

Zichiji 資持記

also known as “Sifenlu shanfan buque xingshichao zichiji 四分律刪繁補闕行事鈔資持記”

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This entry aims to document Zichiji, a commentary of Dharmaguptaka Vinaya (Buddhist monastic rules) written by Yuanzhao (1048-1116). Zichiji is a secondary commentary based on a root commentary of Daoxuan's (596-667) Sifenlü shanfan buque xingshichao (Xingshichao). Divided into 16 volumes, it is a complete commentary of Daoxuan's original work, which is based on the Dharmaguptaka Vinaya. Like Xingshichao, Zichiji refers to various Vinaya-related texts and Buddhist materials and is intended to be used as a comprehensive guide to the Buddhist monastic way of living. Zichiji covers a wide range of monastic practices and management, such as ordination ritual, repentance ritual, funerary practices, daily management of the monastery, and the relationships with laypersons. Unlike Xingshichao, it includes valuable information on the Song Buddhist monasticism and Yuanzhao's debate with other Vinaya masters in his time. In terms of the transmission history of the text, multiple historical sources record that Zichiji was canonized during the Southern Song period. However, we do not have a material copy of any Buddhist canon which contains this text. The current canonization of the Zichiji can only be traced to the modern compilation of Zokuzōkyō in 1902. The popularity of Zichiji is a symbolic mark for the beginning of an institutionalized Vinaya school in China. A litter earlier than Zichiji, Yunkan's Huizhengji (not extant) was a parallel work circulated in the Northern Song. Yuanzhao and Yunkan demonstrated different interpretations of Daoxuan and the Vinaya. After the Yuan Dynasty, Zichiji, together with other commentaries written by Yuanzhao, did not survive in the continent. It has been preserved in multiple monastic libraries and archives in Japan, such as Otani University library, Seikado Bunko Library, and Kanazawa Library, and brought back to China in the modern period. The preservation of Zichiji bespeaks active Buddhist communication and exchange on the Vinaya between China, Korea, and Japan in the medieval period during the 12th-14th centuries. Exchange among different countries became possible together with the reopening of the maritime trade route interrupted by the end of the Tang and the period of Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms. Zichiji was studied in Japan as one of the foundational commentaries for the Vinaya and thus facilitated the Vinaya revival movement in Kamakura Japan. Yuanzhao, as the author of Zichiji, was commemorated as one of the patriarchs of the Vinaya school. In the modern period, Chinese Vinaya master Hongyi wrote an annotated version of Zichiji, and it has been further edited and published in China.



Date Range: 1078 CE - 1085 CE

Region: Northern Song Dynasty

Region tags: Asia, East Asia

Northern Song

Status of Readership:

✓ Elite ✓ Religious Specialists

Sources and Corpora

Print Sources

Print sources used for understanding this subject:

– Source 1: Daoxuan, Yuanzhao, Hongyi, and Xuecheng. *Si Fen Lü Xing Shi Chao Zi Chi Ji Jiao Shi*. 第1版. ed. Nan Shan Lü Dian Jiao Shi Xi Lie ; 6. Beijing: Zong Jiao Wen Hua Chu Ban She, 2015.

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– Source 1: Asada, Masahiro. *Kairitsu O Shiru Tame No Shōjiten*. 初版. ed. Ryūkoku Daigaku Bukkyō Bunka Kenkyū Sōsho ; 31. Kyōto-shi: Ryūkoku Daigaku Bukkyō Bunka Kenkyūjo, 2014.

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– Source 1: Genryu Yamamoto, A Critique of the Zen Sect based on an Examination of the "Sifenlu Xingshichao Zichiji (『四分律行事鈔資持記』), in JOURNAL OF SŌTŌ STUDIES (SHŪGAKU KENKYŪ), 2006(48), p. 205-210

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– Source 1: Ippei Okamoto, The Huizheng-jia and Zichi-jia in the Vinaya school during the Northern Song Period, Annual report of the Zen Institute, 1999 (10), p. 63-77.

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– Source 1: Xingyi Wang, Dharma in Common: Yuanzhao and the Resurgence of Buddhist Monasticism in Medieval East Asia. Dissertation. Harvard University, 2021.

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Online Sources

Online sources used for understanding this subject:

– Source 1 URL:

<http://buddhaspace.org/dict/fk/data/%25E8%25B3%2587%25E6%258C%2581%25E8%25A8%2598.html>

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Online Corpora

Relevant online Primary Textual Corpora (original languages and/or translations)

– Source 1 URL: <https://cbetaonline.dila.edu.tw/zh/T1805>

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General Variables

Materiality

Methods of Composition

– Printed with moveable type

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Number of sheets

– Bound

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Medium upon which the text is written/incised

– Paper

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Specify type of paper

– Specify: 13th century woodblock print paper made in the Southern Song

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Was the material modified before the writing or incising process?

