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[Buddhism in the Light of Christ](#) - Esther Baker 2014-04-18

Buddhism's influence is growing in the West, as seen in the widespread use of "Buddhist mindfulness apps" in people's attempts to unwind, or the casual use of words like "nirvana" and "karma" that have crept into the English language. Whether we meet it in the East or West, what is Buddhism? What is at the heart of its teachings? How does Buddhism differ from Christianity, and are they compatible? Through a collection of true short stories and testimonies, *Buddhism in the Light of Christ*--a sequel and companion to Esther Baker's first book, *I Once Was a Buddhist Nun*--takes an insightful look at some core Buddhist beliefs and practices, and then reflects on them from a Christian viewpoint and biblical understanding. Esther tackles important questions such as: "How does the Buddhist goal nirvana and God differ?" and "Is Buddhism a form of idolatry?" Her responses reveal a penetrating understanding that helps to unravel and demystify the true nature of Buddhism. *Buddhism in the Light of Christ* also includes helpful suggestions on how to share Jesus with Buddhist friends, as well as important considerations regarding discipleship once a Buddhist has come to know Christ.

[Faithfully Religionless](#) - Timber Hawkeye 2016-01-26

Discover the difference between feelings and emotions, the disparity between truths and facts, and the countless benefits of mindful living. When his pursuit of happiness in Corporate America feels counterproductive, Timber Hawkeye escapes the fluorescent-lit hell of his cubicle in Seattle and sets out to fully embrace the stress-free lifestyle of Hawaii. Intrigued and curious about what people believe (and why they believe what they do), he questions everything he ever thought was true and discovers the beauty of letting go. If you consider yourself spiritual but not religious, then you're going to love this inspirational book. And if you want to lead a simple and uncomplicated life with happiness at your fingertips, then you'll want to read this page-turner more than once! "It's not that I'm against religion, I simply don't have one (nor do I believe that we need it to be ethical). My faith is doctrine-free, with a definition of God that doesn't conjure a white man in the sky who dispenses blessings for good behavior and harsh judgments to condemn the bad. That's because I don't believe God does that; religion does. You see, faith is a spiritual practice of continually letting go of certainty, of ego, and of the underlying need to know, while religion is a ceremonial tradition of hanging on, clinging to concrete dogmas, stubborn rigidity, and ageless rituals."

[Beyond Belief](#) - A. L. De Silva 2003

[Sayings of Buddha](#) - Peter Pauper Press 1957-01-01

[Buddhist Boot Camp](#) - Timber Hawkeye 2013-02-19

Buddhism is all about training the mind, and boot camp is an ideal training method for this generation's short attention span. The chapters in this small book can be read in any order, and are simple and easy to understand. Each story, inspirational quote and teaching offers mindfulness-enhancing techniques that anyone can relate to. You don't need to be a Buddhist to find this book motivational. As the Dalai Lama says, "Don't try to use what you learn from Buddhism to be a Buddhist; use it to be a better whatever-you-already-are." Whether it's Mother Teresa's acts of charity, Gandhi's perseverance, or your aunt Betty's calm demeanor, it doesn't matter who inspires you, so long as you're motivated to be better today than you were yesterday. Regardless of religion or geographical region, race, ethnicity, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, flexibility, or vulnerability, if you do good, you feel good, and if you do bad, you feel bad. If you agree that Buddhism isn't just about meditating, but also about rolling up your sleeves and relieving some of the suffering in the world, then you are ready to be a soldier of peace in the army of love; welcome to Buddhist Boot Camp! [The Good Heart](#) - Dalai Lama 2016-03-22

This landmark of interfaith dialogue will inspire readers of all faiths. In *The Good Heart*, The Dalai Lama provides an extraordinary Buddhist perspective on the teachings of Jesus. His Holiness comments on well-known passages from the four Christian Gospels, including the Sermon on the Mount, the parable of the mustard seed, the Resurrection, and others. Drawing parallels between Jesus and the Buddha — and the rich traditions from which they hail — the Dalai Lama delivers a profound affirmation of the sacred in all religions. Readers will be uplifted by the exploration of each tradition's endless merits and the common humanity they share.

