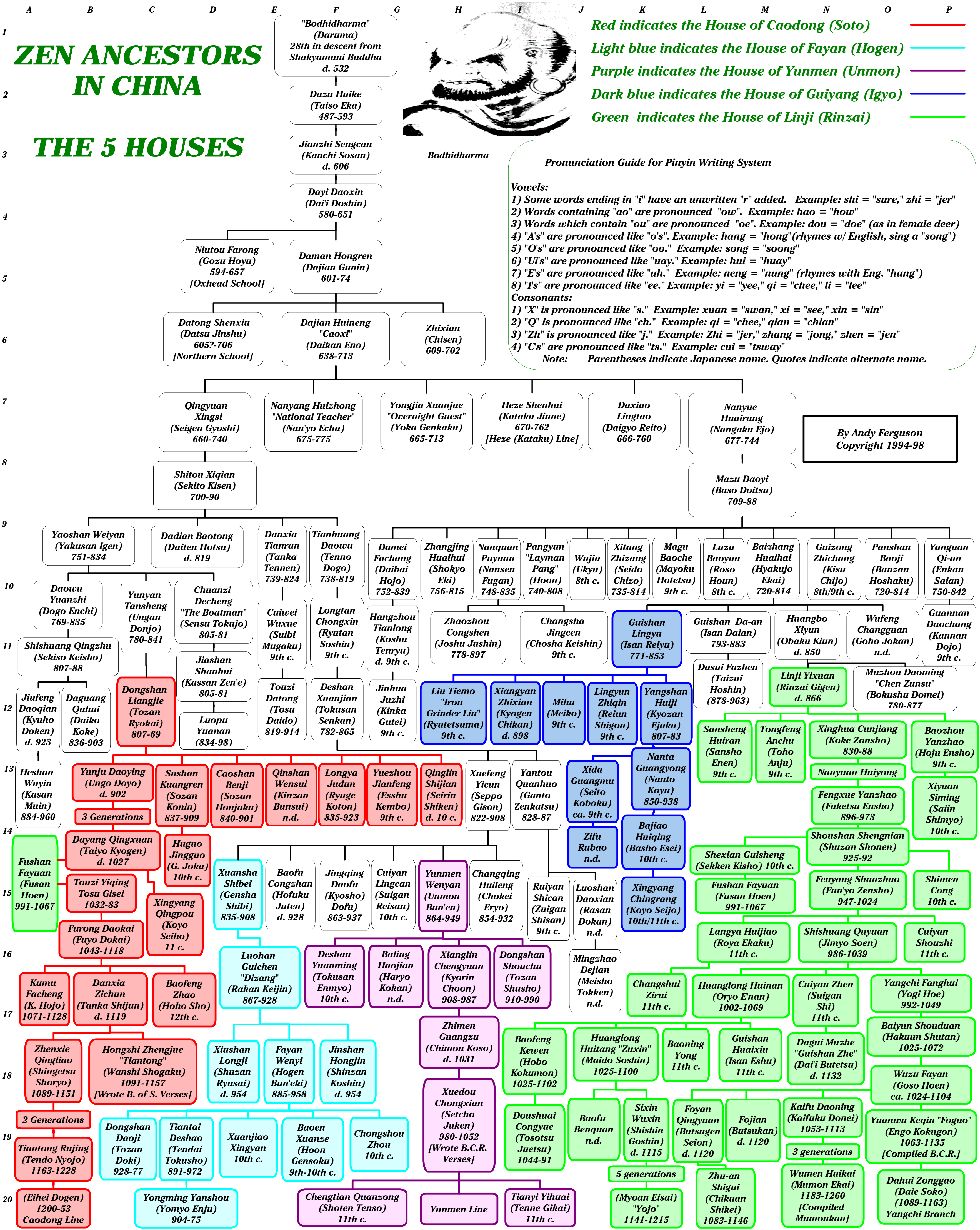


# ZEN ANCESTORS IN CHINA

## THE 5 HOUSES



Bodhidharma

**Pronunciation Guide for Pinyin Writing System**

**Vowels:**

- 1) Some words ending in "i" have an unwritten "r" added. Example: shi = "sure," zhi = "jer"
- 2) Words containing "ao" are pronounced "ow". Example: hao = "how"
- 3) Words which contain "ou" are pronounced "oe". Example: dou = "doe" (as in female deer)
- 4) "A's" are pronounced like "o's". Example: hang = "hong" (rhymes w/ English, sing a "song")
- 5) "O's" are pronounced like "oo." Example: song = "soong"
- 6) "U's" are pronounced like "uay." Example: hui = "huay"
- 7) "E's" are pronounced like "uh." Example: neng = "nung" (rhymes with Eng. "hung")
- 8) "Ts" are pronounced like "ee." Example: yi = "yee," qi = "chee," li = "lee"

**Consonants:**

- 1) "X" is pronounced like "s." Example: xuan = "swan," xi = "see," xin = "sin"
- 2) "Q" is pronounced like "ch." Example: qi = "chee," qian = "chian"
- 3) "Zh" is pronounced like "j." Example: zhi = "jer," zhang = "jong," zhen = "jen"
- 4) "C's" are pronounced like "ts." Example: cui = "tsway"

Note: Parentheses indicate Japanese name. Quotes indicate alternate name.

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