

MAITREYA'S MADHYĀNTAVIBHĀGA
DISTINGUISHING THE MIDDLE FROM EXTREMES
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Ju Mipham's Topical Outline

Chapter Four
The Reality that is Realized

I. The reality of the three fundamental and essential natures

1. Imaginary
 - a. Permanent
 - b. Non-existent
2. Dependent
 - a. Existent
 - b. Not exclusively real
3. Thoroughly established
 - a. The essential nature of existence and non-existence

II. Characteristics of the three natures

1. In reference to how a subject apprehends them
2. How that is a characteristic
3. In terms of exaggeration and deprecation

III. The Eight Principles

A. The three natures and the true meaning

1. In terms of the four marks
 - a. Impermanence
 - b. Suffering
 - c. Emptiness
 - d. Absence of self

B. The three natures and cause and effect

1. In terms of the four truths
 - a. Suffering
 - b. Origin
 - c. Cessation
 - d. Path

C. The three natures and the subtle and the coarse

1. The coarse relative
2. The subtle ultimate, suchness
 - a. The actual ultimate
 - b. Its divisions

D. The three natures and consensus

1. Conventional consensus

2. Rational consensus
- E. The three natures and purity**
1. Corresponding to the purification of the afflictive obscurations
 2. Corresponding to the purification of the cognitive obscurations
- F. The three natures and the summation**
1. In terms of the five types of being
 - a. Imaginary and Dependent
 - i. Name
 - ii. Reason
 - iii. Concept/consciousness
 - b. Thoroughly established
 - i. Genuine wakefulness
 - ii. Suchness
- G. The divisions of the three natures**
1. In terms of the seven types of reality
 - a. Engagement, which is twofold
 - b. Abidance
 - c. Wrong engagement
 - d. Characteristics
 - e. Awareness
 - f. Purity
 - g. Genuine practice
- H. The ten fields of expertise**
1. **The ten views of self that are eliminated**
 - a. Singular - aggregates
 - b. A cause - elements
 - c. A consumer – sense sources
 - d. A creator – dependent origination
 - e. In control – fact and non-fact
 - f. A ruler – the faculties
 - g. Permanent - time
 - h. The basis for affliction and purification – the truths
 - i. Having a spiritual practice – the vehicles
 - j. Bound and liberated – the conditioned and unconditioned
 2. **The ten fields of expertise that eliminate them**
 - a. The ten topics and the three natures 111116c -d]
 - i. Imagination
 - ii. Conception
 - iii. Intrinsic nature
 - b. **How to gain expertise in each of these ten fields of knowledge**