[Going Home](#) - Thich Nhat Hanh 2013-09-30

Thich Nhat Hanh has become known as a healer of the heart, a monk who shows us how the everyday world can both enrich and endanger our spiritual lives. In this book, Jesus and Buddha share a conversation about prayer and ritual and renewal, and about where such concepts as resurrection and the practice of mindfulness converge. In this unique way, Thich Nhat Hanh shows the brotherhood between Jesus and Buddha-- and in the process shows how we can take their wisdom into the world with us, to "practice in such a way that Buddha is born every moment of our daily life, that Jesus Christ is born every moment of our daily life."

[The Everything Buddhism Book](#) - Arnie Kozak 2010-12-18

"My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness." --Dalai Lama That's easy for the Dalai Lama to say--but for the rest of us, understanding this mysterious, multilayered faith can be very difficult. With this updated and revised edition of the classic Buddhist primer, you can delve into the profound principles of nonviolence, mindfulness, and self-awareness. From Tibetan Buddhism to Zen, you'll explore the traditions of all branches of Buddhism, including: The life of Buddha and his continuing influence throughout the world A revealing survey of the definitive Buddhist texts What the Sutras say about education, marriage, sex, and death Faith-fueled social protest movements in Tibet, Burma, and elsewhere Buddhist art, poetry, architecture, calligraphy, and landscaping The proven physiological effects of meditation and other Buddhist practices The growing impact of Buddhism on modern American culture In this guide, you'll discover the deceptively simple truths of this enigmatic religion. Most important, you learn how to apply the tenets of Buddhism to your daily life--and achieve clarity and inner peace in the process.

[Religion Vs. Science](#) - Elaine Howard Ecklund 2018

Beyond stereotypes and myths -- Religious people do not like science -- Religious people do not like scientists -- Religious people are not scientists -- Religious people are all young-earth creationists -- Religious people are climate change deniers -- Religious people are against scientific technology -- Beyond myths, toward realities

[There Are Seven Houses on My Street](#) - Ron Flowers and Anise Flowers 2014-09-24

A little boy explains seven different religions or philosophies practiced by the children on his street. The main character, Ron, has a father who is agnostic. Other houses on the street include Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Taoist, Islam, and New Thought. Despite the various beliefs represented, the children all enjoy playing together. The book depicts a fictional street, which is a microcosm of the world. The authors hope to promote tolerance and understanding on the subject of religious beliefs for both children and adults.

[The Logic of Faith](#) - Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel 2018-02-27

A popular American Buddhist teacher explores the creative relationship between faith and doubt, knowing and not-knowing, and shows how an awakened life results from living from the place in between. Faith is a thorny subject these days. Its negative expressions cause many to dismiss it out of hand--but Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel urges us to reconsider, for faith is really nothing but our natural proclivity to find

certainty in a world where certainty is hard to come by. And if we look carefully, we'll discover that the faith impulse isn't separate from reason at all—faith and logic in fact work together in a playful and dynamic relationship that reveals the profoundest kind of truth—a truth beyond the limits of “is” and “is not.” Using the traditional Buddhist teachings on dependent arising, Elizabeth leads us on an experiential journey to discover the essential interdependence of everything—and through that thrilling discovery to open ourselves to the whole wonderful range of human experience.

Faith and Reason - Richard Swinburne 2005-09-29

Richard Swinburne presents a new edition of the final volume of his acclaimed trilogy on philosophical theology. *Faith and Reason* is a self-standing examination of the implications for religious faith of Swinburne's famous arguments about the coherence of theism and the existence of God. By practising a particular religion, a person seeks to achieve some or all of three goals - that he worships and obeys God, gains salvation for himself, and helps others to attain their salvation. But not all religions commend worship, and different religions have different conceptions of salvation. Faced with these differences, Richard Swinburne argues that we should practice that religion which has the best goals and is more probably true than the creeds of other religions. He proposes criteria by which to determine the probabilities of different religious creeds, and he argues that, while requiring total commitment, faith does not demand fully convinced belief. While maintaining the same structure and conclusions as the original classic, this second edition has been substantially rewritten, both in order to relate its ideas more closely to those of classical theologians and philosophers and to respond to more recent views. In particular he discusses, and ultimately rejects, the view of Alvin Plantinga that the 'warrant' of a belief depends on the process which produced it, and John Hick's contention that all religions offer valid paths to salvation.

