

Thought-process. When an object is presented to the mind through one of the 5 sense-doors

Moment	Thought Process	Functions
1 2 3	Past Bhavanga (Atita Bhavanga) Vibrating Bhavanga (Bhavanga Culana) Arrest Bhavanga (Bhavangupaccheda)	When a person is in a state of profound sleep his mind is said to be vacant, or in other words, in a state of Bhavanga. We always experience such a passive state when our minds do not respond to external objects. This flow of Bhavanga is interrupted when objects enter the mind. Then the Bhavanga consciousness vibrates for one thought-moment and passes away.
4	Sense-door Consciousness (Dvaravajjana)	Thereupon the sense-door consciousness (Panca-dvaravajjana) arises and ceases. At this stage the natural flow is checked and is turned towards the object.
5	Sense Consciousness (Panca Vinnana)	Immediately after there arises and ceases the eye-consciousness (Cakkhu Vinnana), but yet knows no more about it. (If the object is a form. This consciousness depends on the five objects of sense.)
6	Receiving Consciousness (Sampaticchana)	This sense operation is followed by a moment of reception of the object so seen (Sampaticchana)
7	Investigating Consciousness (Santirana)	Next come the investigating faculty (Santirana) or a momentary examination of the object so received
8	Determining Consciousness (Votthapana)	After this comes that stage of representative cognition termed the determining consciousness (Votthapana). Discrimination is exercised at this stage. Freewill plays its part here.
9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Impulsion (Javana)	Immediately after there arises the psychologically most important stage - Impulsion or Javana . It is at this stage that an action is judged whether moral or immoral. Kamma is performed at this stage; if viewed rightly (yoniso manasikara), the Javana becomes moral; If viewed wrongly (ayoniso Manasikara), it becomes immoral. In the case of an Arahant this Javana is neither moral nor immoral, but merely functional (Kiriya). This Javana stage usually lasts for seven thought-moments, or, at times of death, five.
16 17	Registering Consciousness (Tadalambana)	The whole process which happens in an infinitesimal part of time ends with the registering consciousness (Tadalambana), lasting for two thought-moments