



# A Little Presentation of Tenets







# Buddhist Tenet Schools

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  - Svatantrika [Middle Way Autonomy School]
    - Sautrantika- Svatantrika-Madhyamika
    - **Yogacara-Svatantrika-Madhyamika**
  - Prasangika [Middle Way Consequence School]





# Buddhist Tenets

1. Definition [of a Proponents of that school]
2. Sub-schools [of Proponents]
3. Etymology [of the name]
4. **Assertion of Tenets**
  - a. Assertion of the **Basis**
    - i. Assertions regarding objects – what objects exist
    - ii. Assertions of object-possessors = person, consc
  - b. Assertion of the **Path**
    - i. Objects of observation on the path
    - ii. Objects abandoned on the path
    - iii. Nature of the [five] paths
  - c. Assertion of the **Results of the path**





# Two Bodies of a Buddha

Accumulation of wisdom → Truth Body - Dharmakaya  
[for one's own benefit]

Accumulation of merit → Form body – Nirmanakaya  
[for the benefit of others]

# Four Bodies of a Buddha

## **Truth Body - Dharmakaya**

1. Wisdom truth body – jñānadharmakāya
2. Nature or Essence body – svabhāvikakāya

## **Form body - Nirmanakaya**

1. Enjoyment body - sambhogakaya
2. Emanation body – nirmanakaya
  - a. Supreme emanation body
  - b. Artisan emanation body
  - c. Things like bridges, etc.

# Divisions of consciousness

consciousness

Main/primary minds [6]      mental factors



# Seven Types of Awareness

1. Wrong consciousness
2. Doubt [away from, equal, inclined towards]
3. Inattentive awareness
4. Correct Assumption
5. Inferential cognizers
6. Reliable cognizers
7. Subsequent cognizers

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# Dedication

