

Gaining Nondeceptive Knowledge (pt. 2)

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- Understanding topic of reliable cognizers very important in order to achieve important goals, in particular liberation (nirvana)
- “Since correct (i.e. reliable) cognition is a prerequisite for achieving all human purposes, I shall explain it”. (Dharmakirti, 7th century)

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- E.g. - With an unimpeded eye faculty, seeing the color blue
 - Our own feelings of happiness and pain

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- E.g. - we infer fire from seeing smoke
 - We know a car is impermanent because it is made from causes

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- E.g. - second moment of sense direct reliable cognizer of blue or
 - Second moment of inferential reliable cognizer realizing the emptiness of a person

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- E.g. - learning a new topic, we have a general understanding but until we grasp the meaning, then understanding is not firm and we can change our minds (controvertible)

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- E.g. - hearing others talking while engrossed in watching a movie

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- **Deluded Doubt**

- An awareness that vacillates between 2 or more options and is inclined towards the wrong conclusions
 - Tending toward the fact
 - Tending away from the fact
 - Neither

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- **Wrong consciousness**
 - Either conceptual or non-conceptual consciousness that incorrectly apprehends its observed object
 - A hallucination hearing voices here there are none (wrong sensory awareness)
 - Holding view that impermanent things are permanent (wrong conceptual consciousness)

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