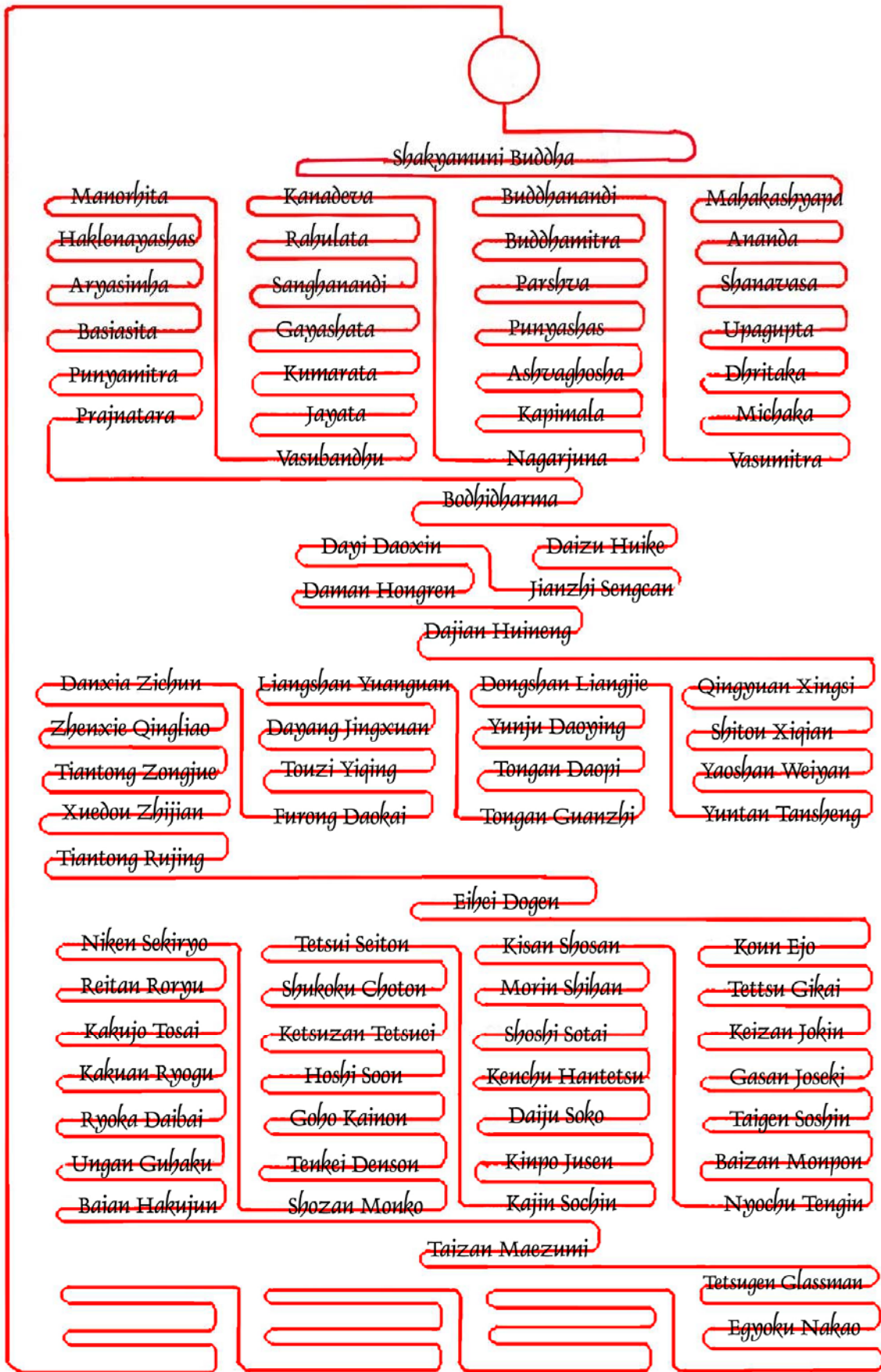


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The Bloodline of the Buddhas' and Ancestores' Transmission of the Great Bodhisattva Sila



On the eighteenth day of the ninth month of the first year of the Pao-ching Era of the Sung Dynasty (1225), the late abbot of the Tien-tung instructed me, Eihe Dogen Osho, saying: "The Buddha Sila are the single most important matter of our school. In the past, the masters of Mount Grdhakuta, Shao-len, Tsao-chi, and Mount Tung transmitted these Dharma Sila of the Tathagata to their successors generation after generation until they came to me." Now I transmit them to you. You should receive them in deep faith and not permit them to be discontinued. For this I earnestly pray.