

# Worldviews: Messiah Jesus & Guatama Buddha

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Do you agree that how we see the world determines how we make our choices in life?

## **Ever wonder what some of the major differences of worldview and reality there are between the two “great faiths” of Christianity and Buddhism?**

Here is a simple list that I pulled together from my own observation and study living in the land of Theravada Buddhism.

### CHRISTIAN

Believes in God as Creator nature

God is Supreme Being teacher

God is unchanging

Concerned w/eternal salvation elimination

Depends upon God for salvation

The souls is immortal

Self Dependence is spiritual pride striven for

Sin & rebellion is our root problem

Humans must surrender to our Creator just karma

### BUDDHIST

Believes in cause & effect,

Buddha, not God, but only

Nothing is permanent

Concerned w/suffering

Depends on self & self effort

There is no soul

Complete self dependence is

Ignorance is our root problem

There is no one to answer to,

Rebirth for Christian is joyous  
indicative of failure

Grace given by God through faith  
outweigh bad ones

Teaches sacrificial love “agape”  
should dettach

Suffering of Christ for us  
karma

Our soul goes to be with Christ  
result of Karma

One Hell for those who reject God  
different sins

One Heaven for Those in Christ  
existence is.

Only one life in a fallen world  
suffering

Next life depends on true faith in Jesus  
good or bad

Spirit worship is forbidden  
integrated

Ancestors can be honored & respected

Good deeds should be practical help  
self-merit

Eternal life is forever with God & saints  
existence

Complete assurance in work of Christ  
never know

Rebirth for Buddhist is

Good deeds hopefully

Love causes suffering/ we

If Christ suffered, it was bad

Samsara, (re-incarna.) is

Many levels of Hell for

Heaven is not the goal, non-

Countless lives mostly in

Next life depends on deeds,

Spirit worship tolerated &

Ancestor worship is tolerated

Good deeds are mainly for

Goal is for complete non-

No assurance whatsoever –

Peace of Christ is everlasting  
through meditation

Temp. Peace gained

Suffering ends at Revelation 21  
suffering

Reborn countless times into

**Would you add anything else?**