

# What the Buddha Taught on Sustainable Development

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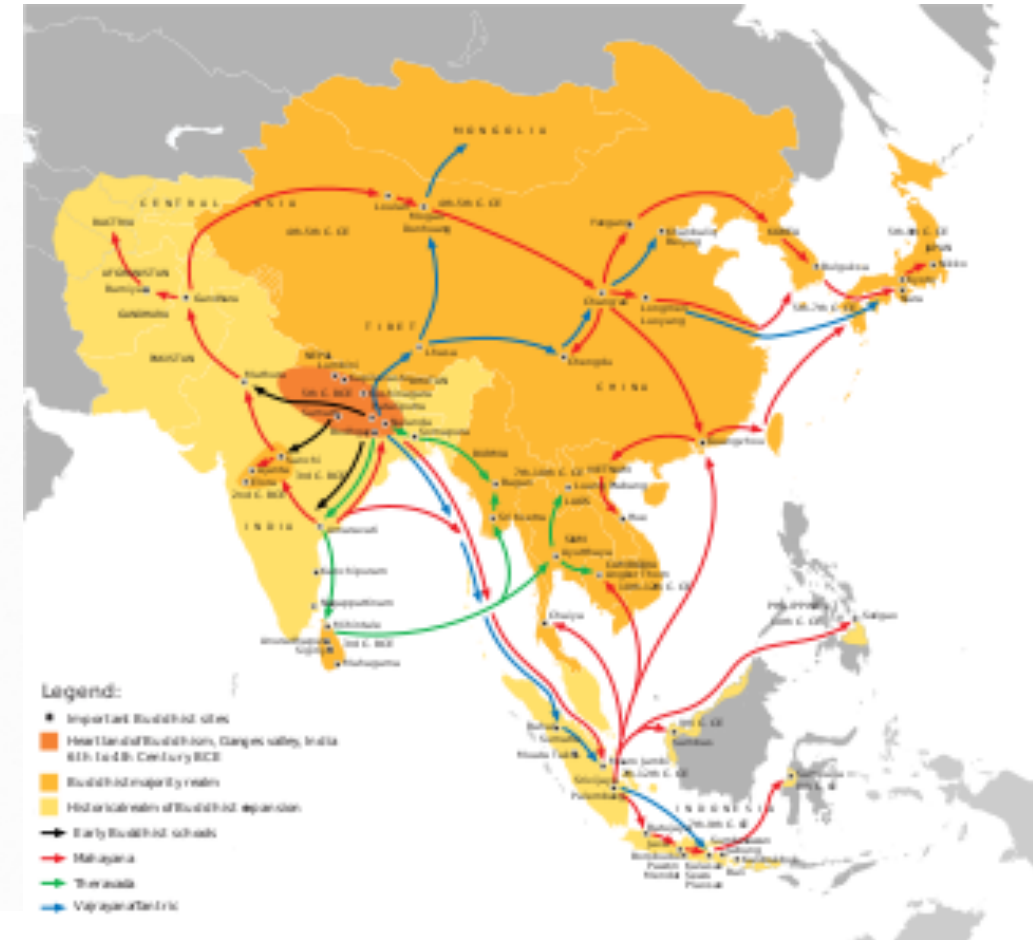


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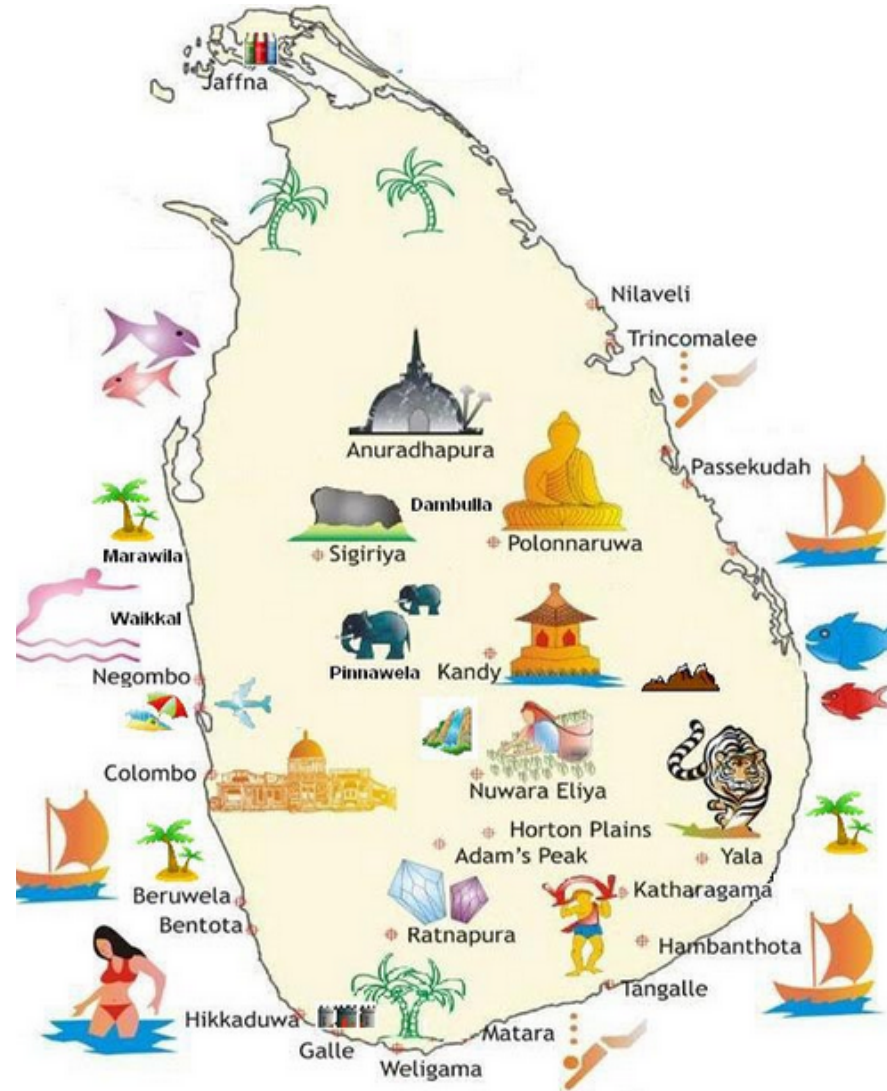
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# One Teaching, Many Pathways Across Asia and Beyond



