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The 'Chulla Hastii padopama sutra- (වුල්ල භස්ති පඨෝපම සූත්ර) preached by Arahath Mihindu thero to the King Tissa is the one of Sutras that explains 'the path with suspicion until see the truth.

According to this sutra, you are looking for the elephant of one's choice in the jungle. Suppose you can see very big footprints in the jungle and you believe these footprints are belonged to this elephant. Then what you usually do is stopping your effort of seeing of this elephant. Why? Because, you accepted that the elephant is in the jungle. The elephant of one's choice cannot be identified from the footprints or marks on trees because similar marks are made by various species of elephants.

Any way If you had the suspicion of the footprints, (whether these footprints are belonged to this elephant or not) you do continue your investigation further until you see the real elephant. Finally your suspicion would be over come after you seen the elephant.

You have to keep constancy of your suspicion until you see the truth. However you cannot see the truth through your knowledge. I know this is difficult for you to get the meaning. According to the Sutra, you can only see the elephant after come out from the jungle. Hence, Chulla Hastii padopama sutra makes clear that 'truth is beyond the knowledge'. Elephant is not in the jungle. Here elephant and Jungle are represented the 'truth' and 'Knowledge' respectively.

Many of us are still looking for the elephant in the jungle, because they believe the elephant is in the jungle.

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