

LBV ADVANCED BUDDHISM SERIES  
2022 Thursday Series: Aug. 18 – Sep. 29: 7.00 PM-8.30 PM  
Instructor: Bhante Upananda  
Theme: MISSTEPS OF PERCEPTION

**Dear participant:**

**Please note that this Thursday course is intended for advanced learners willing to learn the Dhamma with reference to key Pali canonical/scriptural terms and phrases that are incorporated into a single theme. Therefore, questions asked must pertain to the theme.**

Session 7: September 29, 2022

**Role of saññā in the making of papañca**

- a. saññā plays an unsurpassed role in the constant making of self (attabhāva).
- b. pattern thereof is called '*papañca-saññā-sankhā*' (papañcas are born out of saññā).
- c. papañca (pa+pāñca) expands selfhood limitlessly.
- d. Why papañcas are called 'conceptual proliferations'  
'papañcā' bhiratā pajā, nippapañcā tathāgatā (Dhammapada: 254)
- e. Importance of understanding the two levels of Buddha-Dhamma
  1. Neyyattha dēsanā (based on sammuti sacca or conceptual realities)
  2. Nītattha dēsanā (based on paramattha sacca or absolute realities)
- f. In the eyes of the enlightened, sammuti continually traps puthujjanas.