

# THE TWO TRUTHS

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SCHOOL		CONVENTIONAL TRUTH	ULTIMATE TRUTH
<b>VAIBHASIKA</b> (Great Exposition)		A phenomenon which is such that if it were physically destroyed or mentally separated into parts, the consciousness apprehending it would be cancelled.	A phenomenon which is such that if it were physically destroyed or mentally separated into parts, the consciousness apprehending it would not be cancelled.
<b>SAUTRANTIKA</b> (Sutra)	<b>Followers of Scripture</b>	A phenomenon such that an awareness apprehending it is cancelled if it is broken up or mentally separated into its individual parts. <i>(Eg. A pot)</i>	A phenomenon such that an awareness apprehending it is not cancelled if it is broken up or mentally separated into its individual parts. <i>(Eg. Directionally partless particles)</i>
	<b>Followers of Reasoning</b>	That which is not ultimately able to perform a function. A phenomenon that is not able to perform a function ultimately. <i>(Eg. Generic image of a pot)</i>	That which is ultimately able to perform a function. A phenomenon that is able to perform a function ultimately. <i>(Eg. A pot)</i>
<b>CITTAMATRA</b> (Mind Only)		An object found by a correct knower which is a valid cognizer distinguishing a conventionality. That which is realized by a valid perception directly realizing it by way of being together with dualistic appearance. <i>(Eg. A pot)</i>	An object found by a correct knower which distinguishes an ultimate object. That which is realized by a valid perception directly realizing it by way of the vanishing of dualistic appearance. <i>(Eg. Emptiness that is a pot and the valid cognition apprehending that pot being empty of being different substances)</i>
<b>MADHYAMAKA</b> (Middle Way)	<b>Svatantrika</b> (Autonomy)	A phenomenon realized by the direct valid cognizer realizing it by way of an association with dualistic appearance. <i>(Eg. A pot)</i>	A phenomenon realized by the direct valid cognizer realizing it by way of the vanishing of dualistic appearance. <i>(Eg. Emptiness that is a pot being empty of true existence)</i>
	<b>Prasangika</b> (Consequence)	That found by a conventional valid cognizer perceiving a false object of knowledge. An object that is found by a valid cognition analyzing a conventionality. <i>(Eg. A pot)</i>	An object found by a reasoning consciousness perceiving the meaning of reality. An object found by a valid cognition analyzing the ultimate. <i>(Eg. Emptiness that is a pot being empty of inherent existence)</i>