

三藏十二部

三藏 Three Baskets

The Buddhist canon, traditionally categorized into three divisions; in Sanskrit, Tripitaka and Pāli Tipitaka.

1. Sūtra-piṭaka (sermons collection) 經 (經藏)
2. Vinaya-piṭaka (rules collection) 律 (律藏)
3. Abhidharma-piṭaka (philosophical treatises collection) 論 (論藏).

十二部經 Twelve Divisions of the Buddhist Canon -- Divided according to Genre

1. Sūtra 修多羅 (also translated as 契經 or simply 經) the Buddha's discourses;
2. Geya 祇夜 (translated as 應頌 and 重頌), verses;
3. Gāthā 伽陀 (translated as 誠頌 and 孤起頌), verse part of a discourse;
4. Nidāna 尼陀那 (translated as 因緣), historical narratives
5. Itivṛttaka 伊帝目多伽, 伊帝曰多伽 (translated as 本事), activities of Buddha or his disciples in past lives;
6. Jātaka 閻多伽, 閻陀伽 (translated as 本生), Buddha's past life stories;
7. Adbhuta-dharma 阿浮達磨 (未曾有), Buddha's miraculous acts;
8. Avadāna 阿波陀那 (譬喻), legends;
9. Upadeśa 優婆提舍, 優波提舍 (論議), didactic lessons;
10. Udāna 優陀那, 優陀那 (自說), teachings offered by the Buddha without prompting;
11. Vaipulya 毘佛略, 韜佛略 (方廣), expanded teachings;
12. Vyākaraṇa 和伽羅, 和伽羅那 (授記), guarantees of future attainment.

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