

Teachings of the Different Vehicles and Lineages

		<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>
<i>Tradition</i>		Elders Lineage	Profound Lineage (Madhyamaka)		Method Lineage (Yogacharya)	Practices and Blessings Lineage
<i>Teaching Period</i>	1-AVATAMSAKA PERIOD	2-AGAMA PERIOD	3-VAIPULYA PERIOD¹	4-PRAJNA PERIOD	5-DHARMA FLOWER & NIRVANA PERIOD	SECRET ESOTERIC DHARMA
<i>What Shakyamuni Buddha taught while living on earth</i>	He turned the wheel of the fundamental, supreme Dharma. For higher beings. <i>Not taught to human beings during His lifetime.</i>	He hid Mahayana teachings and imparted Hinayana teachings.	He guided living beings from Hinayana teachings into Mahayana teachings. That is, there was a change in the level of the Dharma.	He turned the earlier partial teachings into complete teachings.	He imparted teachings through expedient means to reveal reality.	He only taught His son Rahula and cousin Ananda so that Ananda could transmit to Padmasambhava.
<i>Tripitaka (Canon)</i>	-Avatamsaka Sutra	-Suttas (Pali) -Agamas (Sanskrit)	-Vimalakirti Sutra -Pure Land Sutras -Lankavatara Sutra	-Prajna Paramitra Sutras -Heart Sutra -Diamond Sutra	-Lotus Sutra -Nirvana Sutra -Five Treatises by Maitreya	-Esoteric Scriptures (Tantra)
<i>H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III</i>			-Great Dharma of Zen Practice	-Imparting the Absolute Truth through the Heart Sutra -Sutra on Definitive Truth	-What Is Cultivation -Supreme and Unsurpassable Mahamudra of Liberation -Learning from Buddha	-Yidam Dharmas -State Practice
<i>Vehicle</i>		Hinayana	Mahayana			Vajrayana
<i>Flavors</i>	<i>Milk</i>	<i>Cream</i>	<i>Curdled Milk</i>	<i>Butter</i>	<i>Ghee</i>	

¹ Also called the Correct and Equal Period. "Vaipulya" means largeness, spaciousness, or breadth.