

Major Patriarchs & Matriarchs of Various Lineages [Black=Samboghakaya, Green=Indian, Red=Chinese, Blue=Japanese, Maroon=Tibetan] *=not on graphic

<i>First Turning of the Wheel</i>	<i>Second Turning of the Wheel</i>	<i>Third Turning of the Wheel</i>		<i>Secret Oral Tradition</i>									
Elders Lineage	Profound Lineage (Madhyamaka)	Method Lineage (Yogacharya)			Practices and Blessings Lineage (Tantra)								
Mahakasapa 6 th BCE	Manjushri Bodhisattva	Maitreya Bodhisattva					Suchandra 900-876 BCE			Padma-sambhava 536 BCE-8 th CE			
Ananda 6 th BCE										Garab Dorje 6 th BCE-2 nd CE			
Rahula 6 th BCE-??													
Ashoka the Great—Former Emperor of the Maurya Empire 3rd Century BCE													
	Nagarjuna & Arydeva 150-250 CE 2 nd CE												
		Asangha & Vasubandu 4 th century CE											
		Bodhi-dharma 5 th Century	*Dignaga 480-540 *Dharmakirti 600-670										
	T'an Luan 467-542		Chin-I 538-587										
		Huineng 638-713		Xuanzang 602-664	Hui Guo 746-805	Shantideva 659-750				Vairocana 7 th -8 th Century			
			Saicho 767-879		Kukai 774-835			Virupa 8 th -9 th		Shantarakshita 8 th			
						Atisha 980-1052	Kalachakra-pada 10 th Century			Yeshe Tshogyal I 777-837	Sukhasiddhi 10 th -11 th Niguma 10 th -11 th	Tilopa 988-1072 Marpa 1012-1097	
Great Buddhist Universities destroyed in India 8 th -15 th centuries													
	Honen 1133-1212	Eisai 12 th								Kon Konchog 1034-1102		Milarepa 1052-1135 Gampopa 1079-1153	
		Dogen 1200-1253		Nichiren 1222-1282			Tsongkapa 1357-1419	Dolpopa 1292-1361	Sakya Pandita 1182-1251	Longchenpa 1308-1363	Thangtong Gyalpo 1361-1464		
Buddhism disappears from India 13 th -14 th centuries													
							Pobangka 1878-1941			*Penor 1933-2009 *Dodrupchen 1927-2022	*Kalu 1905-1989		
Theravada	Pure Land	Chan/Zen	Tendai	Nichirin/ SGI	Fa-Hsian	ChenYen/ Shingon	Geluk	Jonang	Sakya	Nyingma	Shangpa Kagyuu	Karma Kagyuu	
HINAYANA	MAHAYANA					VAJRAYANA							