# Sri Lanka: One Teaching, Many Pathways



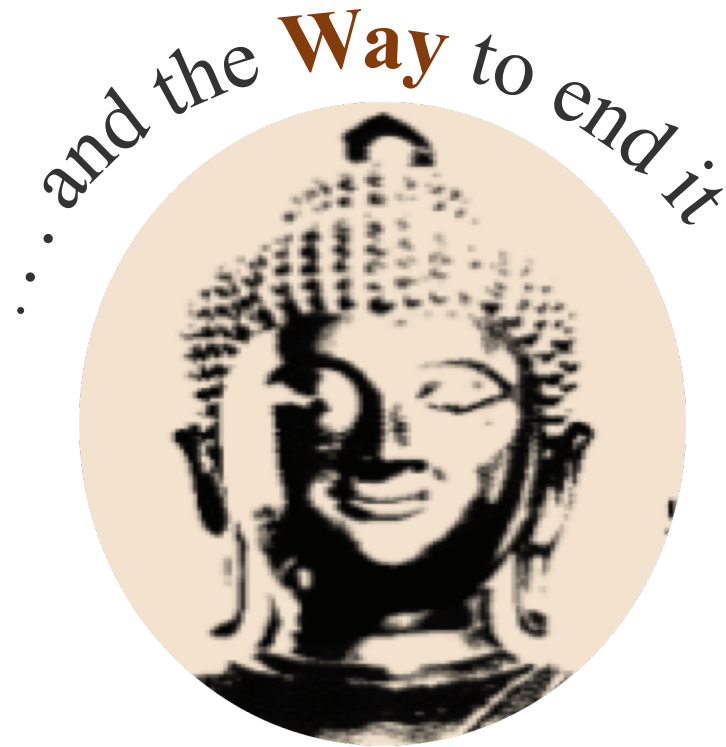
# Analysis of Human Conditions



*NB: Rev. Thomas Merton  
on the bliss of experiencing  
“the enlightenment” in  
Polonnaruwa. ~ Asian  
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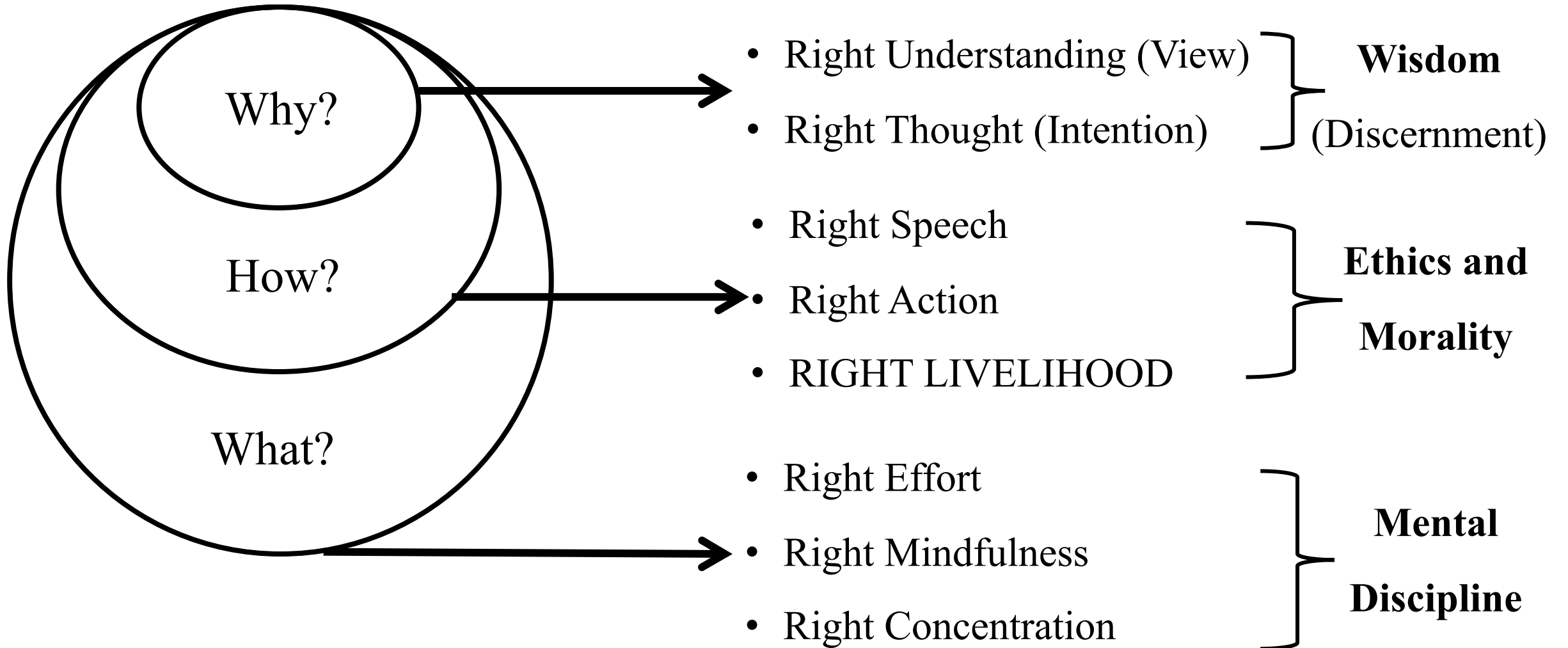
Buddhism is not a religion; it is a **philosophy for the  
scientific inquiry** into the nature of things . . .

