

Is There
A Really
Difference?



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1. Basic Stats & Facts

- _____ million Buddhist worldwide
- Approximately _____ million Buddhist in the U.S.
- Buddhism in the U.S. increased _____% between 1990 and 2001
- Buddhism is reformed _____

2. Basic Terms

- _____ = enlightened one (Siddhartha Gautama, 410 B.C.)
- _____ = the good and bad accumulated during various lifetimes
- _____ = successive rebirths of a "soul" into life as it progresses toward a higher consciousness
- _____ = the highest state of consciousness for the mind where all passion & desires are eliminated

3. Basic Beliefs

- Three Jewels
 - a. The _____
 - b. The _____ (Buddha's teaching)
 - c. The _____ (the community of Buddhists)
- Four Noble Truths:
 - a. Life is _____
 - b. Suffering is caused by _____
 - c. Suffering ceases when _____ ceases
 - d. _____ from suffering is achieved by following the eightfold path
- Eightfold Path:
 - a. Right View
 - b. Right Thought
 - c. Right Speech
 - d. Right Action
 - e. Right Livelihood
 - f. Right Effort
 - g. Right Mindfulness (mindful of details)
 - h. Right Contemplation (meditation)

THE BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND BUDDHISM

1. They Differ In Their Beliefs About God

- Buddhist do not believe in a personal _____
- The Bible teaches that there is a God that you can _____ – Isaiah 45:22; Isaiah 46:9; Hebrews 11:6

2. They Differ In Their Beliefs About _____

- Buddhist believe that truth lies within everyone – man is his own “_____”
- The Bible teaches that man is a sinner who needs a _____ – Romans 3:10-18

3. They Differ In Their Beliefs About _____

- Buddhist believe that the Christian version of Jesus is _____
- The Bible teaches that Jesus is absolutely _____ to gain forgiveness of sin and reach God – John10:9-13

4. They Differ In Their Beliefs About _____

- Buddhist don't stress the idea of sin but _____
- The Bible teaches that sin is the violation of God's _____ – Psalm 51:4

5. They Differ In Their Beliefs About Salvation

- Buddhist don't believe in salvation but _____
- The Bible teaches that only through Jesus is there salvation and _____ enlightenment – Hebrews 13:12-13; John 8:32-33; John 14:5-6

REACHING YOUR BUDDHIST FRIEND

1. Show A Lot Of _____
2. Ask A Lot Of _____
3. Point Them To Absolute _____
4. Stress A Personal _____ With Jesus