– Corrections

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Was the text modified before the writing or incising process?

–Other [specify]: This text has been printed in the Southern Song and transmitted to Japan in multiple copies.

Location

Is the text stored in a specific location?

[Note at which point in time, for reference, if known; select all that apply]

– Yes

Notes: Zichiji was canonized in the Shinsan dainihon zokuzōkyō 新纂大日本統藏經. Tōkyō: Kokusho kankōkai. 1975-1989.

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↳ Tomb

– No

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↳ Cemetery

– No

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↳ Temple

– Yes

Notes: The original printed copy of Zichiji is preserved in several Japanese Buddhist monasteries, such as Kosanji, Toji, Todaiji, Sennyuji, and Toshodaiji. Kanazawa bunko also has a collection of Zichiji

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↳ Shrine

– No

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Altar

– Yes

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Devotional marker

– Yes

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Cenotaph

– No

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Church

– No

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Mosque

– No

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Synagogue

– No

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↳ **Triumphal Arch**

– No

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↳ **Monument**

– Yes

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↳ **Mass Gathering Point**

– No

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↳ **Cave(s)**

– No

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↳ **Hilltops**

– No

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↳ **Other natural sanctuaries**

– No

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↳ Boundary markers or lines

– Yes

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↳ Domestic contexts

– No

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↳ Library/archive

– Yes

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Is the location where the text stored accompanied by iconography or images?

– I don't know

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Is the area where the text is stored accompanied by an-iconic images?

– Yes

Notes: The text might have ritualistic use together with the portrait of Yuanzhao and Daoxuan in specific gatherings in the monasteries.

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↳ Alpha-numeric symbolism?

– No

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↳ Use of geometric/abstract designs?

– No

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↳ Floral or other natural imagery?

– No

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Production & Intended Audience

Production

Is the production of the text funded by the polity?

– No

Notes: The composition of the work is not sponsored by the imperial court, however, in the 12th century, it gained authority by receiving the endorsement from the emperor Song Lizong (1205-1264)

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Is the text considered official religious scripture?

– Yes

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↳ Is there a culture of oral recitation?

– Field doesn't know

Notes: This text contains monastic rituals that can be used in the context of Buddhist monasteries.

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↳ Is there a story associated with the origins of scripture?

– No

Notes: As a sub-commentary of Daoxuan's original Xingshichao, it is considered one of the two most popular and authoritative commentaries produced in the Northern Song. The other one is Yunkan's 允堪 Sifenlu xingshichao huizhengji 四分律行事鈔會正記, which did not survive.

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↳ Are the scriptures alterable?

– No

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↳ Are there formal institutions (i.e. institutions that are authorized by the religious community or political leaders) for interpreting scriptures?

– Yes

Notes: Since this is already a sub-commentary, there is no further commentary on this work. However, later Vinaya master did compose interpretative essays to summarize the essential part of Zichiji, such as Shouyi 守一 and Miaolian's 妙蓮 works.

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↳ Can interpretation also take place outside these institutions?

– Yes

Notes: The other popular sub-commentary was Yunkan's Huizhengji, which indicated that in the Northern Song, Zichiji was not the only authoritative interpretation of Daoxuan's Xingshichao. As Yuanzhao illustrated in his writing, there are several other commentarial traditions that coexisted in the Northern Song. However, other sub-commentaries of Xingshichao did not acquire the form of an institutional organization recognized as Nanshan Vinaya School.

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↳ Interpretation is only allowed by official sanctioned figures?

– No

Notes: As a scholastic monastic commentarial tradition, the influence of the

government is manifested in the qualification of receiving the ordination but not in terms of interpreting the text.

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↳ Are there common disagreements? (such as two or more different schools of interpretation?)

– Yes

Notes: Yuanzhao's disciples Shouyi 守一 and Miaolian 妙蓮 have different interpretations of main topics of Zichiji.

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↳ Are there methods of permanently tabling or resolving debates amongst groups of interpreters?

– No

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↳ Is there a select group of people trained in transmitting the scriptures?

– Yes

Notes: For the highly technical language of the commentary, it is assumed that only a small number of specially trained Vinaya masters had full access to the text and can preach the content.

