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Christianity, Cults & Religion

Purpose –

- To strengthen our foundation as Christians
 - Know what others believe
 - Know what their beliefs are founded on
 - Compare those beliefs and foundations with Christianity
- To be better prepared in evangelism

Overview

Week 2

Religion Adherents

Distribution of World Religions Map

Buddhism

Religion Adherents

Christianity: 2.1 billion

Islam: 1.5 billion

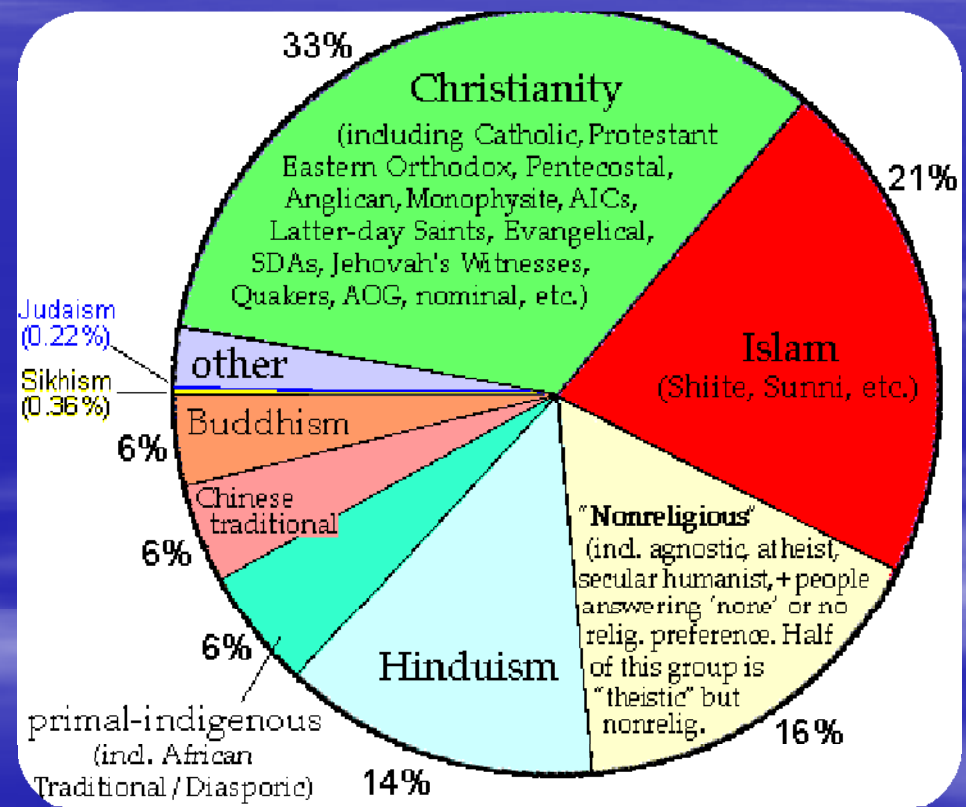
