

ABHIDHAMMA LECTURES, December 3 to 4, 2022
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The Abhidhamma Pitaka is the last of the three baskets (Pali: *pitakas*) constituting the Pali Canon, the scriptures of the Theravada Buddhism. The other two parts of the Canon are the Vinaya Pitaka and the Sutta Pitaka. The primary concern of the Abhidhamma is to understand the nature of the experience, the conscious reality. To understand this, there is made a detailed analysis of the reality as it presents itself in meditative introspection. It is shown that the ultimate reality consists of a multiplicity of fundamental components, which are called *dhammas*. *Dhammas* fall into two classes. The unconditioned *dhamma* that is solely *nibbana* and the conditioned *dhammas*, which are the material phenomena (*rupa*), the mental factors (*cetasikas*) and consciousness (*citta*).

The focus of the three days Abhidhamma lectures will on consciousness (*citta*) and its classification by way of feelings (*vedana*), roots (*hetu*), functions (*ikicca*), doors (*dvara*), objects (*alambana*), and bases (*vatthu*).

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TRANSMISSION and LANGUAGE: The language is English. The lectures will be transmitted via Skype.

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