



CHRONOLOGY

Of Early Buddhist Texts (EBT)

Comparison between Rhys Davids and the BORI (Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute)

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2	Episodes found, in identical words, in two or more of the existing books.	2	Episodes found, in identical works, in two or more of the existing books.
3	Silas Parayana Octades (Atthaka) Patimokkha.	3	Silas Parayana group of sixteen poems without the prologue, Atthaka group of four or sixteen poems Sikkhapadas.
4	Digha Majjhima Anguttara Samyutta	4	Digha (Vol. I) Majjhima Samyutta Anguttara Earlier Patimokkha code of 152 rules.
5	Sutta-Nipata Thera-and Theri-Gathas Udanas Khuddaka Patha	5	Digha (Vols. II & III) Thera-Theri-Gatha Collection of 500 Jatakas Suttavibhanga Partisambhidamagga Puggala-pannatti Vibhanga
6	Vibhanga Khandhkas	6	Mahavagga Cullavagga Patimokkha code completing 227 rules Vimnavatthu and Petavatthu Dhammapada and Kathavatthu
7	The Jatakas Dhammapadas.	7	Cullaniddesa Mahaniddesa Udana Itivuttaka Suttanipata Dhatukatha Yamaka Patthana.
8	Niddesa Itivuttakas Patisambbhida.	8	Buddhavamsa Cariyapitaka Apadana.
9	Peta and Vimana-Vatthus Apadana	9	Parivarapatha.

	Cariya-Pitaka Buddha-Vamsa.		
10	Abhidhamma books (the last of which is the Katha-Vatthu, and the earliest probably the Puggala-Pannatti.)	10	Khuddakapatha.

This comparison between two great scholars on the Tipitaka shows that you can rely on early sources of Buddhism as follows:

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2. Episodes found, in identical words, in two or more of the existing books.
3. **Parayana** group of sixteen poems. & **Atthaka** group of four poems
4. **Digha** (Vol. I)
5. **Majjhima**
- 6 or 7. **Samyutta**
- 6 or 7. **Anguttara**
8. **Thera-and Theri-Gathas**

This is still subject to debate; yet a good start.