

Theme            Conditioned Arising

When this is present, that comes to be. From the arising of this, that arises. When this is absent, that does not come to be. From the cessation of this, that ceases.

Buddha

Observe that all conditioned phenomena in the world are unstationary and are subject to instantaneous transformation and destruction, that all activities of the mind arise and are extinguished from moment to moment, that all of these induce suffering.

Things are unborn ("before thinking") in their essential nature.

There is retribution of good and evil karma from causes and conditions.

The essential nature of things is unobtainable by intellectual analysis.

Awakening of Faith in the  
Mahayana

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