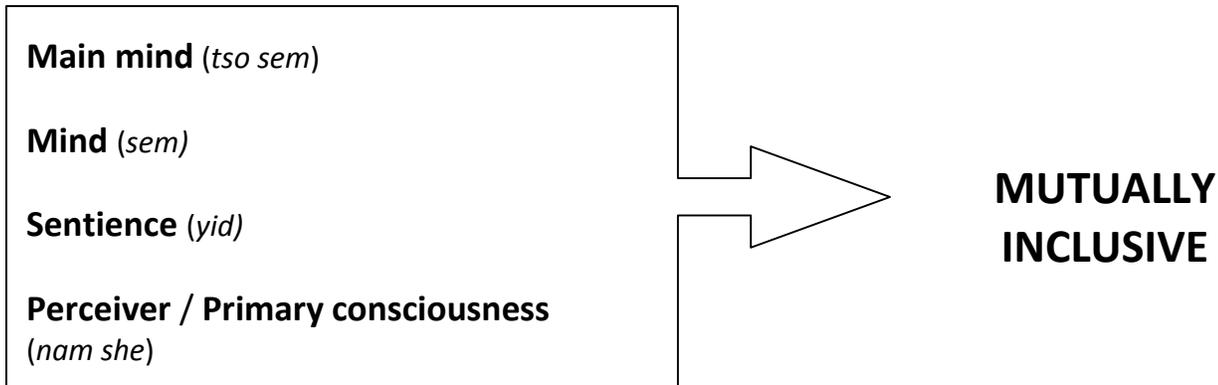


## THE STUDY OF MIND AND ITS FUNCTIONS

### MIND AND MENTAL FACTOR

The definition of a **main mind** is: **a main knower that is posited by way of apprehending the entity of its object.**



When [minds are] divided by way of entity **there are six, from eye perceiver up to mental perceiver.**

If condensed, they are included into two: **sense, and mental perceivers.**

There are four possibilities between the two, sentience (*yid*) and mental consciousness (*yid she*).

- This is because an eye perceiver is a possibility that is sentience but not a mental consciousness;
- the feeling accompanying a mental perceiver is a possibility that is a mental consciousness but is not sentience;
- a mental perceiver is a possibility that is both sentience and a mental consciousness;
- and the feeling accompanying an eye perceiver is an alternative that is neither sentience nor a mental consciousness.

One should know similarly the way of positing four possibilities between the two, sentience and sense consciousness (*wang she*) and four possibilities between the two, exalted wisdom (*ye she*) and mental consciousness (*yid she*).

The definition of a **mental factor** is: **a knower which apprehends any of the features of its object and accompanies whatever main mind has similarity with it.**

A mind and its accompanying mental factors possess the five aspects of mutual similarity because of having similarity of:

- **Basis**

This is so because the accompanying mental factor depends on the sense power, as its basis, on which the main mind depends.

- **Object of observation**

This is because the accompanying mental factor is produced from that object of observation in dependence on which the main mind is produced.

- **Aspect**

This is because the aspect of any object appears to the accompanying mental factor just as it appears to the main mind.

- **Time**

This is because the accompanying mental factor is also produced at the same time the main mind is produced.

- **Substantial entity**

This is because a main mind and its accompanying mental factor are produced qualified by [being] one type of substantial entity and are not produced as different substantial entities.

When mental factors are divided, there are fifty-one:

- **five omnipresent factors**
- **five determining factors**
- **eleven virtuous factors**
- **six root afflictions**
- **twenty secondary afflictions**
- **four changeable factors**