Hinduism: 900 million

Buddhism: 376 million

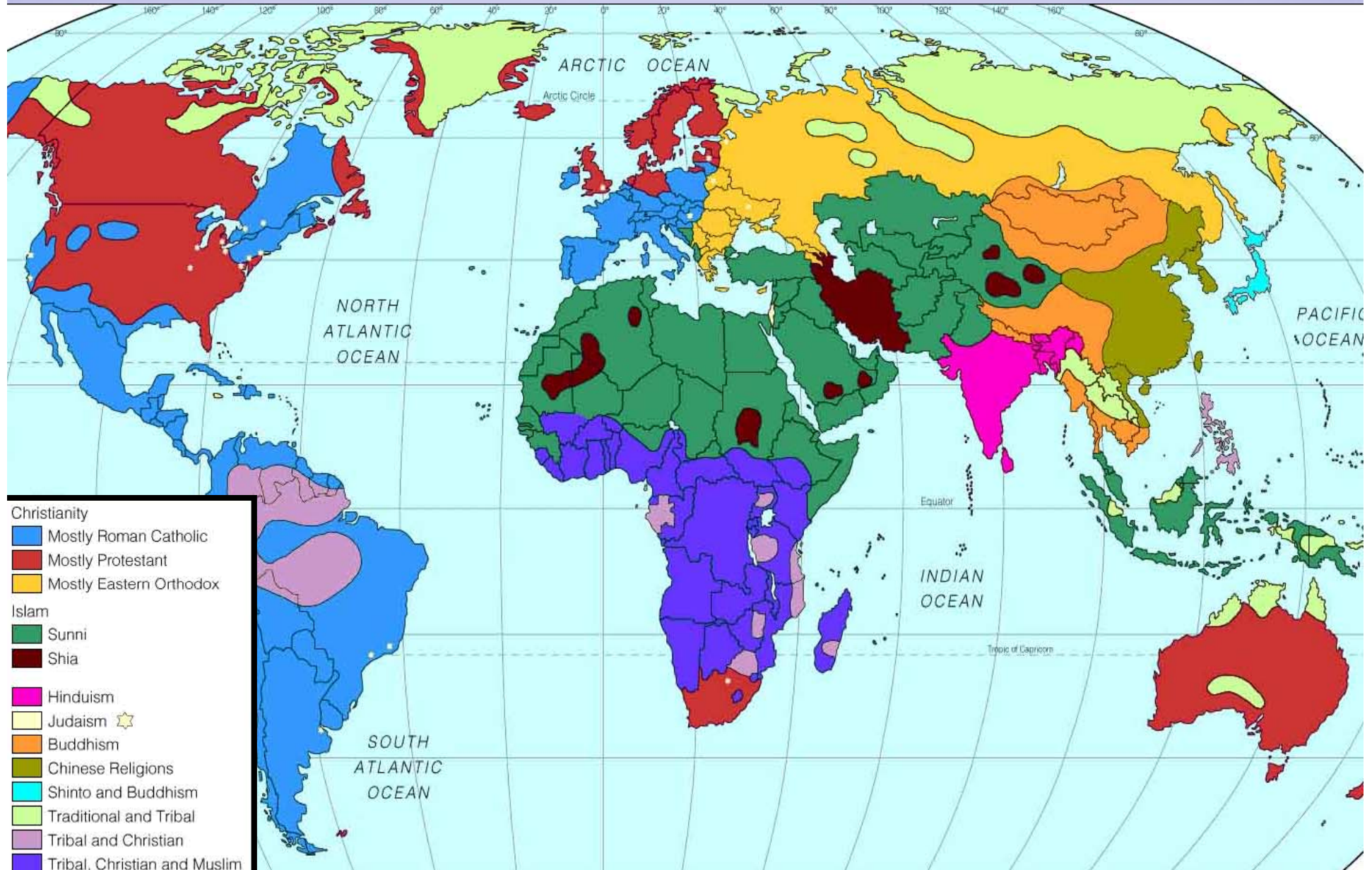
Judaism: 14 million

Nonreligious: 1.1 billion

www.adherents.com



Distribution of World Religions



BUDDHISM

FOUNDER

- Gautama Siddhartha (563-483),
a.k.a. the Buddah (“Enlightened One”).



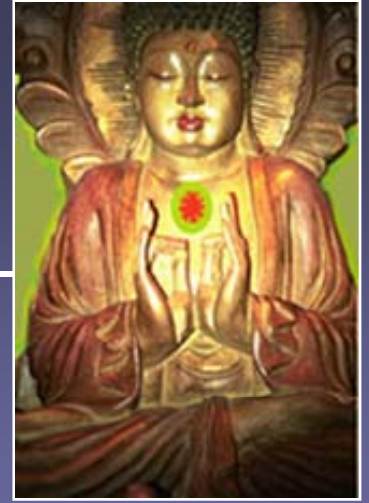
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LOCATION

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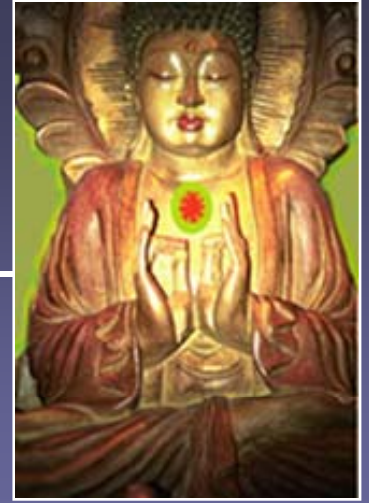