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↳ Is the select group of people defined by any specific gender designation?

– No

Notes: The majority of Vinaya masters in this tradition are male, but it does not mean female monastics are completely excluded from the tradition.

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↳ Is the select group of people defined by any age designation?

– Yes

Notes: Qualified Vinaya masters should be fully ordained Buddhist monastics and should hold good monastic record for over ten years.

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↳ Is the select group of people defined by any form of linguistic designation?

– No

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↳ Is there a codified canon of scriptures?

– Yes

Notes: Canonized in modern time Shinsan dainihon zokuzōkyō 新纂大日本統藏經. Tōkyō: Kokusho kankōkai. 1975-1989. But in the premodern period, the text has been constantly reprinted and studied.

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↳ Can the canon be altered or added to?

– No

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↳ Are additional commentaries part of the canon as it is currently understood?

– Yes

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Written in distinctly religious/sacred language?

– Yes

Notes: Written in classic Chinese, with passages cited from original Vinaya texts and commentaries

translated into Chinese.

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↳ Archaic ritual language?

– Yes

Notes: there are ritual processes that are quoted from translated Chinese texts from Sanskrit.

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↳ Considered endogenous by the group itself?

– No

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↳ Considered exogenous by the group itself?

– No

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↳ Blended languages/creolizations/specific dialects?

– No

↳ Possess its own distinct written language?

– No

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↳ If known: which authority (authorities) describe(s) the language as sacred?

[Select all that apply]

– Institutions

Notes: the original Vinaya texts are considered authoritative by Buddhist communities.

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↳ Are non-religious institutions involved with the support of teaching religious language(s) for this text?

– No

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↳ Are non-religious written languages used by the group's adherents to support religious study of text?

– No

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↳ Are oral traditions used to support the religious study of the text?

– No

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Intended Audience

What is the estimated number of people considered to be the audience of the text

This should be the total number of people who would serve as the intended audience for the text.

– I don't know

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Does the Religious group actively proselytize and recruit new members?

– Yes

Notes: One effective way of missionary work related the Vinaya school was the conferral of the bodhisattva precepts for both monastics and commoners. Eison's 叡尊 religious group is the most well-known in this practice.

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↳ Is proselytizing mandated according to the text?

– No

Notes: Missionary work is encouraged but not a necessity.

↳ Is proselytizing encouraged according to the text?

– Yes

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↳ Is proselytizing encouraged by the text for religious professionals?

– Yes

↳ Is proselytizing encouraged by the text for all adherents?

– No

↳ Is missionary work encouraged by the text for religious professionals?

– Yes

↳ Is missionary work encouraged by the text for all adherents?

– No

↳ Are there specific rewards for proselytizing according to the text?

– No

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↳ Is proselytizing by coercion acceptable according to the text?

– No

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↳ Is textual justification for proselytizing part of the norm in the religious group?

– No

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↳ Is the text silent on matters of proselytization?

– No

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↳ Is proselytizing forbidden or restricted by the text?

– No

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Are there clear reformist movements?

(Reformism, as in not proselytizing to potential new conservative, but "conversion" - or rather, reform - to the "correct interpretation"?)

– Yes

Notes: Zichiji is one of the central texts for the Vinaya and precepts revival movement in the Song China and Kamakura period of Japan.

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Is the text in question employed in ritual practice?

– Yes

Notes: Zichiji contains monastic rituals covering all aspects of Buddhist monastic life, such as the ordination ritual, repentance ritual, annual summer retreat, and so on.

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↳ Is it orally recited?

– Yes

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↳ Is there any particular affect of the oral recitation of the text?

– Yes

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↳ Is there any particular affect on the audience of the recitation?

– Yes

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↳ Does the affect involve unlocking hidden knowledge?

– No

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↳ On the reciter?

– Yes

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↳ Does the affect involve unlocking hidden knowledge?

– No

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↳ Is it read?

– Yes

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↳ Is there any particular affect on the reader of the text?

– Yes

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↳ Does the affect involve unlocking hidden knowledge?

– No

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↳ Is there any particular affect on the audience of the recitation?

– Yes

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↳ Does the affect involve unlocking hidden knowledge?

– No

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↳ Describe the nature of the ritual practice?

– Specify: orination ritual, repentance ritual, funeral ritual and etc.

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↳ Is the text employed in large scale rituals?

– Yes

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↳ On average, how many participants are present?

– Number of participants: 20

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↳ Is the text employed in small scale rituals?

– Yes

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↳ On average, how many participants are present?

– Number of participants: 2

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↳ How often do the rituals take place?