Cold-Case Christianity - J. Warner Wallace 2013-01-01

Written by an L. A. County homicide detective and former atheist, *Cold-Case Christianity* examines the claims of the New Testament using the skills and strategies of a hard-to-convince criminal investigator. Christianity could be defined as a “cold case”: it makes a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little forensic evidence. In *Cold-Case Christianity*, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally recognized skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. Including gripping stories from his career and the visual techniques he developed in the courtroom, Wallace uses illustration to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity. A unique apologetic that speaks to readers' intense interest in detective stories, *Cold-Case Christianity* inspires readers to have confidence in Christ as it prepares them to articulate the case for Christianity.

Unexpected Way - Paul Williams 2002-07-06

The story of one man's unexpected pilgrimage from Buddhism to Catholicism. There are Christians who, in mid-life decide to abandon their Christian faith and become Buddhists. Paul Williams did the opposite. After twenty years spent practising and teaching Tibetan Buddhism in Britain, scholar and broadcaster Paul Williams astonished his family and friends in 1999 by converting to Roman Catholicism. Williams explains why he joined a Church that many Buddhists and others might regard as a repressed and outdated way of life and belief. He argues that being a Catholic in the modern world is no less rational than being a Buddhist, and may in many respects, be more so.

Without Buddha I Could Not be a Christian - Paul F. Knitter 2013-01-03

Without Buddha I Could Not be a Christian narrates how esteemed theologian, Paul F. Knitter, overcame a crisis of faith by looking to Buddhism for inspiration. From prayer to how Christianity views life after death, Knitter argues that a Buddhist standpoint can encourage a more person-centred conception of Christianity where individual religious experience comes first, and liturgy and tradition second. Moving and revolutionary, this edition comes with a new conclusion - 'Jesus and Buddha Both Come First!' 'A compelling example of religious inquiry.' *New York Times* 'One of the finest contemporary books on the encounter between religions in the heart and soul of a single thoughtful person.' *Library Journal*

Confession of a Buddhist Atheist - Stephen Batchelor 2010-03-02

Does Buddhism require faith? Can an atheist or agnostic follow the Buddha's teachings without believing in reincarnation or organized religion? This is one man's confession. In his classic *Buddhism Without Beliefs*, Stephen Batchelor offered a profound, secular approach to the teachings of the Buddha that struck an emotional chord with Western

readers. Now, with the same brilliance and boldness of thought, he paints a groundbreaking portrait of the historical Buddha—told from the author's unique perspective as a former Buddhist monk and modern seeker. Drawing from the original Pali Canon, the seminal collection of Buddhist discourses compiled after the Buddha's death by his followers, Batchelor shows us the Buddha as a flesh-and-blood man who looked at life in a radically new way. Batchelor also reveals the everyday challenges and doubts of his own devotional journey—from meeting the Dalai Lama in India, to training as a Zen monk in Korea, to finding his path as a lay teacher of Buddhism living in France. Both controversial and deeply personal, Stephen Batchelor's refreshingly doctrine-free, life-informed account is essential reading for anyone interested in Buddhism.