# Study of Human Suffering . . .

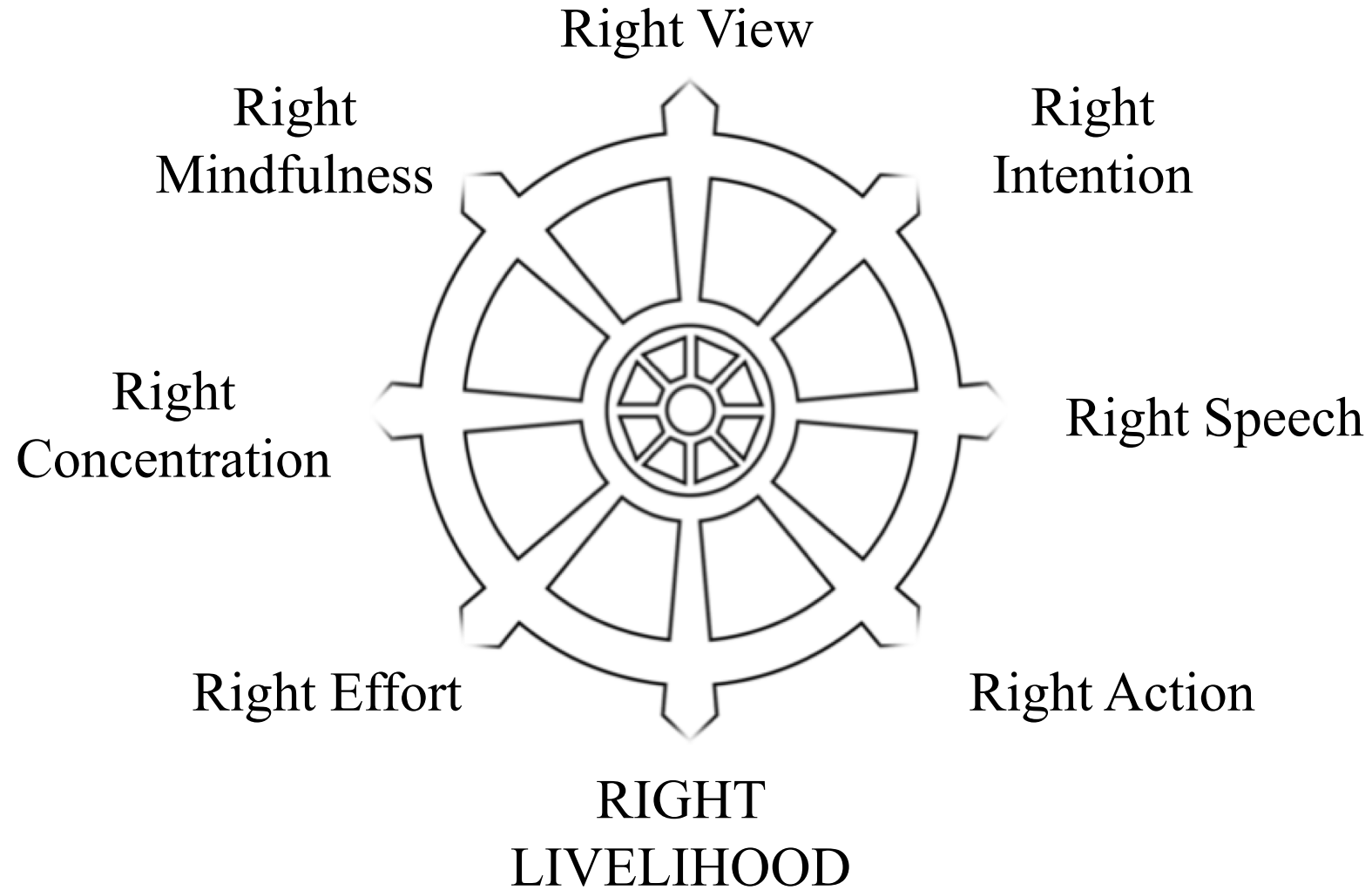


The “Way” is the Noble Eightfold Path

# Analysis of the Noble Eightfold Path



# The Noble Eightfold Path



# Focusing on One-self . . . and Others





# The Ultimate Freedom, the Supreme Liberation

No one saves us but  
ourselves; no one can, and  
no one may.

We ourselves must walk  
the path; but the Buddhas  
clearly show the Way.

