

Klesas=defilement = the act of making dirty /making impure = Emotional Afflictions:

1. greed (*lobha*) / desire
2. hate (*dosa*)
3. delusion (*moha*) / ignorance (*avidya*)
4. conceit (*māna*) / pride
5. doubt (*vicikicchā*)

6. wrong views (*micchādītthi*)

Five paths

The **five paths** (Skt. *pañcamārga*; Tib. ལམ་ལྔ་, *lam nga*; Wyl. *lam lnga*) are:

1. **the path of accumulation** (Skt. *sambhāramārga*)
Persons on this Path:
 - Possess a strong desire to overcome suffering, either their own or others;
 - Renounce the worldly life.
2. **the path of joining** (also called 'engagement' or 'junction') (Skt. *prayogamārga*):
 - Start practicing meditation;
 - Have analytical knowledge of Emptiness
3. **the path of seeing** (or 'insight') (Skt. *darśanamārga*):
 - Practice profound concentration meditation on the nature of reality;
 - Realize the emptiness of reality.

4. **the path of meditation** (or 'cultivation')
(Skt. *bhāvanāmārga*):

- purify themselves and accumulate wisdom.
5. **the path of no-more-learning** (Skt. *aśaikṣamārga*):
 - Persons on this Path have completely purified themselves.

These five paths incorporate the entire spiritual journey, as described in the **Mahayana**, from its very beginnings with the taking of the **bodhisattva vow** and the generation of **relative bodhichitta**, up until its culmination at the stage of complete **enlightenment**.

It is said in the **pith instructions** that the path of accumulation is the stage of **understanding**, the path of joining is the stage of **experience**, and the path of seeing is the stage of **realization**.

Visuddhimagga: "Round of defilements"

12 Factors **3 Rounds**

aging-death aspects of

↑ *vipāka*

birth (results)^[11]

↑ ↑

becoming *kamma*

↑ ↑

clinging *kilesa*

↑ ↑

craving *kilesa*

↑ ↑

feeling *kilesa*

↑ ↑

contact *kilesa*

↑ ↑

sense bases *vipāka*
(results)