– Specify: bimonth repentance ritual regularly for monastics

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↳ Are there orthodoxy checks?

– Yes

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↳ Are there orthopraxy checks?

– Yes

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↳ Are there synchronic practices?

– Field doesn't know

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↳ Are there intoxicants used during the ritual?

– No

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↳ Are there other substances (such as food or drink, for example) that are consumed during rituals?

– No

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Is there material significance to the text?

– Yes

Notes: As for the material significance of the text, Zichiji has been copied and transmitted in woodblock prints. The printing notes inserted in Zichiji indicated wide patronage of commoners and monastic for the printing career. The printing copies were carried back to Japan multiple times and only preserved in Japan after the Southern Song In the Vinaya tradition, objects are particularly important. Chapters 30 to 35 of Zichiji focus on various objects used in Buddhist monasteries. The monastic robe is arguably the most important object for monastics. Yuanzhao also wrote a short piece for the objects possessed by monastics, called Fozhi biqiu liuqutu 佛製比丘六物圖。

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↳ Is it visible?

– Yes

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↳ Is it hidden?

– No

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↳ Can it be touched?

– Yes

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↳ Does touching the text during ritual have a specific function?

– No

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↳ Does the material significance have an esoteric function?

– No

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↳ Does the text serve a protective function?

– No

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↳ Does the text serve a healing function?

– No

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↳ Does the text serve a cleansing function?

– Yes

Notes: It contains passages about how to cleanse a ritual space by setting ritual boundaries. Also in Buddhism, the repentance ritual is considered an important practice for cleansing one's karmic sins.

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↳ Does the text serve as a form of expiation?

– Yes

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↳ Does the text serve as an incantation?

– No

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↳ Has the materiality of the text been altered?

– Yes

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↳ Specify

–Specify: the text has been reprinted in Edo period and thus cannonized in modern time

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↳ Are there debates about whether or not altering the materiality of the text is acceptable?

– No

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↳ Other important aspects of materiality with regard to the text?

– No

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↳ Are there material substance that commonly accompany the text?

Please specify the substances in the sub-questions

– No

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Context and Content of the Text (Beliefs and Practices)

Context

Is the text itself accompanied by art?

– No

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Are there multiple versions of the text?

– No

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Is the text part of a collection of texts?

– Yes

Notes: Zichiji is one of the three sub-commentaries for Daoxuan's original commentaries. The other two are titled Sifenlü hanzhu jiebenshu xingzongji 四分律含注戒本疏行宗記. X39, no. 0714 and Sifenlü shanbu sui ji jimo shu jiyuanji 四分律刪補隨機羯磨疏濟緣記. X41, no. 0728.

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↳ Is there a sense of canonization?

– Yes

Notes: Canonization was recorded to be permitted by the Southern Song Emperor Lizong. However, there is no canonized text found in all extent Buddhist canon. The known canonization took place in the modern period.

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↳ How is the authority established?

– Yes

Notes: the authority of Zichiji has two sources, one is that it is a sub-commentary of Xingshichao, the foundational commentary of the Vinaya; the second is from the Vinaya texts it comments on.

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↳ Can the canon be altered or added to?

– No

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↳ Have major debates shifted the sense of the place of the text with respect to the larger canon?

– Yes

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↳ Is the text part of a series of volumes?

– No

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If the text is not explicitly scripture, is it part of another important literary tradition?

– Yes

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↳ Cultural with religious implications?

– Yes

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↳ Behavioral literature?

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↳ Other

– Other [specify]: commentary traditon of the Buddhist Vinaya

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Content

Is the text - or does the text include - a ritual list, manual, bibliography, index, or vocabulary?
(Select all that apply)

– Ritual list

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Are there lineages or a single lineage established by the text?

– Yes

Notes: The Nanshan Vinaya school is established based on the commentarial tradition founded by Daoxuan in the Tang and was institutionalized in the Song.

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↳ Does the lineage involve establish a chain of authority?

– Yes

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↳ Is the lineage defined by concrete cycles or measures of time?

– No

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↳ How is the lineage established?

– Student-Teacher Relationship

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Does the text express a formal legal code?

– Yes

Notes: The commentary provides an authoritative interpretation of the Vinaya prescription.

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↳ Are there formal institutions merged with the state or polity of the religious group?

– No

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Formulating a specifically religious calendar?

– Yes

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↳ What is the arrangement of the calendar? [Select all that apply]

– Lunar?

Notes: The calendar is arranged in a lunar calendar.

