4. Is eye the eye-element?

Is element the ear-element? Etc.

Is eye the eye-element?

Is element the element of phenomena?

(As a wheel was bound in the Sense Base Yamaka, so here a wheel should be bound.)

Opposite

5. Is what is not eye not the eye-element?

Is what is not element not the ear-element?

Is what is not eye not the eye-element?

Is what is not element not the nose element? Etc.

Is what is not eye not the eye-element?

Is what is not element not the element of phenomena? Etc.

Is what is not mental phenomenon not the element of phenomena?

Is what is not element not the eye-element? Etc.

Is what is not mental phenomenon not the element of phenomena?

Is what is not element not the mind-consciousness element? (A wheel should be bound).

3. The Pure Element Section

Conformity

6. Is eye an element?

Is element eye?

Is ear an element?

Is element ear?

Is nose an element? Etc. Is tongue an element? Is body an element? Is matter an element? Is sound an element? Is odour an element? Is flavour an element? Is tangible object an element?

Is eye-consciousness an element?

Is element eye-consciousness?

Is ear-consciousness an element?

Is element ear-consciousness?

... Is nose-consciousness? Etc. Is tongue-consciousness? Is body-consciousness?

Is mind an element?

Is element mind?

Is mind-consciousness an element?

Is element mind-consciousness?

Is mental phenomenon an element?

Is element mental phenomenon?

Opposite

7. Is what is not eye not an element?

Is what is not element not eye?

Is what is not ear not an element?

Is what is not element not ear?

... Is what is not nose? Is what is not tongue? Is what is not body? Is what is not matter? ... Is what is not sound? Is what is not odour? Is what is not flavour? Is what is not tangible object?

Is what is not eye-consciousness not an element?

Is what is not element not eye-consciousness?

... Not ear-consciousness... etc. Not nose consciousness? Etc. Is what is not tongue-consciousness?

Is what is not body-consciousness not an element?

Is what is not element not body-consciousness?

Is what is not mind not an element?

Is what is not element not mind?

Is what is not mind-consciousness not an element?

Is what is not element not mind-consciousness?

Is what is not mental phenomenon not an element?

Is what is not element not mental phenomenon?

4. The Pure Element Root-Wheel Section

Conformity

8. Is eye an element?

Is element ear? Etc.

Is eye an element?

Is element mental phenomenon?

Is mental phenomenon an element?

Is element eye? Etc.

Is mental phenomenon an element?

Is element mind-consciousness? (A wheel should be bound).

Opposite

9. Is what is not eye not an element?

Is what is not element not ear?

Is what is not eye not an element?

Is what is not element not nose? Etc.

Is what is not eye not an element?

Is what is not element not mental phenomenon? Etc.

Is what is not mental phenomenon not an element?

Is what is not element not eye? Etc.

Is what is not mental phenomenon not an element?

Is what is not element not mind-consciousness? (A wheel should be bound).

The Section on Synopsis of Description.

Exposition

1. The Section on Term Clarification

Conformity

10. Is eye the eye-element?

The divine eye and the eye of wisdom are eye, not the eye-element. The eye-element is both eye and the eye-element.

Is the eye-element eye? Yes.

Is ear the ear-element?

The divine ear and the stream of craving are ear, not the ear-element. The ear-element is both ear and the ear-element.

Is the ear-element ear? Yes.

Is nose the nose element? Yes.

Is the nose element nose? Yes. (Tongue is similar to the nose element).

Is body the body element?

Setting aside the body element, the remaining body is not the body element. The body element is both body and the body element.

Is the body element body? Yes.

Is matter the material element?

Setting aside the material element, the remaining matter is not the material element. The material element is both matter and the material element.

Is the material element matter? Yes. (Sound is similar to nose).

Is odour the odour element?

The odour of morality, the odour of concentration, the odour of wisdom are odour, not the odour element. The odour element is both odour and the odour element.

Is the odour element odour? Yes.

Is flavour the flavour element?

The flavour of meaning, the flavour of the teaching, the flavour of liberation are flavour, not the flavour element. The flavour element is both flavour and the flavour element.

Is the flavour element flavour? Yes. (Tangible object is similar to nose.)

Is eye-consciousness the eye-consciousness element? Yes.

Is the eye-consciousness element eye-consciousness? Yes.

Ear-consciousness... etc. nose-consciousness... tongue-consciousness... body-consciousness...

Is mind the mind-element?

Setting aside the mind-element, the remaining mind is not the mind-element. The mind-element is both mind and the mind-element.

Is the mind-element mind? Yes.

Is mind-consciousness the mind-consciousness element? Yes.

