

the danger of the five aggregates, and (6) the giving up of the five aggregates.³³

VI. Know seven things:

– (1) the five aggregates, (2) the arising of the five aggregates, (3) the cessation of the five aggregates, (4) the way leading to the cessation of the five aggregates, (5) the flavour of the five aggregates, (6) the danger of the five aggregates, and (7) the giving up of the five aggregates.³⁴

These six categories are shown in the following table:

Knowing the five aggregates in different formulations

1.	5 aggregates		•		•		•	•	•
2.	arising	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
3.	cessation	•	•		•	•		•	•
4.	way				•				•
5.	flavour			•		•	•	•	•
6.	danger			•		•	•	•	•
7.	giving up			•		•	•	•	•

In all these formulations both versions refer indiscriminately to the *five aggregates* or the *five aggregates with attachment*. The nature of the seven items listed above will now be examined, under two groupings: 3.1. The five aggregates, their arising, their cessation, and the way leading to their cessation; 3.2. The flavour, the danger, and the giving up of the five aggregates.

3.1. The five aggregates, their arising, their cessation, and the way leading to their cessation

The *five aggregates* themselves have already been examined (section 1). We now go on to investigate the *arising* of the *five aggregates*, their *cessation*, and the *way leading to their cessation* – the second to fourth of the seven things that one should “fully know”. These three teachings are naturally closely linked. The two versions discuss them in terms of the causes and

33 SA 32, 74, 258, 266-268: T 2, pp. 7a, 19b, 65a, 69b-70a (CSA i, pp. 42, 121, 46, 68-73) (not in SN).

34 SN 22. 57: SN iii, p. 62; SA 42: T 2, p. 10a (CSA i, pp. 151-152).