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↳ Does the calendar specifically dictate acceptable times for certain activities?

– Yes

Notes: all monastic activities such as ordination, repentance, summer retreat are prescribed a specific time in Zichiji.

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↳ Planting?

– No

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↳ Water management? (such as opening or closing dams/dykes)

– No

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↳ Harvest?

– No

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↳ Naming ceremonies (for toddlers)?

– No

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↳ "First haircuts" (pre-teen)

– Yes

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↳ Ceremonies marking puberty/entry into adulthood?

– No

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↳ Marriage?

– No

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↳ House construction (often a metaphor for marriage)?

– No

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↳ Divorce?

– No

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↳ Warfare?

– No

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↳ Funerary services?

– Yes

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↳ Trade/commerce?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:
Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE
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↳ Festivals?

– Yes

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↳ Frequency of festivals?

– Specify: once a year

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↳ Do all members of the society participate in the festival(s)?

– All members

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↳ On average, how many participants are gathered at festivals?

– number: 10

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↳ Is feasting part of the festival(s)?

– No

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↳ Pilgramages?

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Feasting?

– No

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Beliefs

Is a spirit-body distinction present in the text?

– No

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Is belief in an afterlife indicated in the text?

– Yes

Notes: the belief in the afterlife conforms to the typical Buddhist notion of six paths of existence and the possibility of gaining rebirth in another Buddha land

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↳ Is the spatial location of the afterlife specified or described by the religious group?

– Yes

Notes: in the form of beings in the six paths, or rebirth in another Buddha land.

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↳ Afterlife in specified realm of space beyond this world?

– Yes

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↳ Afterlife in vaguely defined "above" space?

– No

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↳ Afterlife in vaguely defined "below" space?

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Afterlife in "other" space?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Is the temporality of the afterlife specified or described by the religious group?

– Yes

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↳

↳ Is there debate in the interpretation of the language of the afterlife?

– No

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Is belief in reincarnation in this world specified in the text?

– Yes

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↳ In human form?

– Yes

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↳ In animal/plant form?

– Yes

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↳ In form of an inanimate object(s)?

– No

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↳ In non-individual form (i.e. some form of corporate rebirth, tribe, lineage, etc.)?

– No

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↳ Reincarnation linked to notion of life-transcending causality (e.g. karma)?

– Yes

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↳ Other form of reincarnation in this world?

– Yes

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↳ In textual exegesis among practitioners are there debates about reincarnation?

– No

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Are there special treatments for adherents' corpses dicated in the text?

– Yes

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↳ Cremation?

– Yes

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↳ Mummification?

– No

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↳ Interment?

– No

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↳ Cannibalism?

– No

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↳ Exposure to elements (e.g. air drying)?

– No

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↳ Feeding to animals?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:
Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE
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↳ Secondary burial?

– Yes

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↳ Re-treatment of corpse?

– No

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↳ Are there specific designations for parts of corpses?

– No

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↳ Could parts of corpses become transformed into partial bodily relics?

– Yes

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↳ Other intensive (in terms of time or resources expended) treatment of corpse?

– No

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Does the text indicate if co-sacrifices should be present in burials?

– No

Specific to this answer:

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Does the text specify grave goods for burial?

– No

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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Are formal burials present in the text?

– No

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Are there practices that have funerary associations presented in the text?

– Yes

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↳ Do these practices take place at tombs/burial sites?

– Yes

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↳ Do these practices take place for the veneration OR worship of the dead?

– Yes

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↳ For the worship of a deceased person(s)?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ For the worship of a deified human?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ For the worship of a deceased hero?

– No

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↳ For the veneration of a deceased person(s)?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ For the veneration of a deified human?

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ For the veneration of a deceased hero?

– No

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Are supernatural beings present in the text?

– Yes

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↳ A supreme high-god is present

– Yes

Notes: Many rituals such as the ordination ritual contain parts of inviting Buddhas and bodhisattvas to descend as witnesses.