From Buddha to Jesus - Steve Cioccolanti 2020-03-23

A popular introduction to Buddhism, showing how Christians can understand and effectively dialogue with Buddhists. Buddhism is a rapidly rising religion in the West, but few Westerners know Buddhism from the inside. Having grown up with Buddhism and Christianity, Steve Cioccolanti highlights the similarities and builds bridges of understanding between the two major religions. His account is studded with stories, parables, and illuminating observations. This book is remarkably easy to read, and Steve is an engaging and original guide. Discover Buddhism the way it's actually lived, not the way it's been presented in textbooks or by Hollywood. Now you can learn the 2 most popular religions in 1 book! "A groundbreaking book... Steve has an unusual insight into the Buddhist mind. I would use it for our Bible College students." Dr. Wayne Cordeiro (Pastor of New Hope Christian Fellowship, a 10,000+ member church in Hawaii.) "From Buddha to Jesus is a clear exposition of both Buddha's search for truth and the foundations of Buddhist culture. It then gives an account of how the Good News of Jesus can fulfill Buddhist law, and deliver people from the drive of endless perfectionism. A totally thought-provoking work!" Rod Plummer (Senior Pastor of Jesus Lifehouse Tokyo) "Steve's book 'From Buddha to Jesus' is the best tool that I have found to find a common platform with Buddhists. Although the book is primarily focused on Thai Buddhism, the principles in the book can be used with Buddhists in Japan and with Buddhists in other countries. I highly recommend it!" Rev. Daniel Kikawa (President of Aloha Ke Akua Ministries, Pastor of Hilo Missionary Church) "One of the books that I really read from cover to cover. I bought 10 copies and distributed them to my friends. I was once a Buddhist and this book really opened up my eyes. It is a must-read for all Buddhists, Eastern religion followers or even Christians who are looking for a way to reach out to these groups of people. Steve Cioccolanti was able to put things in the right manner and has written in a balanced and non-offensive way. This book rocks!" Daniel Hendrata (TV Host, Co-Founder of Anugrah Ministries) "I have been a missionary in Thailand for 40 years. I read your book and was very impressed. I wish I would have had it sooner." Dorothy H., Thailand "Your book is one of my treasured collection and I've been reading it again and again. I love it so much. It helps me to understand Buddha and Buddhism and draw bridges between the two faiths. Keep up the good work and God bless!." Mish N. "Steve's gentle way of sharing his insight suits the [Asian] audience very well... He has also broken some invalid preconceived ideas that Buddhists are closed to the Gospel." Ching Wah, Singapore "My husband and I have been reading it and although I am a second-generation missionary in Thailand (my dad arrived in 1946!) your book has brought new insight and clarified many things and is helping me/us immensely in relating to the Buddhists. So, Thank YOU and Thank GOD!" Marianna & Erik, Thailand "This book gave me confidence that I had a strategy! Because we can start from a place of commonality, instead of a place of 'I'm right, you're wrong'. This teaching releases people!" Tim P., Thailand "Anyone who comes in contact with Eastern religions should read Steve's book." Col Stringer, President of ICFM Australia "Truly enlightening and informative... A useful tool to reach not only Buddhists but many others confused by the plethora of religions." Tom Inglis, Founder of Psalmody "A well-written book with a clear and bold testimony." Canon James Wong (Anglican Churches Singapore) *The Everything Essential Buddhism Book* - Arnie Kozak 2015-07-10 Contains material adapted from *The Everything Buddhism Book*, 2nd Edition.

Why I Am Not a Buddhist - Evan Thompson 2020-01-28

"A provocative essay challenging the idea of Buddhist exceptionalism, from one of the world's most widely respected philosophers and writers on Buddhism and science. Buddhism has become a uniquely favored religion in our modern age. A burgeoning number of books extol the scientifically proven benefits of meditation and mindfulness for

everything ranging from business to romance. There are conferences, courses, and celebrities promoting the notion that Buddhism is spirituality for the rational; compatible with cutting-edge science; indeed, "a science of the mind." In this provocative book, Evan Thompson argues that this representation of Buddhism is false. In lucid and entertaining prose, Thompson dives deep into both Western and Buddhist philosophy to explain how the goals of science and religion are fundamentally different. Efforts to seek their unification are wrongheaded and promote mistaken ideas of both. He suggests cosmopolitanism instead, a worldview with deep roots in both Eastern and Western traditions. Smart, sympathetic, and intellectually ambitious, this book is a must-read for anyone interested in Buddhism's place in our world today."--Provided by publisher.

Buddhism Is Not What You Think - Steve Hagen 2009-03-17

Bestselling author and renowned Zen teacher Steve Hagen penetrates the most essential and enduring questions at the heart of the Buddha's teachings: How can we see the world in each moment, rather than merely as what we think, hope, or fear it is? How can we base our actions on reality, rather than on the longing and loathing of our hearts and minds? How can we live lives that are wise, compassionate, and in tune with reality? And how can we separate the wisdom of Buddhism from the cultural trappings and misconceptions that have come to be associated with it? Drawing on down-to-earth examples from everyday life and stories from Buddhist teachers past and present, Hagen tackles these fundamental inquiries with his trademark lucid, straightforward prose. The newcomer to Buddhism will be inspired by this accessible and provocative introduction, and those more familiar with Buddhism will welcome this much needed hands-on guide to understanding what it truly means to be awake. By being challenged to question what we take for granted, we come to see the world as it truly is. *Buddhism Is Not What You Think* offers a profound and clear path to a life of joy and freedom.

