



## **WHAT IS THE BHAVANGA CITTA, REPRESENTED IN THERAVĀDA ABHIDHAMMA?**

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*It is an apparent fact that among the concepts of Theravāda Abhidhamma, Bhavānga citta (becoming existence citta), is a particular and specific concept and on the other hand it can be identified as a remarkable achievement of the Theravāda tradition. The fact which should be noted here is that 'at the very beginning, the Bhavānga citta was not included in Abhidhamma.'*

*This teaching is represented as a result of solving and elucidating the nature of **sansāric existence (bhavagāmitvaya)** of the individual which caused to arise many contradictions and ambiguities among the manifold Buddhist traditions. It is noteworthy to mention here that, this concept has been formed or introduced in accordance with the fundamental Buddhist teachings and it doesn't go beyond the basic Buddhist essence.*

*The aim of this overview is to perform a substantial examination on the concept of Bhavanga citta which is discussed deeply in Theravāda Abhidhamma.*