

OBJECTS

from among the two-fold division of objects and object possessors

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- Object: that which is known by an awareness
- Three divisions:
 1. Appearing object
 2. Determined object (*for conceptual consciousnesses only*)
 3. Object of engagement

1) Appearing object (*snang yul*)

- *In general, the appearing object for an awareness is the object that appears to the particular perception or conception.*
- The appearing object of a particular awareness and apprehended object of that awareness are synonymous/mutually inclusive
- Whatever is an established base is necessarily an appearing object. This is because (1) whatever is a (functioning) thing is necessarily the appearing object of a direct perceiver, and
- (2) whatever is permanent is necessarily the appearing object of a conceptual consciousness.
- The first reason is established because appearing object of a direct perceiver, apprehended object [of a direct perceiver], and thing are synonymous.
- The second reason is established because appearing object of a conceptual consciousness, apprehended object of a conceptual consciousness, and permanent phenomenon are synonymous.

2) **Determined object** *(zhen yul)* *(also sometimes translated as “conceived object”)*

The determined object is for conceptual consciousnesses only.

- Determined object of thought,
- Object of engagement of thought, and
- Object of the mode of apprehension of thought

are synonymous.

3) Object of engagement (*'jug yul*)

The object of engagement is the main object of the awareness.

- Object of engagement of a direct perceiver and
- Object of the mode of apprehension of a direct perceiver

are synonymous/mutually inclusive.

Three types of objects – Summary

1. **Appearing object, apprehended object**
 2. **Determined object (or conceived object)**
 3. **Object of engagement, object of the mode of apprehension**
- ***For direct perceivers:***
 - appearing object of a direct perceiver, apprehended object of a direct perceiver, and functioning thing are synonymous
 - object of engagement and object of the mode of apprehension are synonymous
 - ***For conceptual consciousnesses:***
 - appearing object of a conceptual consciousness, apprehended object of a conceptual consciousness, and permanent phenomenon are synonymous
 - determined object, object of engagement, and the object of the mode of apprehension are synonymous.

Three types of objects – Examples

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Object of engagement</i>	<i>Appearing object</i>	<i>Determined object</i>
Eye consciousness apprehending blue	Blue	Blue	--- (none)
Conception of pen	Pen	Mental image of pen	Pen
Thought consciousness remembering a movie	The movie	Mental image of the movie	The movie

Exercise – three types of objects

What are the appearing object, determined object, and object of engagement for each of the following:

- a) eye consciousness apprehending pen
- b) thought of yesterday's lunch
- c) nose consciousness smelling flowers
- d) thought consciousness remembering a song

Collected Topics on Objects

- Refer to the Collected Topics chart called *Established Bases*

Object of the mode of apprehension

- Whatever is an established base is necessarily the object of the mode of apprehension of both a conceptual and a non-conceptual consciousness.
- Whatever is the object of the mode of apprehension of the thought consciousness *apprehending it* is not necessarily an object of the mode of apprehension of thought.
 - e.g., *horns of a rabbit are not an object of the mode of apprehension of thought.*

The three types of objects -- Review

<i>Object-possessor</i>	<i>Object of engagement</i>	<i>Appearing object</i>	<i>Determined object</i>
<i>Eye consciousness apprehending blue</i>	Blue	Blue	--- (none)
<i>Conception of pen</i>	Pen	Mental image of pen	Pen
<i>Eye consciousness apprehending one moon as two</i>	Two moons	Single moon	-- (none)
<i>Eye consciousness apprehending white snow mountains as blue</i>	Blue snow mountains	White snow mountains	-- (none)