Mahayana Buddhism - Paul Williams 2008-07-11

Originating in India, Mahayana Buddhism spread across Asia, becoming the prevalent form of Buddhism in Tibet and East Asia. Over the last twenty-five years Western interest in Mahayana has increased considerably, reflected both in the quantity of scholarly material produced and in the attraction of Westerners towards Tibetan Buddhism and Zen. Paul Williams' *Mahayana Buddhism* is widely regarded as the standard introduction to the field, used internationally for teaching and research and has been translated into several European and Asian languages. This new edition has been fully revised throughout in the light of the wealth of new studies and focuses on the religion's diversity and richness. It includes much more material on China and Japan, with appropriate reference to Nepal, and for students who wish to carry their study further there is a much-expanded bibliography and extensive footnotes and cross-referencing. Everyone studying this important tradition will find Williams' book the ideal companion to their studies.

Radical - David Platt 2010-05-04

New York Times bestseller What is Jesus worth to you? It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily... But who do you know who lives like that? Do you? In *Radical*, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple--then invites you to believe and obey what you have heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus. Finally, he urges you to join in *The Radical Experiment* -- a one-year journey in authentic discipleship that will transform how you live in a world that desperately needs the Good News Jesus came to bring.

Buddhism - Holly Wallace 2006

Yuranan, a fourteen-year-old boy who lives in Thailand, describes the beliefs that he follows as a Buddhist, including the history of the religion, how festivals are celebrated, and common customs and traditions.

Living Buddha, Living Christ - Thich Nhat Hanh 2007-03-06

"[Thich Nhat Hanh] shows us the connection between personal, inner peace and peace on earth." --His Holiness The Dalai Lama Nominated by Martin Luther King, Jr. for a Nobel Peace Prize, Thich Nhat Hanh is one of today's leading sources of wisdom, peace, compassion and comfort. The 20th anniversary edition of the classic text, updated, revised, and featuring a *Mindful Living Journal*. Buddha and Christ, perhaps the two most pivotal figures in the history of humankind, each left behind a

legacy of teachings and practices that have shaped the lives of billions of people over two millennia. If they were to meet on the road today, what would each think of the other's spiritual views and practices? Thich Nhat Hanh has been part of a decades-long dialogue between two great contemplative traditions, and brings to Christianity an appreciation of its beauty that could be conveyed only by an outsider. In lucid, meditative prose, he explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two traditions meet, and he reawakens our understanding of both. "On the altar in my hermitage," he says, "are images of Buddha and Jesus, and I touch both of them as my spiritual ancestors."

Buddhism For Dummies - Stephan Bodian 2011-03-08

From the outside, Buddhism seems like a bundle of contradictions wrapped inside a paradox. It is a religion without a god, a belief system without rules, and a faith that encourages its adherents to question everything, including its own teachings. You could spend a lifetime studying Buddhist texts and following its observances and still feel like you've only just barely scratched the surface. Yet, over the past 2500 years, this lovely religion that preaches compassion, generosity, tolerance, selflessness and self-awareness has commanded the fervent devotion of hundreds of millions of people around the world who believe it to be the true path to enlightenment. If you're curious about Buddhism but feel intimidated by all the exotic jargon and strange trappings, this book is for you. Written by two leading American Buddhist teachers and scholars, it offers you a uniquely friendly way to explore the fascinating history of Buddhism and discover: Who Buddha was and his significance in world history and spirituality How the practice of Buddhism can enrich your everyday life How Buddha's teachings combine to create a path to enlightenment Daily observances and meditation practices How to fulfill your highest potential through Buddhism In plain English, experts Jonathan Landaw and Stephan Bodian define the important terms, explain the key concepts and explore, in-depth a wide range of topics, including: Buddha's life and teachings and the evolution of the major Buddhist traditions How Buddhism works as a religion, philosophy of life and a practical approach to dealing with life's problems, all rolled into one The idea that the mind is the source of all happiness and suffering How the practices of wisdom and compassion can connect you with your inner spiritual resources Meditation and other core Buddhist practices and how they can affect your everyday life How to apply Buddhist teachings at each stage along the spiritual path Whether you're a searcher of truth, a student of religions, or just curious about what's got Richard Gere and all the rest of those celebrity Buddhists so excited, *Buddhism For Dummies* is your intro to Buddhism basics.

The Buddha in Your Mirror - Woody Hochswender 2012-03-01

While the notion that "happiness can found within oneself" has recently become popular, Buddhism has taught for thousands of years that every person is a Buddha, or enlightened being, and has the potential for true and lasting happiness. Through real-life examples, the authors explain how adopting this outlook has positive effects on one's health, relationships, and career, and gives new insights into world environmental concerns, peace issues, and other major social problems.

