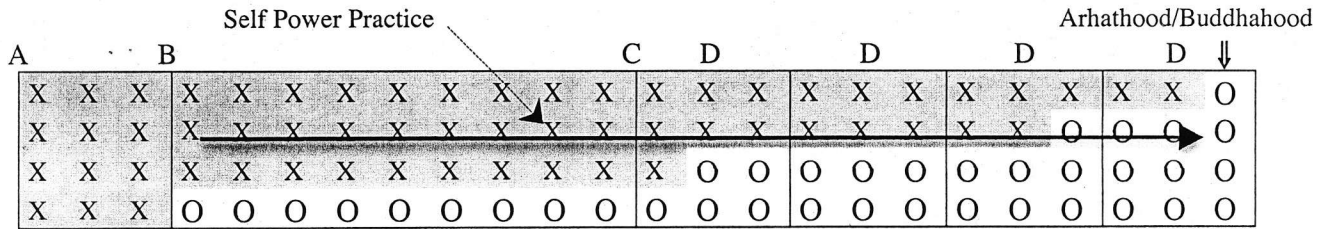


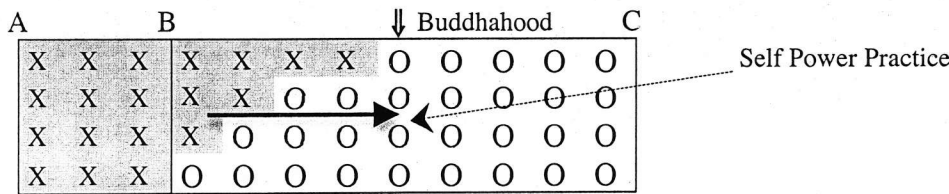
Shinran's View of the Four Types of Buddhism

(Collected Works of Shinran, pp.107-108, 587-588)

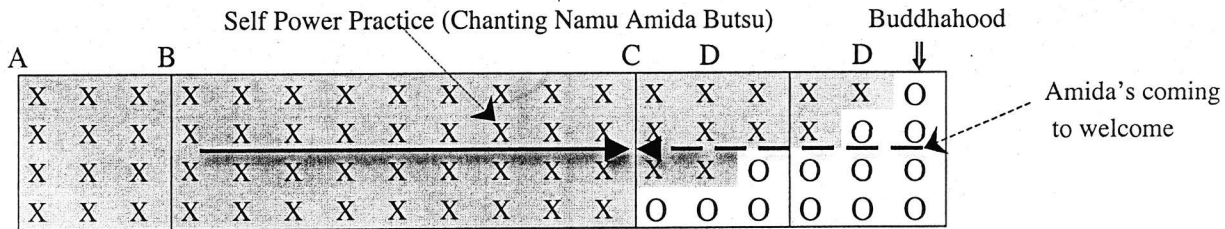
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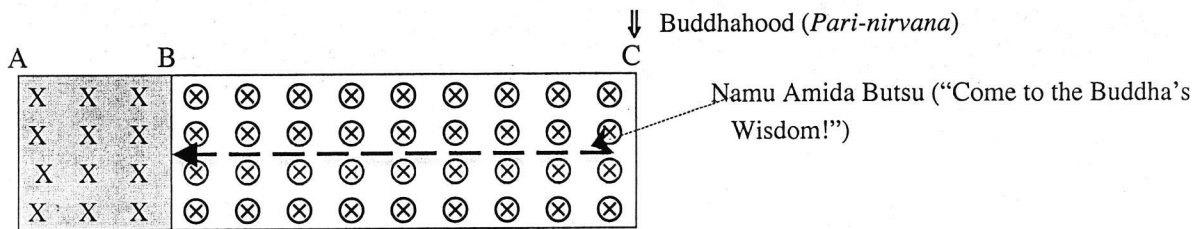
II. Path of Sages (Self Power): Zen, Shingon (Esotericism), Tendai, and Kegon



III. Pure Land (Other Power): "Jodo-shu," a teaching that is based on the Contemplation Sutra. (Honen's teaching as understood by other disciples)



IV. Pure Land (Other Power): "Shin Buddhism," a teaching that is based on the Larger Sutra. (Honen's teaching as understood by Shinran)



Notes:

A: Birth, B: Beginning of Buddhism, C: Physical death, D: Life after death, X: Blind passions, O: Purity (absence of passions), ⊗: Passions transformed into virtues

Two Verses from "Hymns of the Pure Land Masters" (Collected Works of Shinran, p. 371)

Through the benefit of the unhindered light,
We realize shinjin of vast, majestic virtues,
And the ice of our blind passions necessarily
melts,
Immediately becoming water of enlightenment.

Obstructions of karmic evil turn into virtues;
It is like the relation of ice and water;
The more the ice, the more the water;
The more the obstructions, the more the virtues.