

STUDY GROUP ON DEPENDENT ORIGINATION

Tuesdays, March 10, 17 at 7:00 pm

Call Christine to sign-up 268-3895

Paticca-Samuppada (Dependent Origination) is the conceptualization that the Buddha used to express his awakening. It offers great insight into the human predicament as well as the way leading to liberation.

The aim of the study group is to get a basic understanding of the dynamic process of Dependent Origination. Most importantly, the study group will explore how dependent origination relates to our practice and how to apply these teachings to our daily lives.

Assignment for Tuesday, March 10th & Tuesday March 17th - I have provided links to online translations of these suttas.

- Samyutta Nikaya 12.61 Assutava Sutta – Uninstructed <http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/sn/sn12/sn12.061.than.html>
- Samyutta Nikaya 22:5 Samadhi Sutta – Concentration <http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/sn/sn22/sn22.005.than.html>
- Samyutta Nikaya 12.17 Acela Sutta – To the Clothless Ascetic
- <http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/sn/sn12/sn12.017.than.html>
- Samyutta Nikaya 12:15 – Kaccayanagotta Sutta To Kaccayana Gotta (on Right View) <http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/sn/sn12/sn12.015.than.html>
- Samyutta Nikaya 12:23 - Upanisa Sutta - Discourse on Supporting Conditions <http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/sn/sn12/sn12.023.bodh.html>
- Anguttara Nikaya 11.2 - Cetana Sutta - An Act of Will <http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/an/an11/an11.002.than.html>

These suttas can also be found in the book (except for Anguttara Nikaya 11.2):

- **The Connected Discourses of the Buddha: A Translation of the Samyutta Nikaya** by Bikkhu Bodhi

For further reading on this subject, I recommend these suttas and other reading material. I have once again provided the internet links for most of these.

Christina Feldman offers a useful commentary at: <http://dharma.org/ij/archives/1999a/christina.htm>

**** I highly recommend this book: **Mutual Causality in Buddhism and General Systems Theory: The Dharma of Natural Systems**, Joanna Macy (1991, SUNY Press, Albany)

Transcendental Dependent Arising - A Translation and Exposition of the Upanisa Sutta

By Bhikkhu Bodhi

<http://www.accesstoinsight.org/lib/authors/bodhi/wheel277.html>

The entire Nidanasamyutta (The Connected Discourses on Causation. SN 12) – This is the first chapter in Samyutta Nikaya Part II: The Book of Causation (Nidanavagga). Many of the suttas in this section can be found at:

<http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/sn/index.html#nidana>

Digha Nikaya 15 (DN 15): Maha-Nidana Sutta — The Great Causes Discourse

<http://www.accesstoinsight.org/tipitaka/dn/dn.15.0.than.html>

Majjhima Nikaya 38 – Mahatanhasankhayasuttam - The Longer Discourse on the Destruction of Craving

<http://www.leighb.com/mn38.htm>