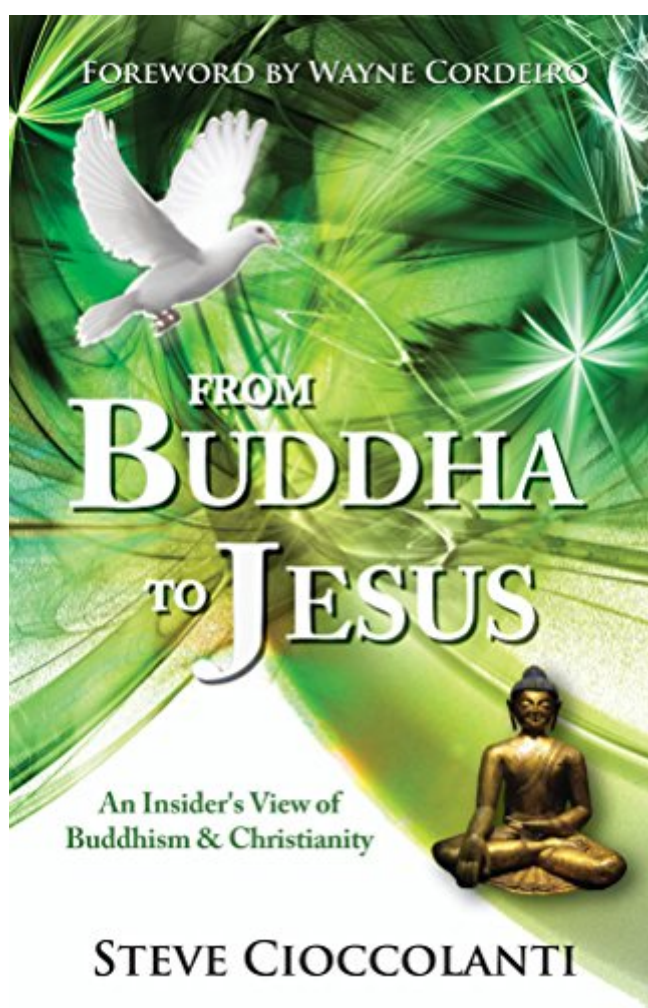


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FROM BUDDHA TO JESUS: An Insider's View Of Buddhism & Christianity (Comparative World Religions)



Synopsis

“From Buddha to Jesus” is currently the second-best-selling Christian book of all time in Thailand, a 95% Buddhist country. Now you can learn the 2 most popular religions in 1 book! Widely acclaimed by readers who grew up with Buddhism and despised by a few Western converts to Buddhism, this book is now in 7 languages. Ignore the foreigner’s perspective and get the insider’s perspective on Buddhism the way it’s actually practiced by millions of ordinary folks. “I was a Buddhist all my life... I grew up in Sri Lanka a Buddhist country” | Reading this book changed my life. • Alyosius, Sri Lanka “I have been a missionary in Thailand for 40 years. I read your book and was very impressed 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. “I am a Malaysian Chinese” | I was a Buddhist. I came across your explanation about Buddhism and found that was so true! • Sulee, Malaysia “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 “A well-written book with a clear and bold testimony.” Canon James Wong (Anglican Churches Singapore) “This book has many great insights in it” | I would use it for our Bible College students. • Dr. Wayne Cordeiro (Pastor of 10,000+ member church in Hawaii; who grew up with Japanese Buddhism)

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The content of this book is, in many ways, one of a kind. Rarely (if ever) will you hear that Buddha and Jesus have a lot in common which the author states multiple times. He also gives many examples of why he considers this a valid statement. The author says, "What I intend to emphasize are the many largely unknown similarities between Buddhism and Christianity, which can serve as a starting point for cross-cultural communication. Yet I will be clear about what the differences between Buddhism and Christianity are. His focus on Buddha's teachings as a bridge for Christian evangelism of Buddhists is quite powerful. There are stories about the life and teachings of Buddha that you will have never heard elsewhere, and that can certainly be used to present the Gospel in a relevant manner when sharing your faith with a Buddhist.

Insightful and extremely interesting. Definitely presents a different side of Buddhism than is seen in the Americanized practice of Buddhism. A very different take on this ancient religion.

Many Buddhists are seeking peace. Christians know that Jesus is the Prince of Peace but somehow cannot communicate this well. Steve points out that the teachings of Buddha are similar to Jesus' in many ways. The doctrine of Karma points out the impossibility of paying for our own sin. The 5 commands are very similar to the Ten Commandments. Steve suggests using these 5 as tools to awaken the conscience of a Buddhist and then point them to the one who was born without Karma

and who paid the full price for all our Karma. Some points made are open for question but the basic thrust of the book is very helpful.

Written with passion and love for God. Good comparisons between Buddhism and Christianity. Engaging and easy to read. Definitely recommend!

Unbelievably fantastic reading. Makes perfect sense. Every Christian should read this book with an open mind. Learned so much and have actually confirmed a lot of the teachings in this book to be true.

An informative book about Buddhism written by one with a unique experience of having been raised Buddhist and converting to Christianity,

This book is just amazing.

I was deeply disappointed and offended by the author's shallow appreciation and lack of insight into Buddhism. The author claims in one of many biased and mistaken interpretations of Buddhism that, "Buddha taught that human nature is a sinful nature." The doctrine of original sin is peculiar to Christianity and Buddhists do not subscribe to this view. Buddha taught that we are good, loving and peaceful by nature and this truth can be experienced by engaging in Buddhist practice.

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