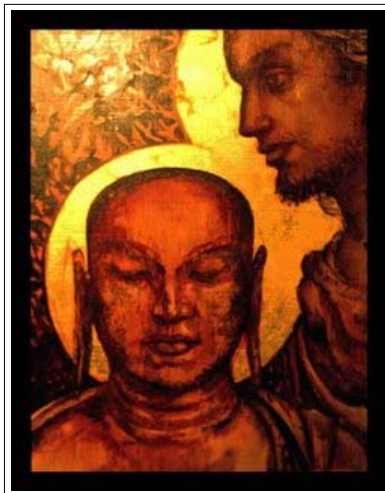


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BUDDHISM (AS WELL AS TAOISM AND CONFUCIANISM) EXPLAINED — ESPECIALLY FOR THE WESTERN CHRISTIAN MIND. AN EXPLORATION OF WHAT UNITES BUDDHISM (AND EASTERN THOUGHT) TO WESTERN RELIGIONS AND PHILOSOPHIES, RATHER THAN WHAT SEPARATES THEM. YES, THIS BLOG IS UNIVERSALISTIC IN ITS SYNCRETISM OR ECUMENISM — SAYING THAT A CHRISTIAN, EVEN A SAINT OR JESUS THE CHRIST HIMSELF CAN BE A BUDDHIST — BUT ALSO THAT A BUDDHIST, A BODHISATTVA OR EVEN A BUDDHA, CAN BE A TRADITIONAL, ORTHODOX, CHRISTIAN TOO!

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Christianity is to Judaism is as Buddhism is to Hinduism



Jesus had the same relationship to Judaism as Buddha to Hinduism. Christianity is therefore incomprehensible, separated from Judaism, but Christianity is also incomprehensible if one does not realize that it is a complete renouncement of Judaism.

The way of Jesus was the way of the Gospel, and the Gospel was and is

entirely different from the law. The way of Jesus invariably led to the Cross because without the Cross, Christianity would have been Judaism. It was the callousness which was the difference between them. Callousness was what separated those who believed in the unification by the Cross and those who was not able to believe.

The symbol of Christianity is therefore the *cross*. It is the key to the Christian faith, just as the *wheel* is the key to the Buddhist dharma.

Buddhism and Christianity—two Missionary Religions

Both Hinduism and Judaism were exclusively connected to a specific ethnic tradition. They were *ethnic religions* in which belief and religion, cult and culture merged with one another. In principle, Hinduism and Judaism are therefore not missionary religions. They may attract proselytes who convert to Hinduism as in Indian ethnic belief or Judaism as a Jewish ethnic belief. It is actually a self-contradiction that gentiles can become Jews or that non-Indians can become Hindus. There is a decisive element of religious apartheid inherent in both Hinduism and Judaism.

Buddhism and Christianity, on the other hand, are non-ethnic religions. As such, both are missionary religions. Both Buddha and Christ came a

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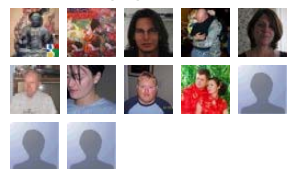
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