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↳ The supreme high god is anthropomorphic or described in anthropomorphic terms

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ The supreme high god is a sky deity

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ The supreme high god is chthonic (of the underworld)

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ The supreme high god is fused with the monarch (king=high god)

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ The monarch is seen as a manifestation or emanation of the high god

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ The supreme high god is a kin relation to elites

– Yes

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↳ The supreme high god has another type of loyalty-connection to elites

– No

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ The supreme high god is unquestionably good

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ Other features of the supreme high god

– Specify: perfect virtue, wisdom

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ The supreme high god has knowledge of this world

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Knowledge is restricted to a particular domain of human affairs

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Knowledge is restricted to (a) specific area(s) within the sample region

– No

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↳ Knowledge is unrestricted within the sample region

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ Knowledge is unrestricted outside of sample region

– Yes

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↳ Can see you everywhere normally visible (in public)

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

Region: Northern Song

↳ Can see you everywhere (in the dark, at home)

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

Region: Northern Song

↳ Can see inside heart/mind (hidden motives)

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

Region: Northern Song

↳ Knows basic character (personal essence)

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Knows what will happen to you, what you will do (future sight)

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ Has other knowledge of this world

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

Region: Northern Song

↳ Has deliberate causal efficacy in the world

– Yes

Specific to this answer:
Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE
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↳ Can reward

– No

Specific to this answer:
Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE
Region: Northern Song

↳ Can punish

– No

Specific to this answer:
Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE
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↳ Indirect causal efficacy in the world

– Yes

Specific to this answer:
Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE
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↳ Exhibits positive emotion

– Yes

Specific to this answer:
Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE
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↳ Exhibits negative emotion

– No

Specific to this answer:
Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE
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↳ Possesses Hunger?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ Can be hurt?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ Can be tricked?

– No

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ Can be imprisoned?

– No

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↳ Is it permissible to worship supernatural being other than the high god?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ The supreme high god possesses/exhibits some other feature

– Specify: make prophet, make monastic rules

Specific to this answer:

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↳ The supreme high god communicates with the living

– Yes

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↳ In waking, everyday life

— Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ In dreams

— Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ In trance possession

— No

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↳ Through divination practices

— Yes

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↳ Only through religious specialists

— No

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↳ Only through monarch

— No

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↳ Other form of communication with living

– Yes

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↳ Does the text make communication with supreme high-god possible?

– Yes

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↳ Can the audience communicate directly to gods through the text?

– No

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↳ Can the audience communicate through supernatural intermediaries to the high-god, as a result of the text?

– No

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↳ Are there notions of inspiration or inspired knowledge?

– Yes

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↳ Are there rituals required to attain inspired knowledge?

– No

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↳ What concepts of inspiration exist? (e.g. clairvoyance, insights, vision of the divine world, awareness of divine omnipresent agency or omnipotence, sign or vision beyond the five senses).

– No

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Previously human spirits are present

– No

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Non-human supernatural beings are present

– Yes

Notes: Buddha, bodhisattva, and local gods are present invited to witness the ritual as if they are present. Buddhist statues and images are required to be treated as if they are Buddha and bodhisattva.

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↳ Supernatural beings can be seen

– No

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↳ Supernatural beings can be physically felt

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Non-human supernatural beings have knowledge of this world

– Yes

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↳ Have other knowledge of this world

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Non-human supernatural beings have deliberate causal efficacy in the world

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Supernatural beings can reward

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

Region: Northern Song

↳ Supernatural beings can punish

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Non-human supernatural beings communicate with the living according to the text?

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ These supernatural beings have indirect causal efficacy in the world

– I don't know

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ These supernatural beings exhibit positive emotion

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

Region: Northern Song

↳ These supernatural beings exhibit negative emotion

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

Region: Northern Song

↳ These supernatural beings possess hunger

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ These supernatural beings possess/exhibit some other feature

– Specify: control weather, hell

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Does the text attest to a pantheon of supernatural beings?

– Yes

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↳ Organized by kinship based on a family model?

– No

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↳ Organized hierarchically?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Power of beings is domain specific?

– Yes

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↳ Other organization of pantheon?

– Specify: heavenly beings and local deities might be included

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Are mixed human-divine beings present according to the text?

– No

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Is there a supernatural being that is physically present in the/as a result of the text?

– No

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Are other categories of beings present?

– Mysterious?

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Does the text guide divination practices?

– No

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Supernatural Monitoring

Is supernatural monitoring present in the text?

– No

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Do supernatural beings mete out punishment in the text?

– No

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Do supernatural beings bestow rewards in the text?

– Yes

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↳ Is the cause/purpose of supernatural rewards known?

– Yes

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↳ Done only by high god

– Yes

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↳ Done by many supernatural beings

– No

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↳ Done through impersonal cause-effect principle

– Yes

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↳ Done to enforce religious ritual-devotional adherence

– Yes

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↳ Done to enforce group norms?

– Yes

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↳ Done to inhibit selfishness?
– Yes

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↳ Done randomly
– No

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↳ Supernatural rewards are bestowed out in the afterlife?
– Yes

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↳ Highly emphasized by the religious group?
– Yes

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↳ Reward in the afterlife consists of mild sensory pleasure?
– Yes

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↳ Consists of extreme sensory pleasure?
– No

Specific to this answer:

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Region: Northern Song

↳ Consists of eternal happiness?

