A Brief Survey of Early Buddhist Analysis of Mind and Defilements

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Citta which mainly represents the center and focus of man’s intellectual and emotional aspects could be examined as a very important mental activity. The very definition of the citta signifies manifoldness\(^1\), variegation\(^2\) and artistic nature\(^3\) inherent in citta. The functions of citta such as arranging, collecting focusing and thinking are also special characteristics of citta. Therefore, the term citta conveys many meanings and could be regarded as a network of different functions and energies.

Constituents of Citta

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