

Specific conditionality

One of the true characteristics of all worldly phenomena, together with suchness, indivisbleness, identicalness, change and transformation, emptiness, equality and illusion, which the Buddha recognized in his enlightenment. All worldly phenomena arise or exist due to specific causes and conditions, and cease once these causes and conditions disappear. This is also called the Law of Dependent Origination (V: Lý Duyên Khởi) and is described by the Buddha in the four verses repeated throughout the suttas:

*“This is, because that is
This is not, because that is not
This arises, because that arises
This ceases, because that ceases”*

P: idappaccayatā, S: idampratyyatā, V: y duyên tánh