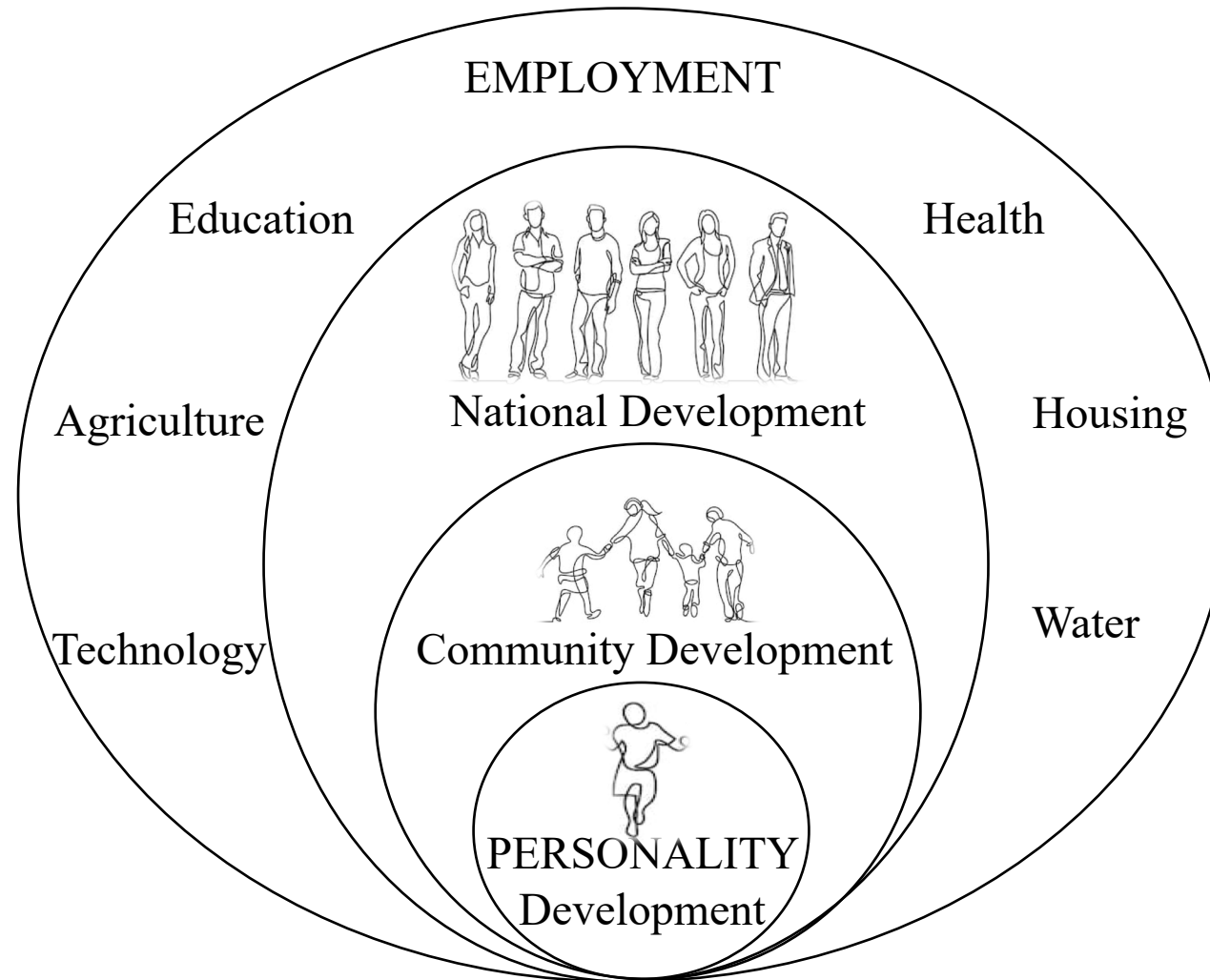
*Dhammapada 276*



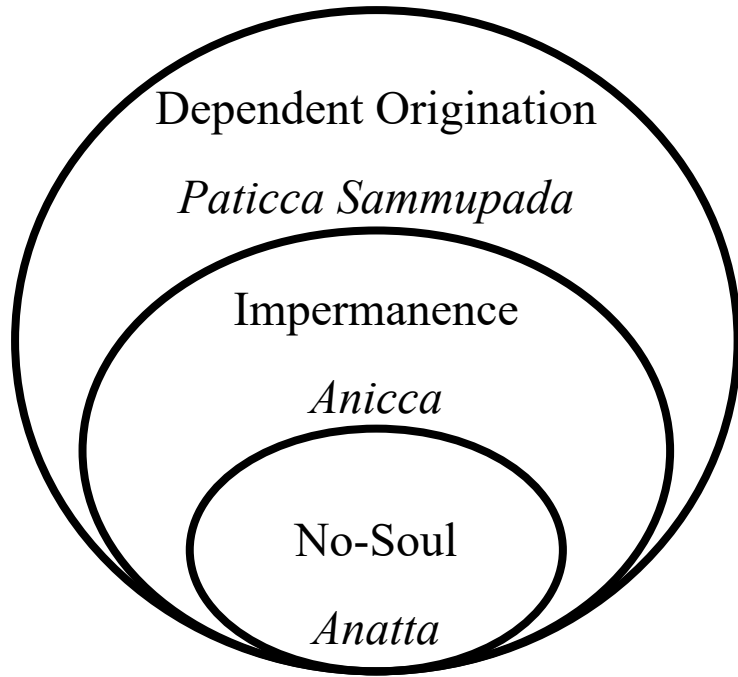
To avoid all evil,  
To cultivate the good,  
And to purify your heart —  
THIS is the teaching of  
the Buddhas.

*Dhammapada 183*

# Sustainability Begins with One-self . . . and Interdependency



# The Law of Dependent Origination



When this is, that is  
This arising, that arises  
When this is not, that is not  
This ceasing, that ceases.