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Consists of reincarnation as a superior life form?

– Yes

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↳ Consists of reincarnation in a superior realm?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Other?

– I don't know

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Supernatural rewards are bestowed out in this lifetime?

– No

Specific to this answer:

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Messianism/Eschatology

Are messianic beliefs present in the text?

– No

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Is an eschatology present in the text?

– Yes

Notes: The afterlife belief in Zichiji is combined with Amitabha's Pure Land belief in Yuanzhao's writing. As Pure Land belief was pervasive in Yuanzhao's time, particularly in the final dharma period, Zichiji intentionally emphasizes the importance of seeking rebirth in the Pure Land.

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↳ Eschaton is in this lifetime

– No

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↳ At specified time in future

– Yes

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↳ At unspecified time in near future

– No

Specific to this answer:

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Region: Northern Song

↳ At unspecified time in distant future

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ At some other time [specify]

– Yes

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↳ Adherents need to perform specific tasks to bring about World's end

– Yes

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↳ Divine judgment event

– No

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↳ Restoration of the world

– Yes

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↳ Start of a new temporal cycle

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Establishment of new political system

– I don't know

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↳ Establishment of new religious system

– No

Specific to this answer:

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Other form of eschatology?

– Specify: none

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Will anyone survive the eschaton?

– I don't know

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Norms & Moral Realism

Are general social norms prescribed by the text?

– Yes

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Is there a conventional vs. moral distinction in the religious text?

– Yes

Notes: The conventional information is about the specific situation in China and in the Song and the moral aspect is attributed to the original Vinaya texts.

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What is the nature of this distinction?

– Present & clear

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↳ Are specifically moral norms prescribed by the text?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Specifically moral norms are implicitly linked to vague metaphysical concepts

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Moral norms are explicitly linked to vague metaphysical entities

– Yes

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↳ Linked to impersonal cosmic order (e.g. karma)

– Yes

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↳ Linked in some way to an anthropomorphic being

– Yes

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↳ Specifically moral norms are linked explicitly to commands of anthropomorphic being

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Specifically moral norms are have no (sic: have no?) special connection to the metaphysical

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Moral norms apply to (select all that apply)

– Only specialized religious class

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Are there centrally important virtues advocated by the text?

– Yes

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↳ Honesty/trustworthiness/integrity

– Yes

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↳ Courage (in battle)

– No

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↳ Courage (generic)

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Compassion/empathy/kindness/benevolence

– Yes

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↳ Mercy/forgiveness/tolerance

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Generosity/charity

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Selflessness/selfless giving

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Righteousness/moral rectitude

– Yes

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↳ Ritual purity/ritual adherence/abstention from sources of impurity

– Yes

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↳ Respectfulness/courtesy

– Yes

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↳ Familial obedience/filial piety

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Fidelity/loyalty

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Cooperation

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Independence/creativity/freedom

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Moderation/frugality

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

Date Range: 1078 CE - 1271 CE

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↳ Forbearance/fortitude/patience

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Diligence/self-discipline/excellence

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Assertiveness/decisiveness/confidence/initiative

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Strength (physical)

– No

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↳ Power/status/nobility

– No

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Humility/modesty

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Contentment/serenity/equanimity

– Yes

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↳ Joyfulness/enthusiasm/cheerfulness

– No

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↳ Optimism/hope

– No

Specific to this answer:
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↳ Gratitude/thankfulness

– Yes

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↳ Reverence/awe/wonder

– Yes

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↳ Faith/belief/trust/devotion

– Yes

Specific to this answer:
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↳ Wisdom/understanding

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Discernment/intelligence

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Beauty/attractiveness

– No

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↳ Cleanliness (physical)/orderliness

– No

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↳ Other important virtues

– Yes

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Advocacy of Practices

Does the text require celibacy (full sexual abstinence)?

– Yes

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Does the text require constraints on sexual activity (partial sexual abstinence)?

– No

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Does the text require castration?

– No

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Does the text require fasting?

– No

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Does the text require forgone food opportunities (taboos on desired foods)?

– Yes

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Does the text require permanent scarring or painful bodily alterations?

– No

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Does the text require painful physical positions or transitory painful wounds?

– No

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Does the text require sacrifice of adults?

– No

Specific to this answer:

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Does the text require sacrifice of children?

