

FOUNDERS / LEADERS



- **Siddhartha Gautama**- the founder of Buddhism who later became known as “the Buddha,” lived during the 5th century B.C.

BELIEFS



- Christians believe that the world was created in 7 days by God, this is told in the book of Genesis.

• Whilst Christians believe that God made the first man, others believe Darwin’s theory of evolution which suggests that human beings were developed on Earth from now-extinct primates.

• Many Christians believe God is transcendent (outside of this world). They believe God is not active in human affairs. It is up to humans to act in the world on God’s behalf.

• Buddhists believe that throughout their life they are continually reborn until they reach Nirvana which is equivalent to Christians striving to go to heaven. However, Christians do not believe in reincarnation and believe we only live once.

• **The Four Noble Truths** are a Buddhist teaching. They show Buddhists why they should follow the Middle Way– a way of life without extreme greed or extreme denial of needs.

• The Fourth Noble Truth talks about the **Noble Eightfold Path**. This is a list of precepts to help Buddhists live their lives in the correct way. The path teaches followers:

- ⇒ To have pure thoughts
- ⇒ To have pure views (with no judgement)
- ⇒ To use pure speech
- ⇒ To carry out pure actions
- ⇒ To have pure livelihoods (jobs)
- ⇒ To always put effort into the things they do
- ⇒ To have pure mindfulness
- ⇒ To have good concentration (with no materialistic distractions)

TEXTS



- **Genesis** (which in Hebrew translates to “In the Beginning”), is the first book of the **Bible**. Its name derives from the opening words: “In the beginning...”

- **Genesis** is an account of the creation of the world, the early history of humanity, and the origins of the Jewish people.
- There are 50 chapters in Genesis.
- Genesis 1 tells Adam and Eve (humankind) to rule over the world and the animals in it. Genesis 2 uses the term ‘care’ which hints at a stewardship role for humankind.

INDIVIDUAL DAILY LIFE-



- **Environmental stewardship**– some Christians believe they have a job to protect God’s creation.

INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE



- **Francis of Assisi**, known as the patron saint of animals and ecology, was born in Italy around 1181-1182. He promoted that the love for God should be mirrored with a

love for his Creation.

- **Buddhist Prison Chaplaincy service**– is an organisation of Buddhist monks that visit prisons around the UK to preach the message of peace, nonviolence, mindfulness, community and love.

PLACES OF WORSHIP



- **Eco churches**– some churches in the UK have achieved Eco-church awards for adhering to certain rules that reduces their carbon footprint.

Key vocabulary and meanings

***Stewardship**- the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property

Steward- a person employed/ or entrusted to look after something

Polytheist– someone who believes in more than one god or in many gods

Monotheist– someone who believes that there is only one god: Jews, Christians and Muslims are all *monotheists*

Atheist– a person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods

Transcendence- in Christianity, it means that, “God is separate from and independent of nature and humanity.”

Dominion– a ruling or controlling power over someone or something

Samsara– refers to the Buddhist beliefs around the cycle of death and rebirth

Reincarnation- the rebirth of a soul in another body

***Enlightenment**- refers to when the cycle of samsara ends and a Buddhist has found the truth about life

Sangha- the Buddhist monastic order, including monks, nuns, and novices

Precept- a general rule intended to regulate behaviour or thought