

- ignorance
- willed actions
- consciousness
- mental aspects and form
- the six senses
- sense impressions
- sensations
- **craving (*taṇhā*)**
- **fuel / taking up (*upādāna*)**
- **life (*bhava*)**
- **birth (*jāti*)**
- old age and death & suffering

Taking up/grasping

Grasping sensory pleasures
(*kāmupādāna*)

Grasping views (*diṭṭhupādāna*)

Grasping precepts and
observances (*sīlabbatupādāna*)

Grasping theories of a self
(*attavādupādāna*)

Life/existence

Taking up/grasping >
existence

Existence = interest =
inclination of mind

Experiencing this
inclination

Inclination = station of
consciousness = rebirth

SN 22.5

One seeks delight in form,
welcomes it, and remains holding
to it. As a consequence of this,
delight arises. Delight in form is
grasping. Grasping conditions
existence. Existence conditions
rebirth ...

Existence AN 3.76

“In what way, Bhante, is there existence?”

“If, Ānanda, there were no kamma ripening in the sensory realm, would there be sense-sphere existence?”

“No, Bhante.”

Existence AN 3.76

“Thus, Ānanda, for beings hindered by ignorance and fettered by craving, kamma is the field, consciousness the seed, and craving the moisture for their consciousness to be established in an inferior realm. In this way there is rebirth in the future.

Existence AN 3.76

“If, Ānanda, there were no kamma ripening in the form realm, would there be form-sphere existence?”

“No, Bhante.”

Existence AN 3.76

“Thus, Ānanda, for beings hindered by ignorance and fettered by craving, kamma is the field, consciousness the seed, and craving the moisture for their consciousness to be established in a middling realm. In this way there is rebirth in the future.

Existence AN 3.76

“In what way, Bhante, is there existence?”

“If, Ānanda, there were no kamma ripening in the formfree realm, would there be formfree-sphere existence?”

“No, Bhante.”

Existence AN 3.76

“Thus, Ānanda, for beings hindered by ignorance and fettered by craving, kamma is the field, consciousness the seed, and craving the moisture for their consciousness to be established in an superior realm. In this way there is rebirth in the future.