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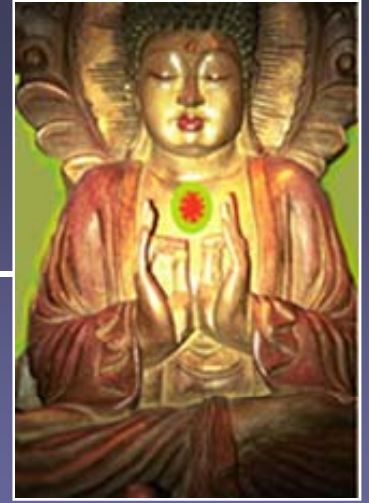
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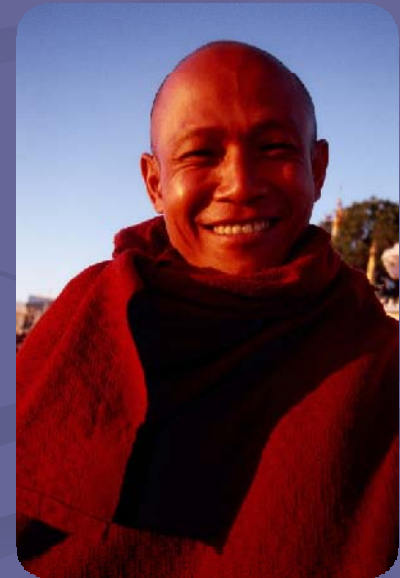
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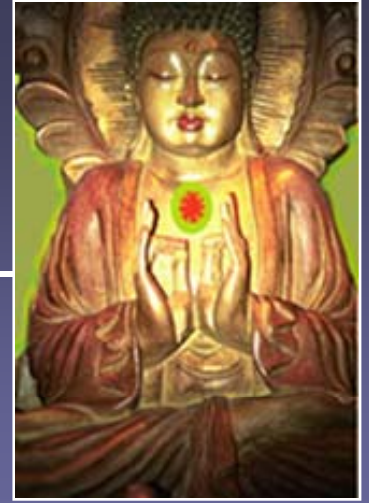
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1. A Hunched Over Man
2. A Sick Man
3. A Funeral Procession
4. A Monk Begging For Food



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Period of Enquiry 534 – 528 BC

At the age of 29 Sid left his family (including wife and child), and his life of luxury.

He committed himself to discovering the source of suffering and how to eliminate it.

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Period of Enlightenment 528 – 483 BC



At age 35 he ate some food and walked to Bodh Gaya where he sat under a fig tree



The Four Noble Truths

Nirvana

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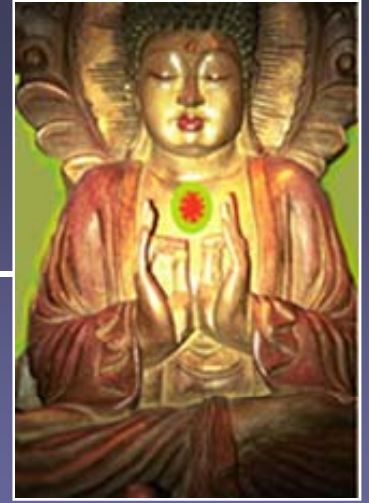
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Mahabodhi Temple

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Beliefs **The Four Noble Truths**



1. Life Consists of Suffering
2. Suffering Exists Because of Wrong Desires
3. Liberation from Suffering by Eliminating Desire
4. Desire Eliminated by Following Eightfold Path

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Beliefs

The Eightfold Path

1. Right Understanding
2. Right Thought
3. Right Speech
4. Right Action
5. Right Livelihood
6. Right Effort
7. Right Mindfulness
8. Right Concentration



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Branches

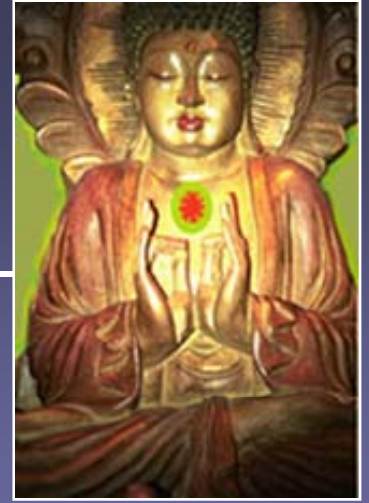
Theravada Buddhism [Ther-a-vawda]

- Faithful to Buddha's teachings
- Believed Siddhartha was just a man

Mahayana Buddhism [ma-ha-yawna]

- Interpreted teachings liberally
- Believed Buddha became a savior-like god

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Branches

Zen Buddhism

- Developed from Mahayana
- Popular in the West
- Zen means meditation

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Popularity



Buddhism...

Offers moral guidance and direction without requiring any accountability or obligation to a god.

