

Table 3.1
The Pali Canon, the *Tipitaka*

(Theravada Buddhism)

Name	Translation	Content/Size
A. Vinaya Pitaka (Discipline Basket):		
1. <i>Sutta-vibhanga</i>	Division of Rules	Monastic rules stated and expanded
a. <i>Mahavibhanga</i>	Great Division	227 rules for monks
b. <i>Bhikkuni-vibhanga</i>	Division about Nuns	Rules for nuns
2. <i>Khandhaka</i>	Sections	
a. <i>Mahavagga</i>	Great Group	Main rules
b. <i>Cullavagga</i>	Small Group	Miscellaneous rules
3. <i>Parivara</i>	Accessory	Summaries of rules
B. Sutta Pitaka (Discourse Basket):		
1. <i>Digha-nikaya</i>	Collection of Long Discourses	34 suttas
2. <i>Majjhima-nikaya</i>	Collection of Medium Discourses	152 suttas
3. <i>Samyutta-nikaya</i>	Collection of Corrected Discourses	56 groups of suttas
4. <i>Anguttara-nikaya</i>	Collection of Item-More Discourses	2308 suttas
5. <i>Khuddaka-nikaya</i>	Collection of Little Texts	
a. <i>Khuddaka-patha</i>	Little Readings	A meditation book
b. <i>Dhammapada</i>	Verses on Teaching	26 chapters (423 verses)
c. <i>Udana</i>	Utterances	80 utterances
d. <i>Itivuttaka</i>	Thus-saids	112 suttas
e. <i>Sutta-nipata</i>	Sutta Collection	71 suttas
f. <i>Vimana-vatthu</i>	Tales of Heavenly Mansions	85 poems
g. <i>Peta-vatthu</i>	Tales of Ghosts	Rebirth as Ghosts
h. <i>Thera-Gatha</i>	Verses of Elder Men	Poems from earliest monks
i. <i>Theri-Gatha</i>	Verses of Elder Women	Poems from early nuns
j. <i>Jataka</i>	Lives	550 past lives of Gotama
k. <i>Nidessa</i>	Exposition	2 commentaries
l. <i>Patisambhida-magga</i>	Way of Analysis	Doctrinal exposition
m. <i>Apadana</i>	Stories	Saints' past lives
n. <i>Buddhavamsa</i>	Lineage of the Buddhas	Stories of 24 pre-Gotama Buddhas
o. <i>Cariya-pitaka</i>	Basket of Perfections	35 tales from <i>Jataka</i>
C. Abhidhamma Pitaka (Special Teaching Basket):		
1. <i>Dhamma-sangani</i>	Enumeration of Dhammas	
2. <i>Vibhanga</i>	Distinctions	
3. <i>Dhastu-Kadha</i>	Discussions of Elements	
4. <i>Puggala-pannatti</i>	Designation of Persons	
5. <i>Yamaka</i>	The Pairs	
6. <i>Patthama</i>	Activations	

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Table 3.2
The Mahayana or Chinese Canon, the *San-Ts'ang*

<i>Name of Section</i>	<i>Translation</i>	<i>Size</i>
<i>Agama</i>	Limbs	2 vols., 151 texts
<i>Jatakas</i>	Lives	2 vols., 68 texts
<i>Prajna-Paramita</i>	Perfect Wisdom	4 vols., 42 texts
<i>Saddharma-Pundarika</i>	—	1 vol., 16 texts
<i>Avatamsaka</i>	—	2 vols., 31 texts
<i>Ratnakuta</i>	—	
<i>Mahaparinirvana</i>	Great Decease	1 vol., 23 texts
—	Great Assembly	1 vol., 28 texts
<i>Sutra-Pitaka</i>	Sutra Collection	4 vols., 423 texts
<i>Tantra</i>	Tantra	4 vols., 572 texts
<i>Vinaya</i>	Discipline	3 vols., 86 texts
—	Commentary on Sutras	3 vols., 31 texts
<i>Abhidharma</i>	Special Teaching	4 vols., 28 texts
<i>Madhyamika</i>		1 vol., 15 texts
<i>Yogacara</i>	Yoga Practice	2 vols., 49 texts
—	Treatises	1 vols., 65 texts
—	Commentaries on Sutras	7 vols.
—	Commentaries on <i>Vinaya</i>	1 vol.
—	Commentaries on Shastras	5 vols.
—	Chinese Sectarian Writings	5 vols.
—	History and Biography	4 vols., 95 texts
—	Encyclopedias and Dictionaries	2 vols., 16 texts
—	Non-Buddhist Writings	1 vol., 8 texts
—	Catalogues	1 vol., 40 texts

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Table 3.3
The Tibetan Canon

<i>Name</i>	<i>Translation</i>	<i>Size</i>
I. <i>Kanjur:</i>	Translation of the Ordinances	108 vols.
' <i>Dul-ba</i>	Discipline [for monastics]	13 vols.
<i>Shes-rab-kyi-pha-rol-tu-phyin-pa</i>	Supreme Otherworldly Knowledge	21 vols.
<i>Phal-chen</i>	Buddhist Cosmology	6 vols.
<i>dKon-brtsegs</i>	Heap of Jewels	6 vols.
<i>mDo</i>	Teaching Lectures	30 vols.
<i>Mya-ngan-'das</i>	Nirvana	2 vols.
<i>rGyud</i>	Texture [Tantra]	22 vols.
II. <i>Tanjur:</i>	Translation of the Doctrine	225 vols.
<i>mDo</i>	Teaching	136 vols.
<i>rGyud</i>	Texture [Tantra]	87 vols.
	A book of Hymns	1 vol.
	An index	1 vol.

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