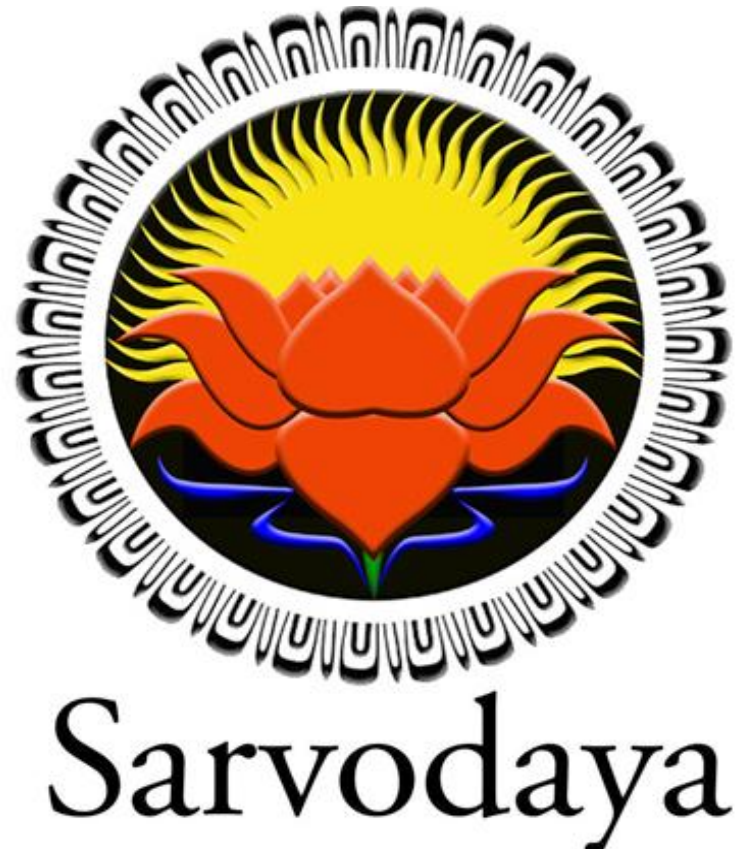
“One who sees Dependent Origination sees my teaching.”

The Buddha’s teaching is all about Dependent Origination.

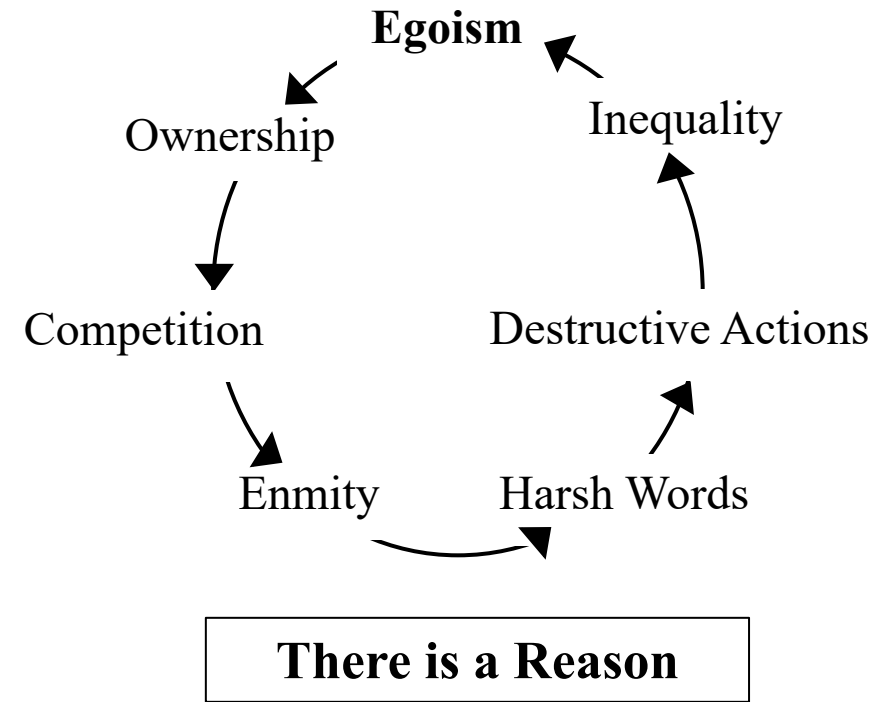
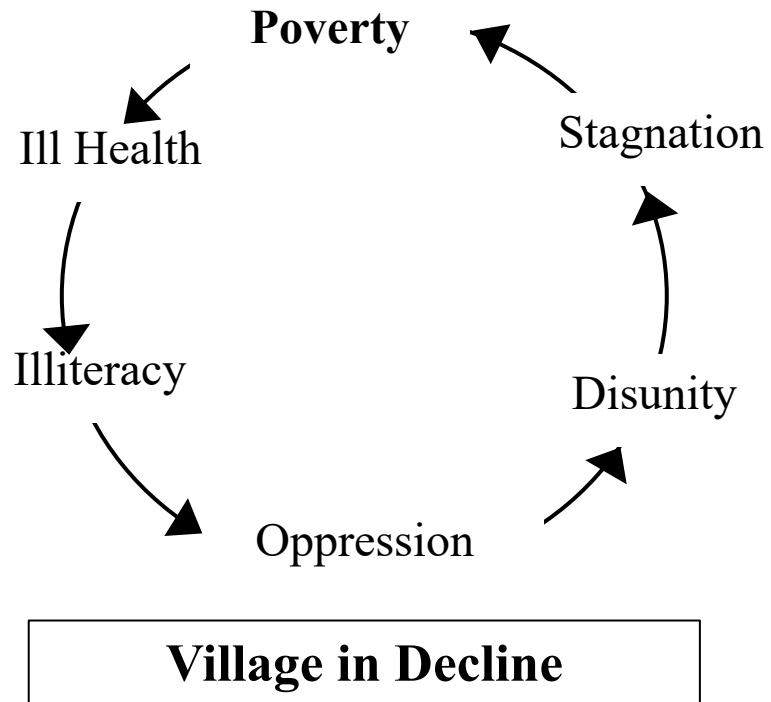
# **The Samsaric Continuity of Existence, Birth after Birth**

1. Ignorance is the condition for mental formation.
2. Mental formation is the condition for consciousness.
3. Consciousness is the condition for name and form.
4. Name and form is the condition for the six senses.
5. The six senses are the conditions for contact.
6. Contact is the condition for feeling.
7. Feeling is the condition for craving.
8. Craving is the condition for clinging.
9. Clinging is the condition for becoming.
10. Becoming is the condition for birth.
11. Birth is the condition for aging and death.
12. Aging and death is the condition for ignorance.

