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## The Triple Canon (Tipiṭaka)

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

05. Points of Controversy (05. Kathāvatthupāḷi)

6. Discussion on Past Aggregates and So Forth  
(6. Atītakkhandaḥādikathā)

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## 05. Points of Controversy

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### 6. Discussion on Past Aggregates and So Forth

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#### 1. Non-establishment by Discourse

**297.** Is the past aggregates? Yes. Is there the past? That should not be said. Etc. Is the past sense bases? Yes. Is there the past? That should not be said. Etc. Is the past elements? Yes. Is there the past? That should not be said. Etc. Is the past aggregates, elements, sense bases? Yes. Is there the past? That should not be said. Etc.

Is the future aggregates? Yes. Is there the future? That should not be said. Etc. Is the future sense bases? Yes. Is there the future? That should not be said. Etc. Is the future elements? Yes. Is there the future? That should not be said. Etc. Is the future aggregates, elements, sense bases? Yes. Is there the future? That should not be said. Etc.

Are the present aggregates present existence? Yes. Are the past aggregates past existence? That should not be said. Etc. Is the present sense base present existence? Yes. Is the past sense base past existence? That should not be said. Etc. Is the present element present existence? Yes. Is the past element past existence? That should not be said. Etc. Are the present aggregates, elements, and sense bases present existence? Yes. Are the past aggregates, elements, and sense bases past existence? That should not be said. Etc.

Are the present aggregates present existence? Yes. Are the future aggregates future existence? That should not be said. Etc. Is the present sense base present existence? Yes. Is the future sense base future existence? That should not be said. Etc. Is the present element present existence? Yes. Is the future element future existence? That should not be said. Etc. Are the present aggregates, elements, and sense bases present existence? Yes. Are the future aggregates, elements, and sense bases future existence? That should not be said. Etc.

Is the past aggregates, the past does not exist? Yes. Is the present aggregates, the present does not exist? That should not be said. Etc. Is the past sense base, the past does not exist? Yes. Is the present sense base, the present does not exist? That should not be said. Etc. Is the past element, the past does not exist? Yes. Is the present element, the present does not exist? That should not be said. Etc. Is the past aggregates, elements, sense bases, the past does not exist? Yes. Is the present aggregates, elements, sense bases, the present does not exist? That should not be said. Etc.

Is the future aggregates, the future does not exist? Yes. Is the present aggregates, the present does not exist? That should not be said. Etc. The future sense base, etc. The future element, etc. Is the future aggregates, elements, sense bases, the future does not exist? Yes. Is the present aggregates, elements, sense bases, the present does not exist? That should not be said. Etc.

Is past matter an aggregate? Yes. Is there past matter? That should not be said. Etc.  
Is past matter a sense base? Yes. Is there past matter? That should not be said. Etc.  
Is past matter an element? Yes. Is there past matter? That should not be said. Etc.  
Is past matter aggregates, elements, sense bases? Yes. Is there past matter? That should not be said. Etc.

Is future matter an aggregate? Yes. Is there future matter? That should not be said. Etc.  
future matter is a sense base, etc. future matter is an element, etc. Is future matter an aggregate, element, and sense base? Yes. Is there future matter? That should not be said. Etc.

Is present matter an aggregate, and is there present matter? Yes. Is past matter an aggregate, and is there past matter? That should not be said. Etc. present matter is a sense base, etc. present matter is an element, etc. Is present matter an aggregate, element, and sense base, and is there present matter? Yes. Is past matter an aggregate, element, and sense base, and is there past matter? That should not be said. Etc.

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Is past matter an aggregate, and is there no past matter? Yes. Is present matter an aggregate, and is there no present matter? That should not be said. Etc. past matter is a sense base, etc. past matter is an element, etc. Is past matter an aggregate, element, and sense base, and is there no past matter? Yes. Is present matter an aggregate, element, and sense base, and is there no present matter? That should not be said. Etc.

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Past feeling... past perception... past activities... Is past consciousness an aggregate? Yes. Is there past consciousness? That should not be said. Etc. past consciousness is a sense base, etc. past consciousness is an element, etc. Is past consciousness an aggregate, element, and sense base? Yes. Is there past consciousness? That should not be said. Etc.

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Is past consciousness an aggregate, and is past consciousness non-existent? Yes. Is present consciousness an aggregate, and is present consciousness non-existent? That should not be said. Etc. Past consciousness is a sense base, etc. past consciousness is an element, etc. Is past consciousness an aggregate, element, and sense base, and is past consciousness non-existent? Yes. Is present consciousness an aggregate, element, and sense base, and is present consciousness non-existent? That should not be said. Etc. Is future consciousness an aggregate, and is future consciousness non-existent? Yes. Is present consciousness an aggregate, and is present consciousness non-existent? That should not be said. Etc. future consciousness is a sense base, etc. future consciousness is an element, etc. Is future consciousness an aggregate, element, and sense base, and is future consciousness non-existent? Yes. Is present consciousness an aggregate, element, and sense base, and is present consciousness non-existent? That should not be said. Etc.

## 2. Establishment by Discourse

**298.** Should it not be said - "Past and future aggregates, elements, and sense bases do not exist"? Yes. Was it not said by the Blessed One - "There are these three, monks, ranges of language, ranges of designation, ranges of concepts... etc. by the wise"... etc. Is there such a discourse? Yes. Well then, it should not be said - "Past and future aggregates, elements, and sense bases do not exist."

Past and future aggregates, elements, and sense bases do not exist? Yes. Was it not said by the Blessed One - "Whatever materiality, monks, past, future, or present, internal or external, gross or subtle, inferior or superior, whether far or near, this is called the aggregate of matter. Whatever feeling... whatever perception... whatever activities... whatever consciousness, past, future, or present... etc. this is called the aggregate of consciousness." Is there such a discourse? Yes. Well then, it should not be said - "Past and future aggregates, elements, and sense bases do not exist."

*The Discussion on Past Aggregates and so on is finished.*



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