

Context timeline

Year	Society	Buddhism	Dogen	Writings
1133		Honen is born		Not an exhaustive list; there are other bits extant
1141		Eisei is born		
1168		Eisai goes to China and encounters Chan		
1173		Shinran is born		
1175		Honen establishes Jodo-shu		
1181		Shinran becomes a monk on Mt Hiei		
1185	Kamakura period begins			
1191		Eisai returns to Japan; founds Japan's first Zen temple in Kyushu		
1192	Minamoto no Yoritomo becomes shogun			
1194		Imperial court bans establishment of new Zen temples		
1199	1199: Minamoto no Yoritomo dies.	Eisai goes to Kamakura		
1200		Shogunate begins to support Eisai	Dogen is born	
1201		Shinran becomes a disciple of Honen and leaves Mt Hiei		
1202		Eisai founds Kenninji in Kyoto		
1207		Hōnen and his followers exiled from Kyoto or executed		
1211		Nenbutsu ban lifted; Shinran pardoned		
1212		Honen dies; Shinran goes to Kanto	Begins to study Tendai Buddhism on Mt Hiei	
1215		Eisai dies		
1217			Goes to Kenninji to study with Myozen	

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1221	Shogunate forces defeat the emperor in the Jokyu War			
1222		Nichiren is born		
1223			Goes with Myozen on pilgrimage to China	
1224		Shinran writes Kyogyoshinsho		
1225			Goes to Mt Tendo to study with Nyojo; Myozen dies	
1227			Receives dharma transmission from Nyojo; returns to Japan	
1228			Dogen learns of Nyojo's death	
1230	Nationwide famine		Leaves Kenninji in Kyoto and goes south	starts on Fukanzazengi in elaborate, formal Chinese
1231				Begins writing in Japanese; writes Bendowa
1232	Military code of law enacted			
1233		Nichiren becomes a Tendai monk	Establishes Kannon-dori	finishes Fukanzazengi, writes Genjo Koan for layman Koshu Yo
1234		Shinran goes to Kyoto and writes Wasan		writes GakudoYojinshu
1235			Ejo arrives	
1236			Kannon-dori becomes Koshoji	Writes Shinji Shobogenzo; gives first recorded formal talk
1237				writes Tenzo Kyokun
1239		Ippen is born		writes Face Washing
				Writes Sansuikyo, Uji, Kesa Kudoku, Keisei Sanshoku
1241			Darumashu group arrives	writes Busso, Shisho, Jinzu; begins shift toward emphasis on own lineage, gives more than 50 formal talks

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1242			Meets Hatano Yoshishige	writes Zazenshin, Zenki, Gyoji, Daigo, Bukkojoji, Muchu Setsumu and, shortly before leaving Kenninji, Shinjin Gakudo
1243			Relocates to Echizen in the north; establishes Daibutsuji	Writes 18 fascicles, Mitsugo, Mujo Seppo
1244				Writes 37 factors of bodhi, Temborin; starts on Bendoho
1245			appoints Gikai head cook	writes Eihei Shingi, Koku
1246			Daibutsuji renamed Eiheiji	Gives 70 formal talks, writes Chiji Shingi and Shukke; shift toward training limited number of monks who will transmit dharma to future generations
1247			Goes to Kamakura to give precepts to shogun's regent	
1248			Returns to Eiheiji	gives more than 50 talks
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1251			Ekan dies	gives more than 50 talks
				starts on Shobogenzo 12; Gien takes over editing Eihei Koroku
1252			Falls ill; makes Ejo his successor	gives more than 50 talks; revises Genjo Koan
1253		Nichiren gives his Namu Myoho Renge Kyo lecture and starts teaching chanting the name of the sutra	Returns to Kyoto for treatment; dies at the home of layman Kakunen	Writes Hachidainingakui; Ejo discovers Hokyoki among Dogen's papers after his death
1254	Six years of natural disasters wipe out half of the population	Nichiren arrives in Kamakura		
1260		Nichiren asks for shogunate support and the banning of other schools		
		Nichiren exiled to Izu		

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1263		Shinran dies in Kyoto; Nichiren pardoned		
1271		Nichiren banished to Sado Island		
		Nichiren pardoned		
1282		Nichiren dies		
1289		Ippen dies		
1303-8			Shobogenzo Gosho	
1333	Kamakura period ends			
1598				Eihei Koroku/Rinnoji .text
1667				Eihei Shingi (including Chiji Shingi) compiled and published
1672				Eihei Koroku popular version
1722				government bans publication of Shobogenzo
1730			Shobogenzo Benchu	
				Hokyoki published
1747				Dogen's poems published
1760s			Shobogenzo Monge	
1796				official Sotoshu version of Shobogenzo begun.
1779			Shobogenzo Shiki	
1793			Shobogenzo Sanchu	
1890				Shushogi compiled
1816				official Shobogenzo revised and published
1937				oldest (undated) extant version of Eihei Koroku discovered