

FAMILIAL WORLDVIEW TRAITS



Buddhist worldviews



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Buddhist traditions are **non-theistic** (not believing in God) worldviews.

People with Buddhist worldviews usually find the Buddha's life, teachings and **enlightenment (Nirvana)** inspirational for living and try to follow his example.

Buddha was a prince called **Siddhartha Gautama** who lived in India about 2,600 years ago.

A '**Bodhisattva**' is a kind and compassionate teacher in Buddhism who wants to help others find **enlightenment** through their powers of love, wisdom and understanding. Buddha was a Bodhisattva before he was enlightened.

Siddhartha saw four sights that taught him about suffering (dukkha) in this life:

- A old man
- A sick person
- A dead body
- A holy man

The four sights caused him to go forth and begin the search that came to fulfilment six years later when he realised **Enlightenment** and became the **Buddha**. He is often shown in his enlightened state sitting under the **Bodhi tree**.

Those with Buddhist worldviews believe Siddhartha reached enlightenment (called 'Nirvana') and he became the **Buddha**.

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