Faith - Sharon Salzberg 2003-09-02

In this beautifully written work, one of America's most beloved meditation teachers offers discerning wisdom on understanding faith as a healing quality. Through the teachings of Buddha and insight gained from her lifelong spiritual quest, Salzberg provides us with a road map for cultivating a feeling of peace that can be practiced by anyone of any tradition.

The Faith to Doubt - Stephen Batchelor 2015-04-01

Kierkegaard said that faith without doubt is simply credulity, the will to believe too readily, especially without adequate evidence, and that "in Doubt can Faith begin." All people involved in spiritual practice, of whatever persuasion, must confront doubt at one time or another, and find a way beyond it to belief, however temporary. But "faith is not equivalent to mere belief. Faith is the condition of ultimate confidence that we have the capacity to follow the path of doubt to its end. And courage." In this engaging spiritual memoir, Stephen Batchelor describes his own training, first as a Tibetan Buddhist and then as a Zen practitioner, and his own direct struggles along his path. "It is most uncanny that we are able to ask questions, for to question means to acknowledge that we do not know something. But it is more than an acknowledgement: it includes a yearning to confront an unknown and illuminate it through understanding. Questioning is a quest." Batchelor is a contemporary Buddhist teacher and writer, best known for his secular or agnostic approach to Buddhism. He considers Buddhism to be a constantly evolving culture of awakening rather than a religious system

based on immutable dogmas and beliefs. Buddhism has survived for the past 2,500 years because of its capacity to reinvent itself in accord with the needs of the different Asian societies with which it has creatively interacted throughout its history. As Buddhism encounters modernity, it enters a vital new phase of its development. Through his writings, translations and teaching, Stephen engages in a critical exploration of Buddhism's role in the modern world, which has earned him both condemnation as a heretic and praise as a reformer.

A Lay Buddhist's Take on Life and the Modern World - Ann O'Bodhi 2014-10-12

This book is not an instruction manual or teaching on Buddhism; as there are already countless books out there in the public domain, written by Buddhist scholars, on this subject. Instead, this book is my humble attempt to shine a light on the urgent matter of life, death and topical global affairs in today's modern world through the lens of a lay-Buddhist practitioner for the benefit of anyone who chooses to listen. Hence, I try to show in this book how one can mindfully lead a more contented life in harmony with the outside world based on an inner state of peace and tranquillity; and to demonstrate the consequences of not doing so by highlighting the reality of the grim state of world affairs we all find ourselves in today. Thus, the end result is a three-part book. In Part one, my aim is to elevate the mind by showing the reader an alternative angle from the norm to view the world; in Part two, I provide a personal insight into the important issues of life and death; whilst in Part three, I pull no punches (in order to do this section justice) as 'what needs to be said' 'is said' concerning a whole raft of current global issues regardless of whose nose it may happen to put out of joint. In my humble opinion, this book will appeal to a wide range of readers in the general public as it addresses a number of important topical issues ranging from - the meaning of life to viewing the world in a different way and leading a more fulfilling lifestyle to highlighting many of the current problems (and their causes) in the world today. I personally have not come across a book, written by a Lay-Buddhist (or anyone else for that matter), whose contents even come close to those contained in this book and hence believe it has something unique to offer to the reader. I also predict that some of the hard hitting and direct views on a wide-range of important topical issues, within the book, will generate both significant interest and discussion in the public domain as well as resonate with the majority of readers.

From Buddha to Jesus - Steve Cioccolanti 2010

Buddhism is not a way of harmony and cosmic unity, as Westerners tend to think. Although Buddhism is a rapidly rising religion in the West, few Westerners know what Buddhism is like from the inside. Steve, who made the journey from Buddhism to Christ, explains the Buddhist mindset and worldview, and makes useful points of comparison.