Offers peace and enlightenment through meditation

Promises additional chances at life through reincarnation

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Popularity

Celebrities who have d

Tina Turner

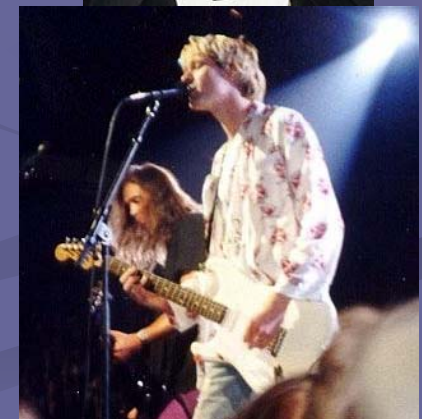
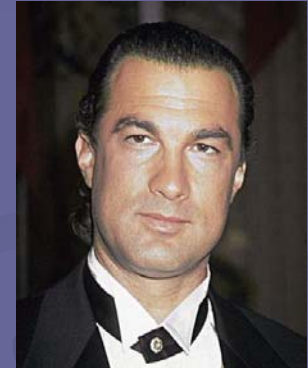
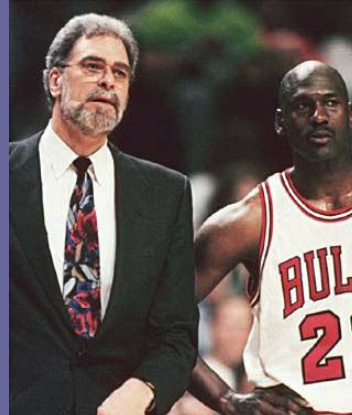
Richard Gere

Steven Seagal

Phil Jackson

(former coach Chicago Bulls)

Nirvana (Rock Band)



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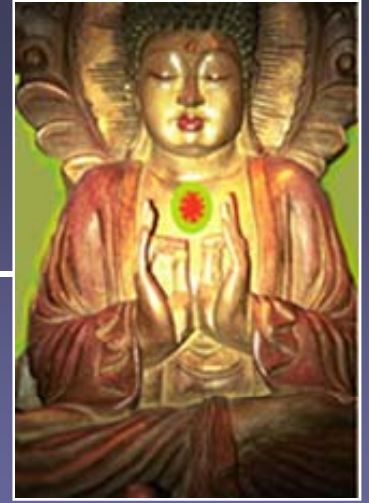
KEY WRITINGS

- The *Tripitaka* (Three Baskets), which has more than 100 volumes



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Buddhism & Christianity



1. Scripture
2. Salvation
3. Eternal State
4. God
5. Forgiveness
6. Divinity
7. Direction
8. Resurrection

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1. Scripture



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1. Scripture
2. Salvation

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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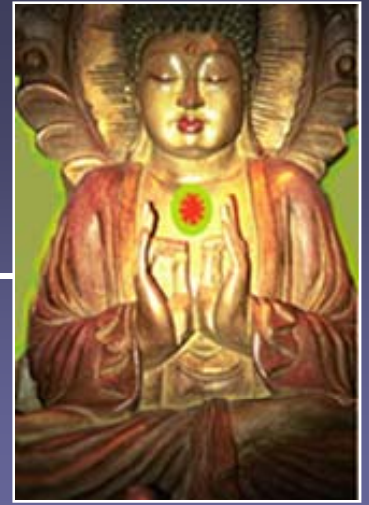
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Jeremiah 9:24

But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

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Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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John 8:58; 14:9

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

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Matthew 11:28

Come to Me, all you who labor
and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.

