

# Causal and Natural Relations

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The first chapter in "The Middling Path of Reasoning" is a presentation of mutually exclusive phenomena (*'gal ba, virodha*) and related phenomena (*'brel ba, satṃbandha*). There it is explained that the two types of related phenomena are (1) {Causal relationship} - {literally} those related as that arisen from it (*de byung 'brel, tadutpatti-sambandha*) as an effect is related to its cause and, (2) {Natural relationship} - those related as the same essence (*bdag gcig 'brel, tādātmya-sambandha*) as a pot is related to functioning thing.

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1. Causal relationship; relationship of provenance

དེ་བྱུང་འབྲེལ་ - de byung 'brel - tadutpatti-sambandha; tadutpatti

Definition: (1) it is different from that; and (2) it arises from that

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2. {Natural Relationship}; relationship of sameness of nature; related in the sense of being one essence; related as the same essence having a relation of identical nature

བདག་གཅིག་འབྲེལ་ - bdag gcig 'brel - tādātmya-sambandha

Definition: (1) it is different from that; and (2) there is an established relation from the point of view of being of one essence with that.

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mtshan nyid/ khyod de dang tha dad gang zhig de dang bdag nyid gcig pa'i sgo nas 'grel ba grub pa/