

THE STUDY OF MIND AND ITS FUNCTIONS

FACSIMILE OF A DIRECT PERCEIVER

The definition of a **facsimile of a direct perceiver** is: a **knower that is mistaken with regard to its appearing object**.

Facsimile of a direct perceiver and mistaken consciousness are synonyms.

When facsimiles of a direct perceiver are divided, there are conceptual facsimiles of a direct perceiver and non conceptual facsimiles of a direct perceiver

Conceptual facsimile of a direct perceiver

Examples:

- [a mistaken conception], a thought apprehending sound as permanent
- [a conventional conception], an inferential cognizer that realizes sound to be impermanent;

Non-conceptual facsimiles of a direct perceiver

There are many non-conceptual facsimiles of a direct perceiver.

From among the two,

(1) non-conceptual facsimiles of a direct perceiver that are mental consciousnesses and

(2) non-conceptual facsimiles of a direct perceiver that are sense consciousnesses,

An illustration of the first is the mental consciousness to which a dream elephant appears as elephant.

With regard to the second, [non-conceptual facsimiles of a direct perceiver that are sense consciousnesses], there are four:

(1) the cause of error existing in the basis,

The first, [the cause of error existing in the **basis**], is, for example, *an eye impaired by obscuring disease*, for a sense consciousness that sees one moon as two is produced in dependence upon that.

(2) the cause of error existing in the abode,

The second, [the cause of error existing in the **abode**], is, for example, *sitting in a boat*, for a sense consciousness that sees trees as moving is produced in dependence upon that.

(3) the cause of error existing in the object, and

The third, [the cause of error existing in the **object**], is, for example, *a quickly whirling firebrand*, for a sense consciousness that sees a firebrand as a wheel is produced in dependence upon that.

(4) the cause of error existing in the immediately preceding condition

The fourth, [the cause of error existing in the **immediately preceding condition**], is, for example, *a mind disturbed by hatred*, for a sense consciousness that sees the earth as red is produced in dependence upon that.

Non-conceptual wrong consciousness, non-conceptual facsimile of a direct perceiver, and consciousness that has a clear appearance of a non-existent are synonymous.