Why I Am a Buddhist - Stephen T. Asma 2011-01-01

Profound and amusing, this book provides a viable approach to answering the perennial questions: Who am I? Why am I here? How can I live a meaningful life? For Asma, the answers are to be found in Buddhism. There have been a lot of books that have made the case for Buddhism. What makes this book fresh and exciting is Asma's iconoclasm, irreverence, and hardheaded approach to the subject. He is distressed that much of what passes for Buddhism is really little more than "New Age mush." He asserts that it is time to "take the California out of Buddhism." He presents a spiritual practice that does not require a belief in creeds or dogma. It is a practice that is psychologically sound, intellectually credible, and esthetically appealing. It is a practice that does not require a diet of brown rice, burning incense, and putting both your mind and your culture in deep storage. In seven chapters, Asma builds the case for a spiritual practice that is authentic, and inclusive. This is Buddhism for everyone, especially for people who are uncomfortable with religion but yearn for a spiritual practice.

Why Buddhism is True - Robert Wright 2017-08-08

From one of America's most brilliant writers, a New York Times bestselling journey through psychology, philosophy, and lots of meditation to show how Buddhism holds the key to moral clarity and enduring happiness. At the heart of Buddhism is a simple claim: The reason we suffer—and the reason we make other people suffer—is that we don't see the world clearly. At the heart of Buddhist meditative practice is a radical promise: We can learn to see the world, including ourselves, more clearly and so gain a deep and morally valid happiness. In this "sublime" (The New Yorker), pathbreaking book, Robert Wright shows how taking this promise seriously can change your life—how it can loosen the grip of anxiety, regret, and hatred, and how it can deepen your appreciation of beauty and of other people. He also shows why this

transformation works, drawing on the latest in neuroscience and psychology, and armed with an acute understanding of human evolution. This book is the culmination of a personal journey that began with Wright's landmark book on evolutionary psychology, *The Moral Animal*, and deepened as he immersed himself in meditative practice and conversed with some of the world's most skilled meditators. The result is a story that is "provocative, informative and...deeply rewarding" (The New York Times Book Review), and as entertaining as it is illuminating. Written with the wit, clarity, and grace for which Wright is famous, *Why Buddhism Is True* lays the foundation for a spiritual life in a secular age and shows how, in a time of technological distraction and social division, we can save ourselves from ourselves, both as individuals and as a species.

Christianity in Early Modern Japan - Ikuo Higashibaba 2001-01-01

This volume provides a new history of Christianity in sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Japan by depicting the world of ordinary Japanese Christians. It examines their religious expressions, as well as textual expositions given to them, within the context of Japanese religious culture.

Climbing The Mountain - Harvey Webb 2020-04-27

What this model, The Sun Lotus Recovery Model, puts forward is a spiritual approach that does not offer an intervention of a "Higher Power," but one that supports the individual to find their naturally inherent inner potential and develop themselves without an intervention from a "Higher Power." This is called in Buddhism, The Middle Way, or The Inner Way, or even The Sacred Way, which teaches that Human potential (Life), is unlimited and that by tapping into that well spring of potential (Buddha Nature) through Buddhist Practice the individual can bring about a profound positive change on the deepest and most fundamental level of Life. This is also a Human centered approach which says that the individual already has the potential for positive change and just needs the correct causes and conditions to manifest it without the need of an intervention by an exterior "God" or a "Higher Power". Buddhism is a philosophical faith that has no Godhead, or Higher Power to pray too, for salvation. (from addiction or suffering) It teaches that the individual can bring about their own Enlightenment, through their own efforts, through Buddhist Practice, thus overcoming the Four Universal Sufferings of Birth, Old Age, Sickness and Death and all the other existential Human sufferings including that of addiction. From this model and understanding Sun Lotus Recovery was devised and is the complete A to Z of Addiction and Recovery. I hope the reader truly finds something useful in this writing and that it is a tool for them to overcome the misery caused by an addiction disorder not only in their Life but in the lives of all those who are connected to them through Human bonds of family and love. I am not a special person, I am not a different person, I am in fact a very ordinary person who has been able to sustain my Recovery through this programme which I will now explain and deliver in these writings. If I am able to succeed in using this Life philosophy, faith and practice to maintain my own Recovery from my addiction disorder and to experience my own personal growth and development into a better, happier more contented Human Being, then I believe that this can also be the experience of anyone else who chooses to follow in my footsteps, whatever their nationality, gender, race or sexual orientation as these teachings and practices are truly Universal and transcend all such distinctions between us Human Beings. If this endeavour can enable and empower even a single person to transform themselves and enable them to break the chains and shackles of this painful and Life devouring brain disorder then my mission would have been accomplished. The title of the book derives from the Nichiren Shoshu Buddhist tradition of going on a pilgrimage to The Head Temple at Taiseki Ji, nearby Fujinomiya, nestled in the foothills of Mount Fuji, Japan, called "Tozan" which is translated into English as "Climbing the Mountain." This is why The Nichiren Shoshu School is also known as The Fuji School