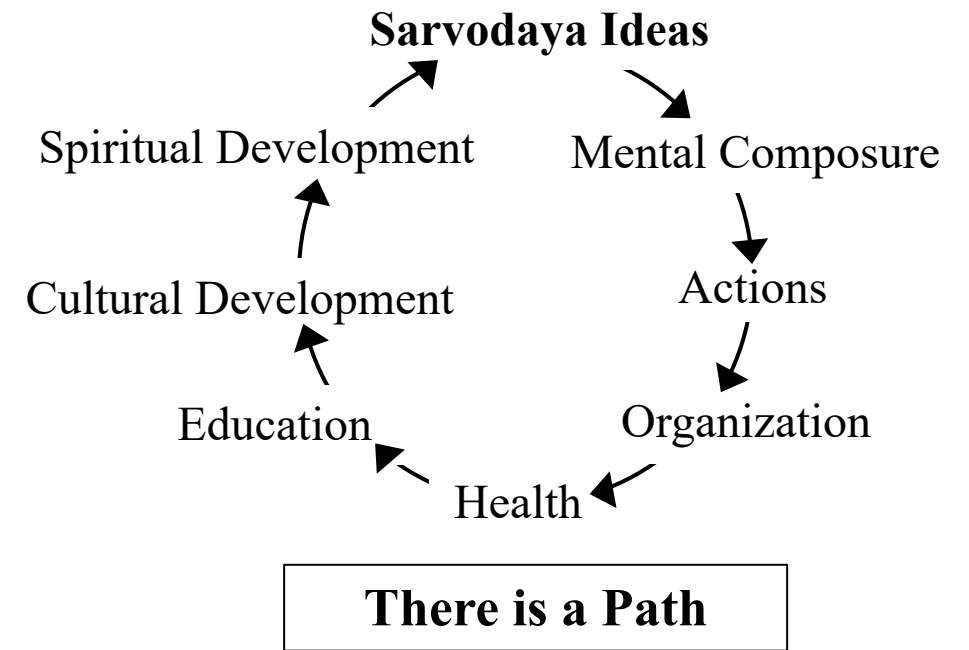
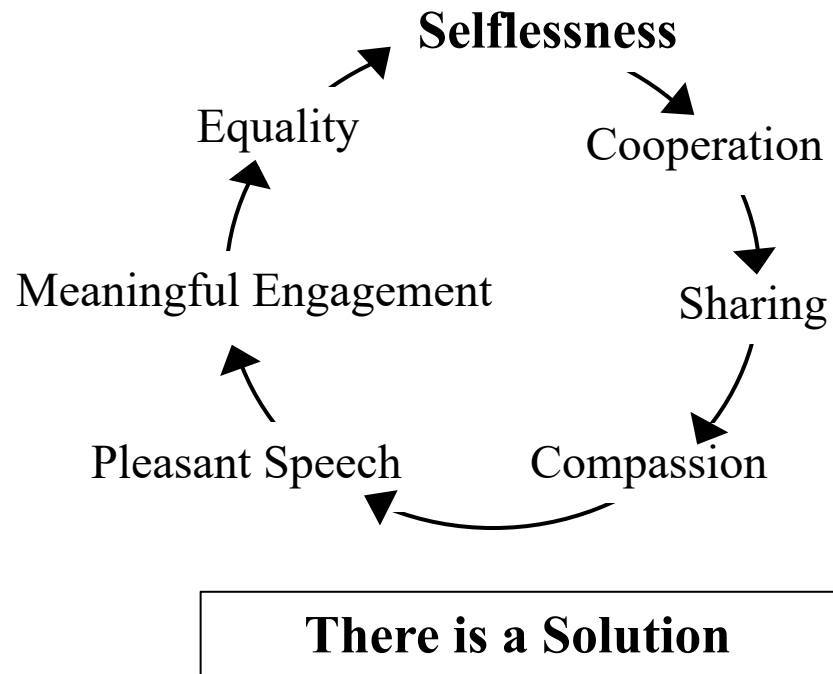
# The Application of Buddhist Dharma in Sri Lanka



