

7. Presentation of Grounds & Paths

a. Objects of abandonment

- Afflictive obscurations: coarse & subtle self-graspings and their seeds, plus the afflictions (attachment, etc.) and their seeds that arise due to the force of self-grasping.
- Obscurations to omniscience: the latencies of grasping to true existence, and all factors of mistaken dualistic appearance that arise due to the power of these latencies.

b. Actual presentation of grounds & paths

- Followers of all three vehicles mainly meditate on subtle selflessness of persons and phenomena.
- But there are differences in their main objects of abandonment:
 - Hearers & Solitary Realizers mainly abandon the two self-graspings and their seeds.
 - Bodhisattvas mainly abandon the latencies of self-grasping.

- Nirvana without remainder = suchness distinguished by the abandonment of the two self-graspings and their seeds in the minds of arhats in meditative equipoise.
- Nirvana with remainder = the same suchness in the minds of arhats outside of meditative equipoise.
- Holders of the Mahayana lineage who are definite in the lineage from the beginning abandon afflictive obscurations upon attaining the eighth ground, and abandon obscurations to omniscience upon attaining Buddhahood and the four bodies.