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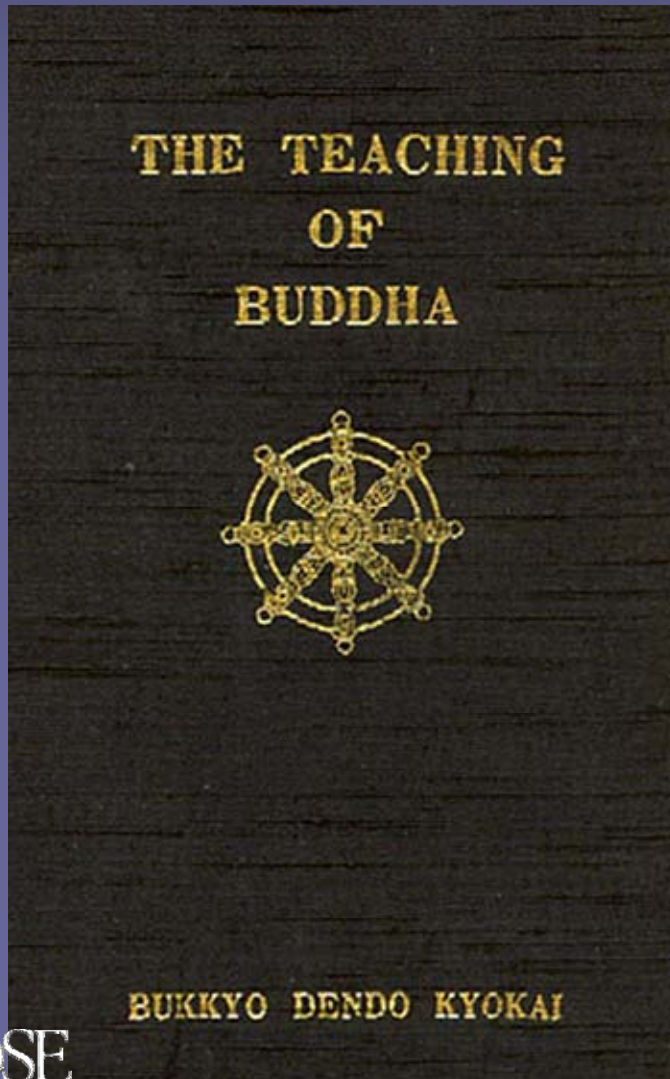
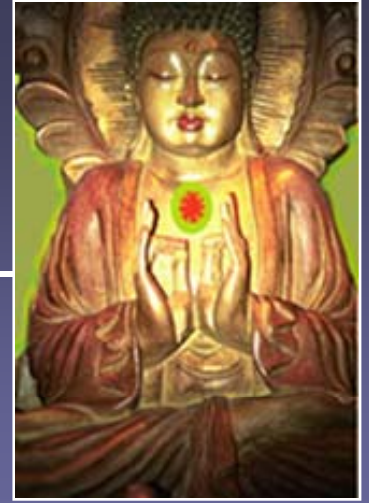
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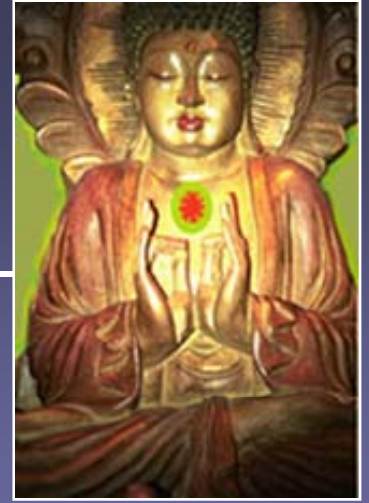
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KEY WRITINGS

- The *Mahavastu* (“Great Story,” a chaotic collection covering the Buddha’s life story)
- The *Jataka Tales* (500 stories of the former lives of the Buddha)

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- The *Tantras* (as recorded in Tibetan Buddhism).

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WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus Christ is not part of the historic Buddhist worldview.
- Buddhists in the West generally view Jesus as an enlightened teacher.
- Buddhists in Asia believe Jesus as an *avatar* or a *Bodhisattva* (but not God).



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WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

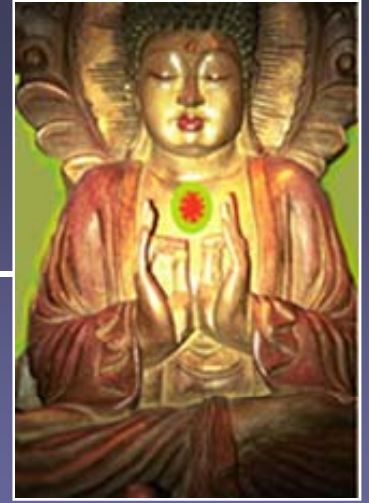
- The Holy Spirit is not part of their worldview.
- Buddhists do believe in and make offerings to spirits, and some practice deity yoga and invite spirit possession.



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HOW TO BE SAVED



- The goal of life is *nirvana*, to eliminate all desires or cravings, and in this way escape suffering.
- The Eightfold Path is a system to free Buddhists from desiring anything.



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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH



- Reincarnation.
- People do not have their own individual souls or spirits.
- However, one's desires and feelings may be reincarnated into another person.



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OTHER BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

- Eightfold path recommends right knowledge, intentions, speech, conduct, livelihood, right effort, mindfulness, and meditation.



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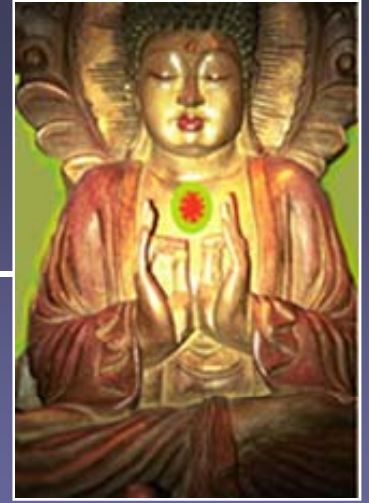
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- Some Buddhist groups talk about an “eternal Buddha” (life-force).



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The Dalai Lama



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