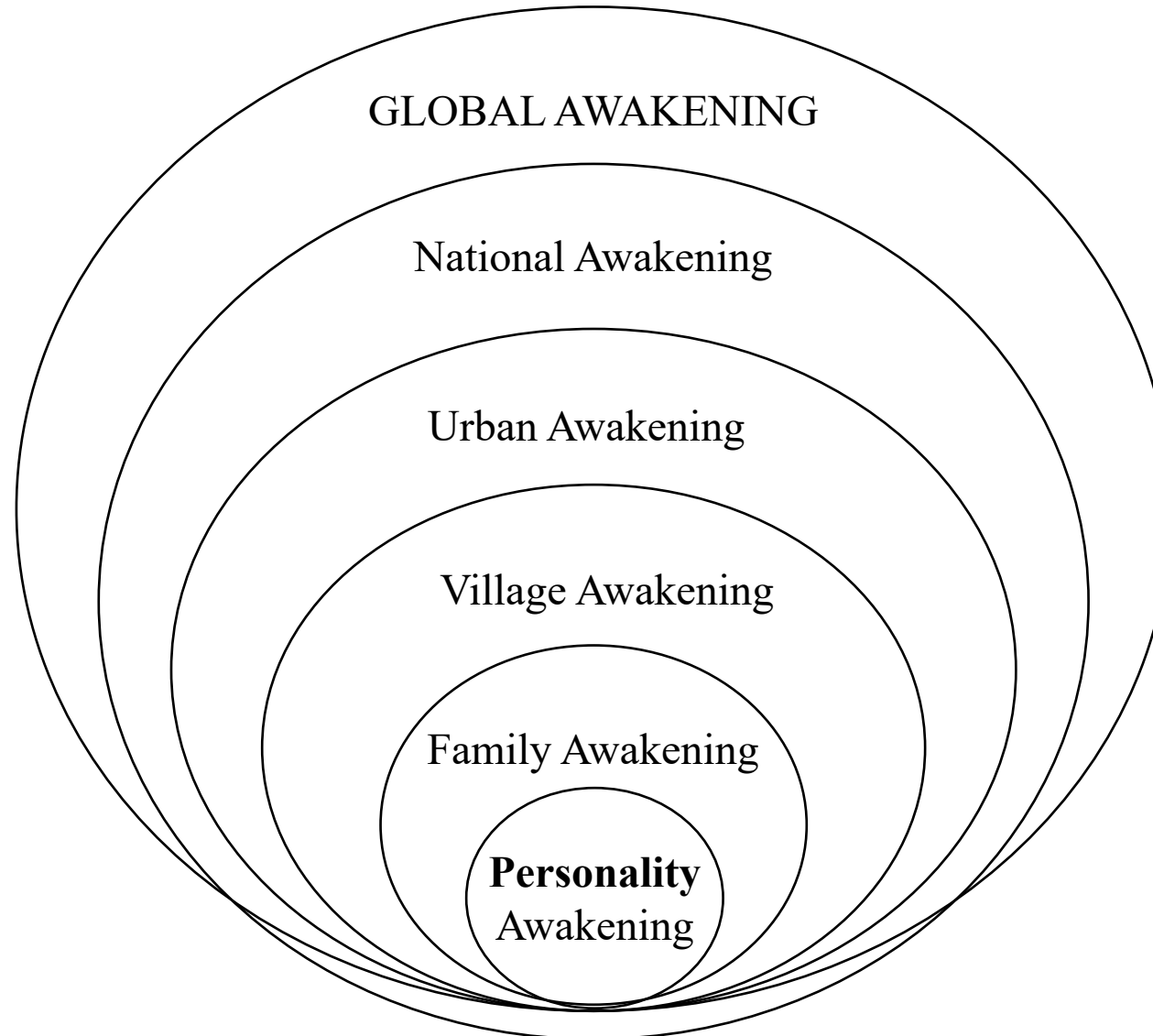
# Sarvodaya Analysis of Buddhist Dharma



# Sarvodaya Solution to the Buddhist Analysis

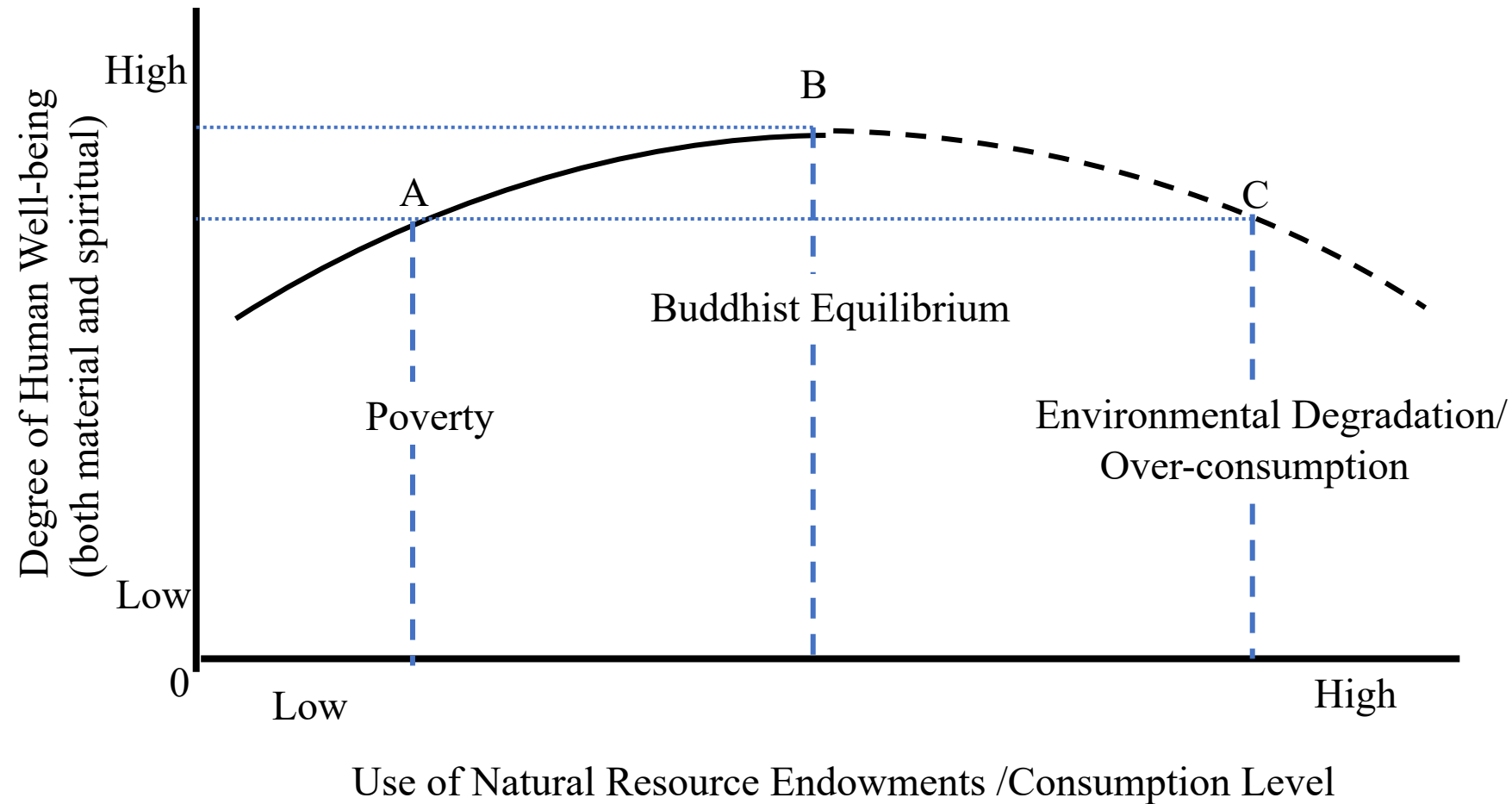


# Sarvodaya Analysis of Self-Awakening for Sustainable Development

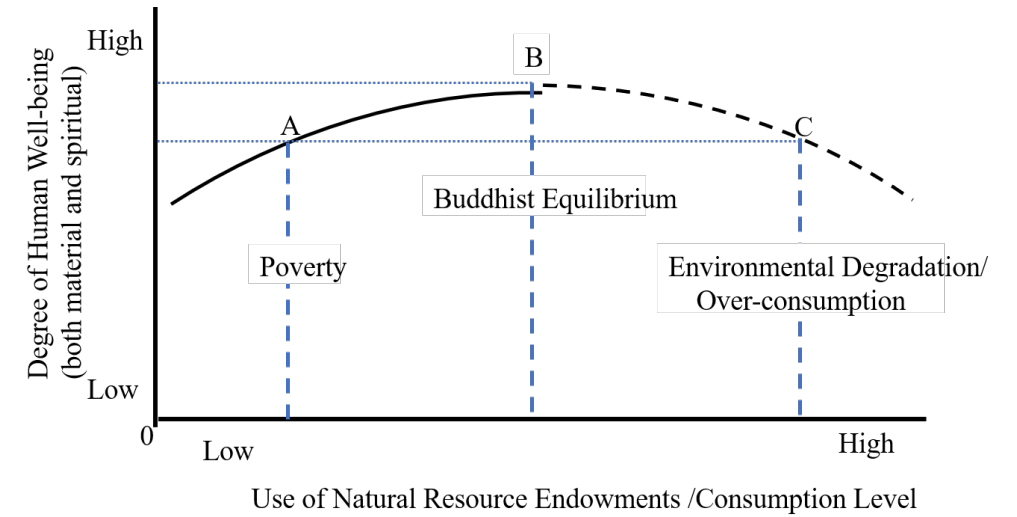