Buddhism without Beliefs - Stephen Batchelor 1998-03-01

A national bestseller and acclaimed guide to Buddhism for beginners and practitioners alike In this simple but important volume, Stephen Batchelor reminds us that the Buddha was not a mystic who claimed privileged, esoteric knowledge of the universe, but a man who challenged us to understand the nature of anguish, let go of its origins, and bring into being a way of life that is available to us all. The concepts and practices of Buddhism, says Batchelor, are not something to believe in but something to do—and as he explains clearly and compellingly, it is a practice that we can engage in, regardless of our background or beliefs, as we live every day on the path to spiritual enlightenment.

Buddhist Beliefs and Principles - Chaya Rao 2014-10-03

Buddhism is a religion that is comprised of various different traditions, teachings, and practices. The religion was originally founded by Siddhartha Gautama, whom his followers refer to as 'Buddha,' which can be translated into 'the enlightened one.' You may already be aware of some of the singular and more mainstream concepts of the religion, such as meditation. However, Buddhism is much, much more than just meditation, and offers the potential for a deep understanding of life and its meaning, suffering, and enlightenment. Through this book, you will come to understand and appreciate the basics of Buddhism; you will learn how to easily incorporate the Buddhist principles into your own everyday life; and you will realize how adopting the Buddhist mindset can dramatically improve your sense of happiness and wellbeing. Let's get started!

Confessions of a Seeker Adventures in Spirituality, Therapy and Belief - Richard Sylvester 2018-08-24

Is monotheism humankind's second worst idea? Would you really want to meet your dharmic partner? Does free will exist? Is the too much examined life not worth living? How would you remove a curse from a dead Tibetan lama? What is consciousness? And why won't the vicar let us use his church hall? 'Confessions of a Seeker' is Richard Sylvester's fifth book. It is a sometimes wryly humorous, sometimes deeply serious account of several decades spent searching for "ultimate truth" through Eastern spiritual paths and Western psychotherapeutic practices. During these years, Richard became involved among other things with hallucinogenic drugs, Transcendental Meditation, gurus, past life regression therapy, personal growth groups, shamanism, channelling and alternative medicine. He came across numerous beliefs including conspiracy theories about shape-shifting lizards and Atlantean crystals. As well as recounting adventures with therapists, lamas, psychics, and amiable hippies who fear that tap water might kill them, the book tackles religious belief head on, with chapters on Buddhism, Catholicism and

The Baptist Church. It also addresses more philosophical issues such as free will, the nature of consciousness, and the essential difference between science and religion. "Tricia has been spreading the worst rumour about me that she has been able to concoct. But it is not that I roast and eat babies on the Sabbath, nor that I dance naked with the devil and consort with his minions. It is that I am that most dangerous of all people a Buddhist!" "Past life regression has become popular amongst the faintly hippy spiritually inclined seekers of whom I am one." "My view is that the world would be a better place if the Pope commanded his Cardinals to distribute lorry loads of free condoms to the Catholic faithful." "I have cleaned toilets and swept floors on three continents. I am not boasting. This is simply a statement of fact." Richard Sylvester's previous books include 'I Hope You Die Soon' and 'Non-Duality Questions, Non-Duality Answers'. www.richardsylvester.com
The Classification of Buddhism - Bruno Petzold 1995

The British Discovery of Buddhism - Philip C. Almond 1988-08-26

This is the first book to examine the British discovery of Buddhism during the Victorian period. It was only during the nineteenth century that Buddhism became, in the western mind, a religious tradition separate from Hinduism. As a result, Buddha emerge from a realm of myth and was addressed as a historical figure. Almond's exploration of British interpretations of Buddhism--of its founder, its doctrines, its ethics, its social practices, its truth and value--illuminates more than the various aspects of Buddhist culture: it sheds light on the Victorian society making these judgements.

The Inner Kālacakrantra - Vesna A. Wallace 2001

The Kalacakrantra is the latest and most comprehensive Buddhist Tantra that is available in its original Sanskrit. The Kalacakrantra's five chapters are classified into three categories: outer, inner, and other Kalacakrantra. This text focuses on the inner Kalacakrantra.