

LIVE AND ONLINE ABHIDHAMMA LECTURES

by Ven. Sayalay Daw Vimalanani

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The Abhidhamma Pitaka is one of three baskets (Pali: *pitakas*) constituting the Pali Canon, the scriptures of the Theravada Buddhism. 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 *dharmas*. *Dharmas* fall into two classes. The unconditioned *dharma* that is solely *nibbana* and the conditioned *dharmas*, which are the material phenomena (*rupa*), the mental factors (*cetasikas*) and consciousness (*citta*).

The focus of the three days Abhidhamma Lectures will be the process-freed consciousness. That is the occurrence of the consciousness outside the cognitive process on the occasion of rebirth (*pati-sandhi*), live-continuum (*bhavanga*) and death (*cuti*). This consciousness occurs independent of any sense door and is therefore called processed-freed (*vithimutti*).

COMPULSORY LITERATURE

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LANGUAGE and COMMUNICATION SOFTWARE

The language is English. The lectures will be pre-recorded on Skype Chat and get stored there for thirty days. The following discussion will be online via Skype and live in Dicken.

ORGANISATION

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REGISTRATION

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TIME and PLACE

The lectures take place in the "Haus der Besinnung" from Wednesday, May 15th to Friday, May 17th, 2024. <https://hausderbesinnung.ch/>

COSTS

People, who attend the preceding Satipatthana Meditationcourse will stay for three nights and pay in single room CHF 210. People, who solely attend the Abhidhamma Lectures will stay for two nights and pay for single room CHF 190. For people attending via Skype the lectures are free.

Teacher fee (*dana*) on a voluntary basis.