↑ ↑

name-form *kilesa*

↑ ↑

consciousness *kilesa*

↑ ↑

formations *kamma*

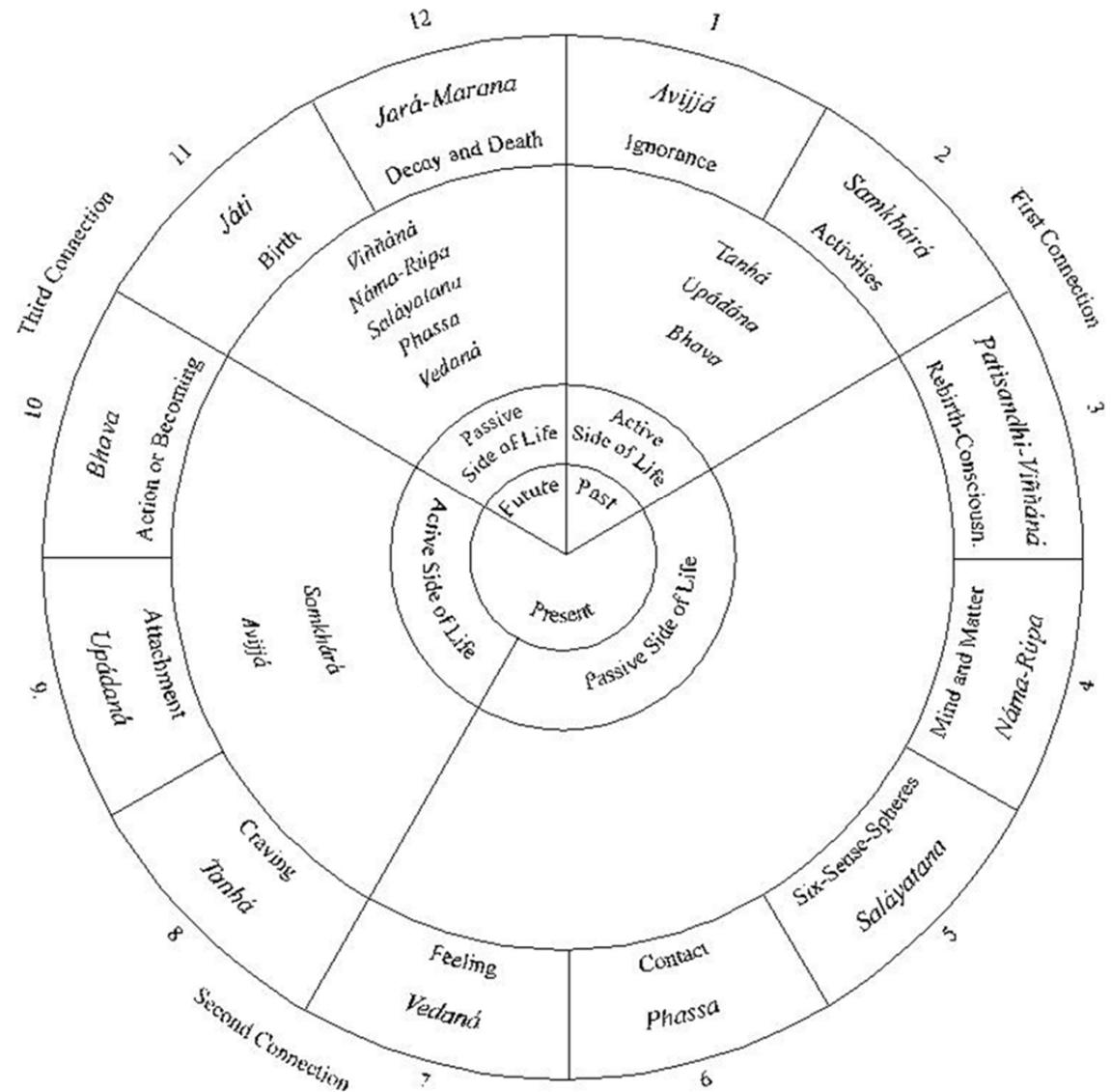
↑ ↑

ignorance *kilesa*

Figure: The "three rounds" of

Dependent Origination (Vsm. XVII, 298).

The Wheel of Life



Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prat%C4%ABtyasamutp%C4%81da>

