

Words of Truth

Exposing Buddhism (Part 1)

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In my research of Buddhism I found so many things to write about that it will be difficult to determine what errors we shall expose. Buddhism, though a Buddhist will not admit it, is a religion full of idolatry and self-worship. One of the things I noticed over and over again is that Buddhists deny serving a god. Yet, everything they say and teach goes back to “THE BUDDHA”. Their own words contradict themselves. The god of Buddhism is where we will begin our exposure of this false religion.

The God Of Buddhism

“Do Buddhist believe in god? No, we do not. There are several reasons for this. **The Buddha**, like modern sociologists and psychologists, believed that religious ideas and especially the god idea have their origin in fear. **The Buddha says:** Grippled by fear men go to the sacred mountains, sacred groves, sacred trees and shrines” (<http://www.buddhanet.net/ans73.htm>).

In reality, though a Buddhist will not readily admit it, Buddha is the god of Buddhism: “If the Buddha is not a god, then why do people worship him? There are different types of worship. When someone worships a god, they praise him or her, making offerings and ask for favours, believing that the god will hear their praise, receive their offerings and answer their prayers. Buddhists do not indulge in this kind of worship. The other kind of worship is when we show respect to someone or something we admire. When a teacher walks into a room we stand up, when we meet a dignitary we shake hands, when the national anthem is played we salute. **These are all gestures of respect and worship** and indicate our admiration for persons and things. **This is the type of worship Buddhist practice. A statue of the Buddha** with its hands rested gently in its lap and its compassionate smile reminds us to strive to develop peace and love within ourselves. The perfume of incense reminds us of the pervading influence of virtue, the lamp reminds us of light of knowledge and the flowers which soon fade and die, reminds us of impermanence. **When we bow, we express our gratitude to the Buddha for what his teachings have given us. This is the nature of Buddhist worship**” (<http://www.buddhanet.net/ans6.htm>).



Though Buddhists claim that they do not serve a god, another fact contradicts their denial of serving a god. They have their version of a “Bible”: “The Dhammapada, an anthology of 423 verses, has long been recognized as one of the masterpieces of early Buddhist literature. From ancient times to the present, **the**

Dhammapada has been regarded as the most succinct expression of the Buddha's teaching found in the Theravada Pali **Canon of scriptures** known as the Khuddaka Nikaya ("Minor Collection") of the Sutta Pitaka" (<http://www.thebigview.com/buddhism/dhammapada.html>).

What Does The Bible Say About Bowing To Statues?

"Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God... Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me... And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Leviticus 26:1, Deuteronomy 5:8-9, and Luke 4:8).

When You Bow Down You Are Committing An Act Of Worship!

"And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped... O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker" (Exodus 34:8 and Psalms 95:6). Do Buddhists fall down before idols? Yes, they do. The evidence can be seen in this picture on the right wherein Buddhist monks are falling down before their god:



There Is Only One Book That Saves and Enlightens!

"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes... Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee... For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek... And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus... Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (Psalms 19:7-8, Psalms 119:9-11, Romans 1:16, II Timothy 3:15, and James 1:21).

Conclusion

Like all false religions, Buddhism contradicts itself. Clearly, Buddha is the founder and god of Buddhism. Serving any god other than the true God is sinful (Leviticus 19:4, Deuteronomy 28:14, Hosea 4:17, Acts 15:20, I Corinthians 8:5-6, I Corinthians 10:14, and I John 5:21), resulting in the losing of one's soul (Romans 6:23). While Buddhism claims to be a religion of spirituality, idolatry is truly a service to one's carnal desires (Galatians 5:19-21). Those seeking enlightenment through Buddha are being duped into serving a false god. Our next article will dive into "The Four Noble Truths of Buddhism" wherein we will have some interesting points to discuss.