Is the mind-consciousness element mind-consciousness? Yes.

Is mental phenomenon the element of phenomena?

Setting aside the element of phenomena, the remaining mental phenomenon is not the element of phenomena. The element of phenomena is both mental phenomenon and the element of phenomena.

Is the element of phenomena mental phenomenon? Yes.

Opposite

11. Is what is not eye not the eye-element? Yes.

Is what is not the eye-element not eye?

The divine eye and the eye of wisdom are not the eye-element, but are eye. Setting aside eye and the eye-element, the remainder is neither eye nor the eye-element.

Is what is not ear not the ear-element? Yes.

Is what is not the ear-element not ear?

The divine ear and the stream of craving are not the ear-element, but are ear. Setting aside ear and the ear-element, the remainder is neither ear nor the ear-element.

Is what is not nose not the nose element? Yes.

Is what is not the nose element not nose? Yes.

Is what is not tongue... (abbreviated, yes to both).

Is what is not body not the body element? Yes.

Is what is not the body element not body?

Setting aside the body element, the remainder is not the body element, but is body. Setting aside body and the body element, the remainder is neither body nor the body element.

Is what is not matter not the material element? Yes.

Is what is not the material element not matter?

Setting aside the material element, the remainder is not the material element, but is matter. Setting aside matter and the material element, the remainder is neither matter nor the material element.

Is what is not sound... etc. Is what is not odour not the odour element? Yes.

Is what is not the odour element not odour?

The odour of morality, the odour of concentration, the odour of wisdom are not the odour element, but are odour. Setting aside odour and the odour element, the remainder is neither odour nor the odour element.

Is what is not flavour not the flavour element? Yes.

Is what is not the flavour element not flavour?

The flavour of meaning, the flavour of the teaching, the flavour of liberation are not the flavour element, but are flavour. Setting aside flavour and the flavour element, the remainder is neither flavour nor the flavour element.

Not tangible object... etc. Is what is not eye-consciousness not the eye-consciousness element? Yes.

Is what is not the eye-consciousness element not eye-consciousness? Yes.

Not ear-consciousness... etc. not nose-consciousness... not tongue-consciousness... not body-consciousness...

Is what is not mind not the mind-element? Yes.

Is what is not the mind-element not mind?

Setting aside the mind-element, the remainder is not the mind-element, but is mind. Setting aside mind and the mind-element, the remainder is neither mind nor the mind-element.

Is what is not mind-consciousness not the mind-consciousness element? Yes.

Is what is not the mind-consciousness element not mind-consciousness? Yes.

Is what is not mental phenomenon not the element of phenomena? Yes.

Is what is not the element of phenomena not mental phenomenon?

Setting aside the element of phenomena, the remainder is not the element of phenomena, but is mental phenomenon. Setting aside mental phenomenon and the element of phenomena, the remainder is neither mental phenomenon nor the element of phenomena.

2. The Section on Term Clarification Root Wheel

Conformity

12. Is eye the eye-element?

The divine eye and the eye of wisdom are eye, not the eye-element. The eye-element is both eye and the eye-element.

Is element the ear-element?

The ear-element is both element and the ear-element. The remaining elements are not the ear-element.

Is eye the eye-element?

The divine eye and the eye of wisdom are eye, not the eye-element. The eye-element is both eye and the eye-element. Is element the nose element? Etc. Is element the element of phenomena?

The element of phenomena is both element and the element of phenomena. The remaining elements are not the element of phenomena.

(As the description in the Sense Base Yamaka, so also the description in the Element Yamaka. A wheel should be bound).

Opposite

13. Is what is not eye not the eye-element? Yes.

Is what is not element not the ear-element? Yes.

Is what is not eye not the eye-element? Yes.

Is what is not element not the nose element? Etc. Is what is not element not the element of phenomena? Yes.

(A wheel should be bound, all yes to both and to the rest also).

3. The Pure Element Section

Conformity

14. Is eye an element? Yes.

Is element the eye-element?

The eye-element is both element and the eye-element. The remaining elements are not the eye-element.

Is ear an element? Yes.

The nose... etc. The tongue... The body... matter... Sound... Odour... Flavour... Touch...

Is eye-consciousness an element? Yes.

Is element the eye-consciousness element?

The eye-consciousness element is both element and the eye-consciousness element. The remaining elements are not the eye-consciousness element. Ear-consciousness... etc. nose-consciousness... tongue-consciousness... body-consciousness...

Is mind an element? Yes.

Is element the mind-element?

The mind-element is both element and the mind-element. The remaining elements are not the mind-element.

Is mind-consciousness element? Yes.

Is element the mind-consciousness element?

