# The Two Truths

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| **VAIBHASIKA**  
(Great Exposition) | A phenomenon which is such that if it were physically destroyed or mentally separated into parts, the consciousness apprehending it would be cancelled.  
A phenomenon such that an awareness apprehending it is cancelled if it is broken up or mentally separated into its individual parts.  
(Eg. A pot) | A phenomenon which is such that if it were physically destroyed or mentally separated into parts, the consciousness apprehending it would not be cancelled.  
A phenomenon such that an awareness apprehending it is not cancelled if it is broken up or mentally separated into its individual parts.  
(Eg. Directionally partless particles) |
| **SAUTRANTIKA**  
(Sutra) | Followers of Scripture  
Followers of Reasoning  
That which is not ultimately able to perform a function.  
A phenomenon that is not able to perform a function ultimately.  
(Eg. Generic image of a pot) | That which is ultimately able to perform a function.  
A phenomenon that is able to perform a function ultimately.  
(Eg. A pot) |
| **CITTAMATRA**  
(Mind Only) | An object found by a correct knower which is a valid cognizer distinguishing a conventionality.  
That which is realized by a valid perception directly realizing it by way of being together with dualistic appearance.  
(Eg. A pot) | An object found by a correct knower which distinguishes an ultimate object.  
That which is realized by a valid perception directly realizing it by way of the vanishing of dualistic appearance  
(Eg. Emptiness that is a pot and the valid cognition apprehending that pot being empty of being different substances) |
| **MADHYAMAKA**  
(Middle Way) | Svaatntrika  
(Autonomy)  
A phenomenon realized by the direct valid cognizer realizing it by way of an association with dualistic appearance.  
(Eg. A pot) | A phenomenon realized by the direct valid cognizer realizing it by way of the vanishing of dualistic appearance.  
(Eg. Emptiness that is a pot being empty of true existence) |
| Prasangika  
(Consequence) | That found by a conventional valid cognizer perceiving a false object of knowledge.  
An object that is found by a valid cognition analyzing a conventionality.  
(Eg. A pot) | An object found by a reasoning consciousness perceiving the meaning of reality.  
An object found by a valid cognition analyzing the ultimate.  
(Eg. Emptiness that is a pot being empty of inherent existence) |