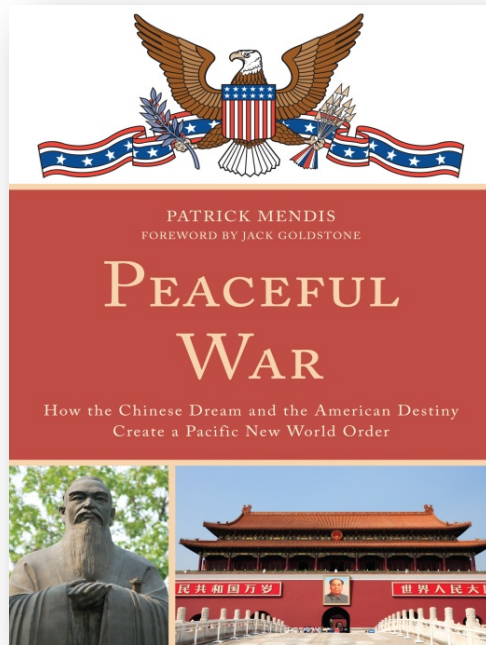


# The Buddhist Equilibrium for Sustainable Development

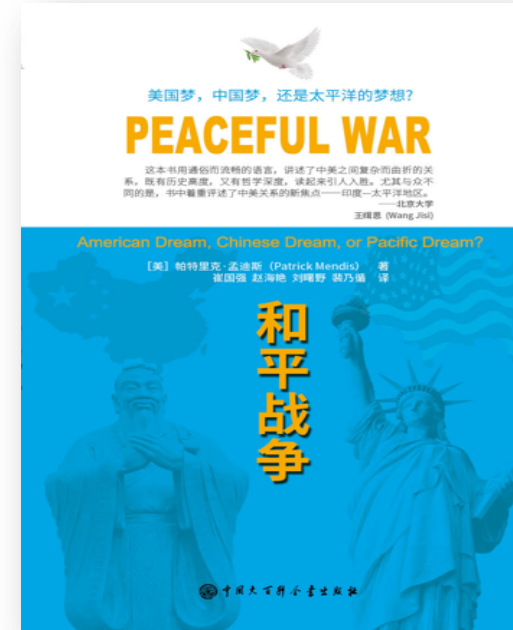


# Focusing on One-self . . . and Others





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