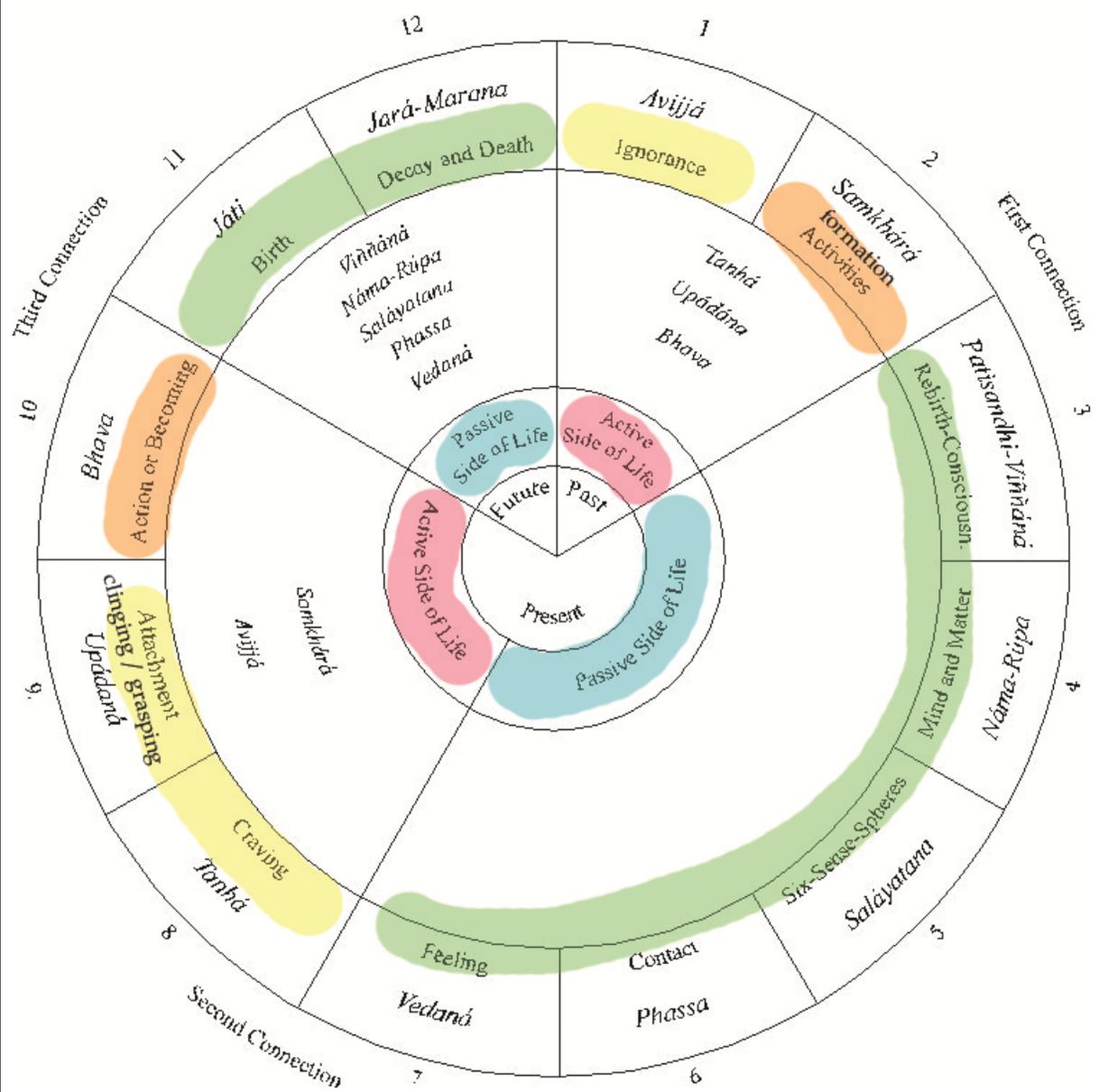
Visuddhimagga: "Round of defilements"

12 Factors

3 Rounds

aging-death	↑	aspects of vipāka (results) ⁽¹¹⁾
birth	↑	kamma
becoming	↑	kilesa
clinging /grasping	↑	
craving	↑	
feeling	↑	
contact	↑	
six-sense	↑	vipāka (results)
mind & matter	↑	
consciousness	↑	
formations	↑	kamma
ignorance	↑	kilesa

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In the 5th-century CE commentarial Visuddhimagga, in its discussion of "Dependent Origination" (*Pali: paticca-samuppada*) (*Vsm. XVII*), it presents different expository methods for understanding this teaching's twelve factors (*nidana*). One method (*Vsm. XVII, 298*) divides the twelve factors into three "rounds" (*vaṭṭa*):

- the "round of defilements" (*kilesa-vaṭṭa*)
- the "round of kamma" (*kamma-vaṭṭa*)
- the "round of results" (*vipāka-vaṭṭa*).^{[12][13]}

In this framework (see Figure to the right [in the above page], starting from the bottom of the Figure), *kilesa* ("ignorance") conditions *kamma* ("formations") which conditions results ("consciousness" through "feelings") which in turn condition *kilesa* ("craving" and "clinging") which condition *kamma* ("becoming") and so on.

Buddhaghosa (*Vsm. XVII, 298*) concludes:

So this Wheel of Becoming, having a triple round with these three rounds, should be understood to spin, revolving again and again, forever; for the conditions are not cut off as long as the round of defilements is not cut off.^[12]

As can be seen, in this framework, the round of defilements consists of:

- ignorance (*avijjā*)
- craving (*taṇhā*)
- clinging (*ūpādānā*).^[12]

Elsewhere in the *Visuddhimagga* (*Vsm. XXII, 88*), in the context of the four noble persons (*ariya-puggala*, see Four stages of enlightenment), the text refers to a precursor to the attainment of nibbana as being the complete eradication of "the defilements that are the root of the round" (*vaṭṭa-mūla-kilesā*).^[14]