



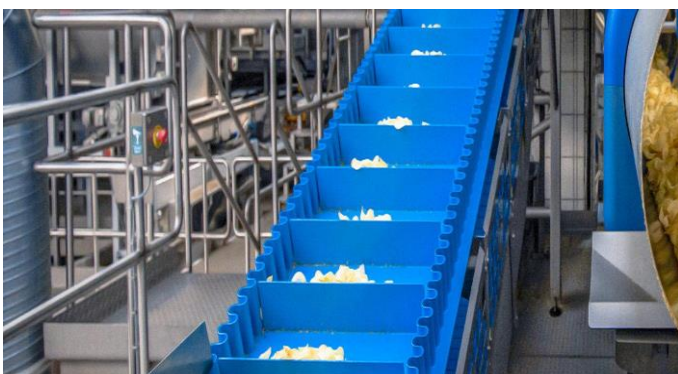
## Thoughts in a thought series flow in a certain order as per psychic law (citta niyamaya)

1. Javana (Impulse) will arise 7 times one after the other
2. Determining Consciousness (Vottapana) governs whether wholesome or unwholesome Javana to follow
3. Registering consciousness (Tadarammana) only arise in sense sphere thought series and if present there must be always two thought moments

To depict thought series , its important to remember the functions and their abbreviations

Function	Abbreviation	Number of consciousness
Life Continuum(Bhavanga) -Past Life Continuum (Atita Bhavanga) -Vibrating Life Continuum (Bhavanga Chalana) -Ceasing of Life Continuum (Bhavanga upaccheda)	B A <sub>b</sub> B <sub>c</sub> B <sub>u</sub>	19
Five door advertence (Panchadvara-vajjana)	P <sub>n</sub>	1
Five Sense Consciousness (Pancha Vinnana)	C <sub>v</sub>	10
Receiving (Sampaticchana)	S <sub>m</sub>	2
Investigating (Santhirana)	S <sub>n</sub>	3
Determining (Vottapana)	V <sub>t</sub>	1
Javana (Impulse)	J <sub>v</sub>	55
Registration (Tadalambana)	T <sub>d</sub>	8

To understand different types of “ Five sense door thought series” , think about a conveyor belt that runs continuously with 17 buckets.



If things started to load with the first bucket of the conveyor belt then all 17 buckets can be filled to use it to maximum.

If the loading starts with a delay , then first few buckets will go empty and buckets will not be fully utilised

Like wise depending on the thought process start timings , its intensity varies.

**Its important to understand that there are no empty thought moments , whenever there is empty bucket it get filled with Past Life Continuum (Atita Bhavanga)- A<sub>b</sub>**

### Different types of Five sense door thought series

- Very great (Ati Mahanta) thought Series
- Great (Mahanta) thought Series
- Slight (paritta) thought Series
- Very slight (Ati Paritta) thought Series

## Very great (Ati Mahanta) thought Series

When there are no specific thought process , mind is in a state that related to “rebirth linking (Patisandi)” state. This is called **Past Life Continuum (Atita Bhavanga)- A<sub>b</sub>**

Very great (Ati Mahanta) thought Series starts with the first thought moment of 17 moment thought series as follows. As very great thought series ends with Registration (Tadalambana) T<sub>d</sub> , they are called Tadalambana-vara (times)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A <sub>b</sub>	B <sub>c</sub>	B <sub>u</sub>	P <sub>n</sub>	C <sub>v</sub>	S <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>n</sub>	V <sub>t</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	T <sub>d</sub>	T <sub>d</sub>

## Great (Mahanta) thought Series

Great thought series starts with either one thought moment delay or with 2 thought moments delay. As a result there are two types of Great thought series.

- i. This thought series start with two A<sub>b</sub> and after 7 J<sub>v</sub> there is only one thought moment left. But as per the psychic law , two T<sub>d</sub>'s has to happen. As its not possible for two T<sub>d</sub>'s , **Life Continuum (Bhavanga) B** will happen instead.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	B <sub>c</sub>	B <sub>u</sub>	P <sub>n</sub>	C <sub>v</sub>	S <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>n</sub>	V <sub>t</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	B

- ii. This thought series start with three A<sub>b</sub> and finished after after 7 J<sub>v</sub> . Great thought series ends with Impulse (Javana) J<sub>v</sub>, are called Javana-vara (times)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	B <sub>c</sub>	B <sub>u</sub>	P <sub>n</sub>	C <sub>v</sub>	S <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>n</sub>	V <sub>t</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>	J <sub>v</sub>

## Slight (paritta) thought Series

Slight thought series starts with four to nine A<sub>b</sub>'s. There are six slight thought series with 4,5,6,7,8 or 9 A<sub>b</sub>'s. As its not possible to have 7 J<sub>v</sub>'s in slight thought series there are no J<sub>v</sub> at all

- i. Slight Thought series with four A<sub>b</sub>'s.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	B <sub>c</sub>	B <sub>u</sub>	P <sub>n</sub>	C <sub>v</sub>	S <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>n</sub>	V <sub>t</sub>	V <sub>t</sub>	V <sub>t</sub>	B	B	B	B

- ii. Slight Thought series with nine A<sub>b</sub>'s. Slight thought series ends with Determining (Vottapana) V<sub>t</sub>, are called Vottapana-vara (times)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	A <sub>b</sub>	B <sub>c</sub>	B <sub>u</sub>	P <sub>n</sub>	C <sub>v</sub>	S <sub>m</sub>	S <sub>n</sub>	V <sub>t</sub>	V <sub>t</sub>

## Very slight (Ati Paritta) thought Series

Very slight (Ati Paritta) thought Series starts with ten to fifteen  $A_b$ 's. There are 6 very slight thought series with 10,11,12,13,14 and 15  $A_b$ 's.

i. Very slight Thought series with ten  $A_b$ 's

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$B_c$	$B_c$	B	B	B	B	B

ii. Very slight Thought series with fifteen  $A_b$ 's. Very slight thought series ends with  $B_c$ , has no active citta thus are called Mogha-vara (Empty series)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$A_b$	$B_c$	$B_c$