– No

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Does the text require self-sacrifice (suicide)?

– No

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Does the text require sacrifice of property/valuable items?

– No

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Does the text require sacrifice of time (e.g. attendance at meetings or services, regular prayer, etc.)?

– Yes

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Does the text require physical risk taking?

– No

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Does the text require accepting ethical precepts?

– Yes

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Does the text require marginalization by out-group members?

– No

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Does the text require participation in small-scale rituals (private, household)?

– No

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Does the text require participation in large-scale rituals?

– Yes

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On average, how many participants gather in one location?

– I don't know

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Interval of time between performances (in hours)

– I don't know

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Are there orthodoxy checks?

– I don't know

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↳ Are there orthopraxy checks?

– I don't know

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↳ Does participation entail synchronic practices?

– Yes

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↳ Is there use of intoxicants?

– No

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Are extra-ritual in-group markers present as indicated in the text?

– No

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Does the text employ fictive kinship terminology?

– Yes

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↳ Fictive kinship terminology is universal?

– Yes

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↳ Fictive kinship terminology is widespread?

– Yes

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↳ Fictive kinship terminology employed but uncommon?

– No

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Does the text include elements that are intended to be entertaining?

– No

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Does the text specify sacrifices, offerings, and maintenance of a sacred space?

– Yes

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↳ Are sacrifices specified by the text?

– No

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↳ Are there self-sacrifices specified by the text?

– No

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↳ Are there material offerings present?

– No

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↳ Is attendance to worship/sacrifice mandatory?

– Yes

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↳ By the community?

– Yes

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↳ By specific individuals?

– No

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↳ Is the maintenance of the place regulated by the text?

– Yes

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↳ Is it required?

– Yes

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↳ Is there cleansing (for the maintenance)?

– Yes

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↳ Are there periodic repairs/reconstructions?

– Yes

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↳ Is the maintenance performed by permanent staff?

– Yes

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↳ Other?

– Specify: setting boundaries and purification of the ritual space

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Institutions & Production Environment of Text

Society & Institutions

Society of religious group that produced the text is best characterized as:

– A Segmentary Lineage

Notes: Nanshan Vinaya school, with a lineage, traced back to Buddha, and Daoxuan as its founder.

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Are there specific elements of society that have controlled the reproduction of the text?

– A Segmentary Lineage

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Are there specific elements of society involved with the destruction of the text?

– An empire

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Welfare

Does the text specify institutionalized famine relief?

– No

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Does the text specify institutionalized poverty relief?

– No

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Does the text specify institutionalized care for elderly & infirm?

– Yes

Notes: Chapter 26 is about taking care of the sick and terminal care.

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Other forms of welfare?

– No

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Education

Are there formal educational institutions available for teaching the text?

– No

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Are there formal educational institutions specified according to the text?

– No

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Does the text make provisions for non-religious education?

– No

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Does the text restrict education to religious professionals?

– Yes

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Does the text restrict education among religious professionals?

– Yes

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Is education gendered according to the text?

– Yes

Notes: The prescription of behavior codes for Buddhist monks and nuns share a great part, but Chapter 29 is written specifically for Buddhist nuns.

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Is education gendered with respect to this text and larger textual tradition?

– Yes

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Does the text specify teaching relationships or ratios? (i.e.: 1:20; 1:1)

– No

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Are there specific relationships to teachers that are advocated by the text?

– Yes

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Are there worldly rewards/benefits to education according to the text specified by the text itself?

– No

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Bureaucracy

Is bureaucracy regulated by this text?

– Yes

Notes: Zichiji contains a detailed prescription on the division of labor in the monastery.

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Does the text regulate bureaucracy permanently?

– Yes

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↳ Does the text regulate bureaucracy temporarily/seasonally?

– Yes

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↳ Does the text dictate how the group's adherents interact with a formal bureaucracy within their group?

– Yes

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↳ Does the text dictate how individuals interact with other institutional bureaucracies?

– Yes

Specific to this answer:

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↳ Does the text regulate the primary supporting income of the place?

– Yes

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↳ Does the text provide for provisions to lease out land?

– No

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↳ Does the text provide for provisions to lease out tools?

– Yes

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Public Works

Does the text detail interaction with public works?

– No

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Taxation

Does the text specify forms of taxation?

– No

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Warfare

Does the text mention warfare?

– No

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Food Production

Does the text mentioned food production/disbursement?

– No

Notes: Buddhist communities are expected to receive food as alms from followers. Chapter 38 is on the etiquette of attending social gatherings with laypersons.

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