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## The theory of causation in Buddhist philosophy

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### Abstract

This paper is to study the theory of causation in Buddhist philosophy. The Buddhist theory of *Patitccasamutpāda* has received greatest attention from the philosophers and scholars of Buddhism. Most of the thinkers who have analyzed Buddhist theory of causality which is known as Dependent origination have deemed it to be the central doctrine of Buddhist Philosophy. The teaching of Dependent Origination is described by the texts as a doctrine which had never been heard before and as different from all other views proposed by any preceding or contemporaneous theory of causation. The first importance of Dependent Origination is to really know all phenomena and teaching of the Buddha as the Buddha saying in the following words: “One who sees Dependent Origination sees the Dhamma; one who sees the Dhamma sees Dependent Origination.” An understanding of Dependent Origination is integral to having a clear understanding of the Buddha’s teachings. It is described as a natural law that all phenomena (Dhamma): mental or physical, are dependent on conditions for their occurrence.

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