The mind-consciousness element is both element and the mind-consciousness element. The remaining elements are not the mind-consciousness element.

Is mental phenomenon element? Yes.

Is element the element of phenomena?

The element of phenomena is both element and the element of phenomena. The remaining elements are not the element of phenomena.

Opposite

15. Is what is not eye not element?

Setting aside eye, the remaining elements are not eye, but are elements. Setting aside eye and element, the remainder is neither eye nor element.

Is what is not element not eye? Yes.

Is what is not ear not element?

Setting aside ear, etc. Setting aside nose, etc. Setting aside tongue, etc.

Is what is not body not element? Yes.

Is what is not element not body element? Yes.

Is what is not matter not element?

Setting aside matter, etc. Sound... Odour... Flavour... Tangible object... Eye-consciousness... etc. Setting aside mind-consciousness, etc.

Is what is not mental phenomenon not element? Yes.

Is what is not element not the element of phenomena? Yes.

4. The Pure Element Root-Wheel Section

Conformity

16. Is eye an element? Yes.

Is element the ear-element?

The ear-element is both element and the ear-element. The remaining elements are not the ear-element.

Is eye an element? Yes.

Is element the nose element? Etc. Is element the element of phenomena?

The element of phenomena is both element and the element of phenomena. The remaining elements are not the element of phenomena. (A wheel should be bound).

Opposite

17. Is what is not eye not element?

Setting aside eye, the remaining elements are not the eye-element. Setting aside eye and element, the remainder is neither eye nor element.

Is what is not element not the ear-element? Yes.

Is what is not eye not element?

Setting aside eye, the remaining elements are not eye, but are elements. Setting aside eye and element, the remainder is neither eye nor element. Is what is not element not the nose element? Etc. Is what is not element not the element of phenomena? Yes.

Is what is not mental phenomenon not element? Yes.

Is what is not element not the eye-element? Yes.

Is what is not mental phenomenon not element? Yes.

Is what is not element not the ear-element? Etc. Is what is not element not the mind-consciousness element? Yes. (A wheel should be bound).

(As the description in the Sense Base Yamaka, so the description in the Element Yamaka should be expanded.)

The Section on Analytic Explanation of Description.

2. The Section on Occurrence 1. The Section on Arising

(1) The Section on the Present

Conformity Person

18. For whom the eye-element arises, does the ear-element arise for that one?

For those with eyes but without ears being reborn, for them the eye-element arises, but the ear-element does not arise for them. For those with eyes and with ears being reborn, for them both the eye-element arises and the ear-element arises.

Or else, for whom the ear-element arises, does the eye-element arise for that one?

For those with ears but without eyes being reborn, for them the ear-element arises, but the eye-element does not arise for them. For those with ears and with eyes being reborn, for them both the ear-element arises and the eye-element arises.

For whom the eye-element arises, does the nose element arise for that one?

For those with eyes but without nose being reborn, for them the eye-element arises, but the nose element does not arise for them. For those with eyes and with nose being reborn, for them both the eye-element arises and the nose element arises.

Or else, for whom the nose element arises, does the eye-element arise for that one?

For those with nose but without eyes being reborn, for them the nose element arises, but the eye-element does not arise for them. For those with nose and with eyes being reborn, for them both the nose element arises and the eye-element arises.

For whom the eye-element arises, does the material element arise for that one? Yes.

Or else, for whom the material element arises, does the eye-element arise for that one?

For those with material form but without eyes being reborn, for them the material element arises, but the eye-element does not arise for them. For those with eyes being reborn, for them both the material element arises and the eye-element arises.

For whom the eye-element arises, does the mind-consciousness element arise for that one? Yes.

Or else, for whom the mind-consciousness element arises, does the eye-element arise for that one?

For those with consciousness but without eyes being reborn, for them the mind-consciousness element arises, but the eye-element does not arise for them. For those with eyes being reborn, for them both the mind-consciousness element arises and the eye-element arises.

For whom the eye-element arises, does the element of phenomena arise for that one? Yes.

Or else, for whom the element of phenomena arises, does the eye-element arise for that one?

For those without eyes being reborn, for them the element of phenomena arises, but the eye-element does not arise for them. For those with eyes being reborn, for them both the element of phenomena arises and the eye-element arises.

(As the sense base pairs have been analysed, so the element pairs also should be analysed, it should be done similarly).

3. The Section on Full Understanding

19. Whoever fully understands the eye-element, does he fully understand the ear-element? Yes. Etc. (The Pairs on Elements is complete by abbreviation).

The Pairs on Elements is concluded.

Homage to the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Perfectly Enlightened One



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