

MESSAGE NOTES

The Only Way

BUDDHISM

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1. Buddhism rejects the notion of a monotheistic **CREATOR**.

“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’” Psalm 14:1

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” Romans 1:20

2. Buddhists believe that to live is to **SUFFER**, and the solution is the Eightfold Path.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation 21:4

3. They claim that humans are fundamentally **PURE**.

“If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” 1 John 1:10 ESV

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way...” Isaiah 53:6

4. Buddhists believe in **REINCARNATION**.

“You don’t know what will happen tomorrow. What is life? You are a mist that is seen for a moment and then disappears.” James 4:14 GW

5. Buddhism teaches that **NIRVANA** is the goal of every person.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 ESV

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14

**All scripture in NIV unless specified*

FINAL THOUGHT:

Buddhism offers a path of self-effort to escape human suffering, while Christianity proclaims the glorious truth that Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose again to rescue sinners. The attempt to save ourselves can never succeed, because Jesus alone is the way, the truth, and the life—and He alone is the only way to salvation.