

Understanding the Mind: Divisions of Mind

(1) Does it apprehend its object directly, or through a generic image?

“From the point of view of how they engage their objects, minds can be divided into two types: conceptual minds and non-conceptual minds.”

(2) Is it generated through a sense power, or a mental power?

“From the point of view of their uncommon dominant condition, minds can be divided into two types: sense awareness and mental awareness.”

(3) Does it apprehend the mere entity of the object, or one of its attributes?

“From the point of view of function, mind can be divided into primary minds and mental factors.”

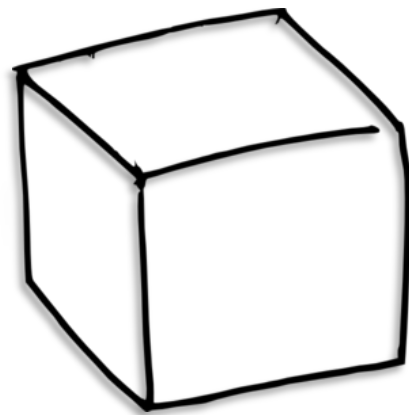
Any mind can be divided in the above three ways.

Thus, for example, the feeling we have when tasting tea has three “dimensions.” It is:

(1) a non-conceptual mind

(2) a sense awareness

(3) a mental factor



Pop Quiz!

What are the three levels of mental awareness?

Can a sense awareness be a primary mind?

Can we simultaneously have two minds relating to a single object?