

PART I.

MIDDLE TEACHING

Majjhena-dhammadesanā

Principles of Truth Based on Natural Laws

Brahman, without veering towards either of these two extremes,
The Tathāgata teaches the Dhamma by the middle:
‘With ignorance as condition, volitional formations [come to be];
with volitional formations as condition, consciousness ...

*Ete te brāhmaṇa ubho ante anupagamma
Majjhena tathāgato dhammaṃ deseti:
Avijjāpaccayā saṅkhārā,
Saṅkhārapaccayā viññāṇaṃ ...*

(S. II. 76)