

Thesis Title : THE ROLE OF RIGHT UNDERSTANDING
(*SAMMĀDITTHI*) IN THE PROCESS OF WISDOM
DEVELOPMENT (*VIPASSANĀ-BHĀVANĀ*)

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Abstract

The role of Right Understanding (*Sammāditthi*) indicates that, methodically, it is the investigation of truths as the main factor of getting rid of an unwholesomeness of ignorance (*avijjā*) leading to the knowledge of righteous vision as it really is ; and that, categorically, it is regarded as one factor supporting the others of Eightfold Path based on wisdom development to achieve the true knowledge (*ñāṇa*) including the intuitive experiences of the practitioners. It is the intellectual and systematic directions for the solution to human problems with respect to the consequent intermediary of Dependent Origination as excogitated in the existence of Five Āggregates to imply the mundane and supramundane wisdom. Differently, the Mundane Right Understanding (*Lokiyasammāditthi*) is the efficacy of moral causation to avoid all harmful and unwholesome utterances including the egoistic illusion arising at the human cultivation of altruistic thinking in a more positive value. It is the intellectual confidence (*kusalasaddhā*) of knowing accordingly that has been

examined by one's own awareness of good spiritual friends relating to the ethical law of kamma experienced by human endeavor. At any rate, the penetration of Supramundane Right Understanding (*Lokuttarasammādiṭṭhi*) is beyond the intellectual confidence which has become the application of critical reflection (*yonisomanasikāra*) to expose the realistic view.

In the process of wisdom development, it is the theoretical and practical correlation to bring about the mental and wisdom liberations contributed by proper knowledge how to attain tranquillity and scrutinize various phenomenological and existential circumstances based on impermanence, suffering and selflessness in the stream of arising, development and passing away. The seven stages of purification and sixteen kinds of true knowledge support the cessation of suffering in a way of eliminating eternalism and annihilationism in the metaphysical perspective. Moreover, it includes abolishment of self-indulgence and self-mortification of the ethical outlook. Right Understanding is the leader of all factors in the Middle Path and is in the indispensable process of practice. It is not a supporter alone; but other factors support it whenever used to attain liberation. So, its role is to encourage the purpose of mutual sustentation far the worldly suffering and collaboration for the authentic happiness depending upon reality.