



# BUDDHISM: THE RELIGION OF THE TRANSCENDENT WISDOM

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## ABSTRACT

*Buddhism is by far one of the great religions in the world that originated in India; it was further developed in existence 25<sup>th</sup> centuries ago. There is a question, why does Buddhism exist to this day? Because the Buddha found that everyone in Buddhism has a transcendent intellect called Buddha Prakriti. Buddha's words are true that truth never changes. Whether, you are Buddhist or not, believe it or not. Then those who are still available for transcendental knowledge will be Buddhas. So, in this world, there are outstanding intelligent people who are a scientist, a philosopher, a doctor and a jurist. Therefore, the main objective of this research paper is to highlight the Buddhism as a religion of transcendent in the modern era. In this way, to be successful, we must have an object of research, practice and study. It turns out that people with exceptional intelligence tend to be lonely travelers.*

## INTRODUCTION

Buddhism is a great religion in the world was born in India so far; it has existed and developed over 25 centuries ago. Why does Buddhism exist to this day? Because the Buddha discovered that everyone has a Transcendent Wisdom in Buddhism called Buddha nature. The Buddha's words are the truth that truth never changes. Whether you are a Buddhist or not a Buddhist, believe or not. Then people are still available to have transcendent wisdom will be a Buddha. So, in this world there are excellently intelligence people who are a scientist, a philosopher, a doctor, a jurist. To be successful, we must have purpose to research, practice, and study. It has been discovered that people of exceptional intelligence are lone travelers.

German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer said: Only when a person is lonely can he be himself. If someone doesn't love solitude, he doesn't love freedom, because only when a person is lonely can he be free. Studies show that people with outstanding intelligence are often the ones who spend less time communicating. Because they are busy thinking about themselves, thinking about the meaningful things of life, for sake of life, they set goals for themselves.

## BUDDHISM AS THE RELIGION OF THE TRANSCENDENT WISDOM

The Buddha too, when he was still a crown prince Siddhartha, he was beyond the palace, went to the forest to find a way to liberate himself and be able to help humanity. Who went to the forest to study with priest and ascetics for six years? Priest

Siddhartha thought that he has been practicing self-mortification which no one else could overcome by he still could not attain enlightenment. He gave up the life of extreme asceticism. Now priest Siddhartha knew that must follow the middle path to get enlightenment. Hermit Siddhartha sat in meditation at Bodhi Tree for 49 day he became the Buddha. During the past 45 years, the Buddha preached the Dharma to everyone on the path to liberation, advised people to practice dharma on their own, the Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Paths leading to the way out of suffering; the Buddha could not save people without practicing dharma.

With transcendent wisdom, the Buddha sees all things in the process of changing ceaselessly and the Buddha affirmed that change is predestined by cause and effect formed. It was not created by a supernature being who created people and things. Because Buddhism is a religion that comes out of theism, so it doesn't believe in a mysterious creator of the universe who creates mankind and all things.

If it is possible to create a human being, it must be perfectly beautiful, without disabilities, without disease, without thirsty hunger, to avoid poverty. But, in this world there is so much suffering and unhappiness, where people are blessed, peopling poor, illnesses, incurable disease. The Buddha said there are no creator people and things. Which are people who do good causes have good results, who do bad causes have bad results.



Everyone in the world always want to study their life how to have peace and happiness forever, when they get, they often cling to them, but are always afraid of losing. Because people only know the good and evil, right and wrong, but they do not know what is beyond good and bad. The Buddha with transcendent wisdom he studied the practice and understood this world. So, he reached his goal and finished everything, which is the Buddha, went beyond the good and the evil.

This is the Middle Path that does not accept good and evil. Buddha does not accept all there is an extreme. All is No is the second extreme, to be separated from the two extremes of Yes and No is called the Middle Way. As well as gain and loss, good and bad reputation, praise and blame, happiness and suffering, are legal, because it is relative, there are two sides, and jumping back and forth suffering self is not meditation. Suppose people are happy they are married the first few years are very happy, until they have children and take care of them, the husband goes to work early and stays late at night, so often the family is happiness decreases, leading to suffering, because happiness is the subtlety of suffering, suffering is the gross part of happiness. We want peace and serenity to follow our mind, study our life and ourselves.

So, when we have the time, be happy, when the time is over, be happy also. The Buddha said the is impermanent, to know life's ups and downs, always keep a balanced mind, that is Middle Way, which is like a log drifting in a river, the log itself is not damaged. If it does not get caught in a tree branch, does not pull to the right or left, won't be picked up by humans, then this log will drift into a great river and then enter the sea. So, happiness and suffering, good and evil are two sides embankment, we only take the Middle Path without clinging to the right and left sides, good and evil will definitely enter the holy stream of the four jhāna.

Three actions are karmic of body, mouth and mind to come retribution. The Buddha does not have to create cause and effect. The Blessed One is an enlightened person who sees and speaks out so that we know how to do well and avoid evil, so that we can do more perfect, who is ethical to avoid bad retribution. Laws of the universe and human life, Newton discovered the gravity of the earth, actually it is already in the universe, and Newton is a smarter person who explored the gravity of the earth. So, everyone, Buddhist or non-Buddhist must obey the law of cause and effect.

The Buddha attained Enlightenment and seeing, cause and effect are available in the universe, not because the Buddha invented the law of cause and effect, Buddha said that he has realized and seen the path of cause and effect, good and bad, happiness and suffering in its process, there is no Buddha, no God, no Divine to interfere with the law of cause and effect. Whether we believe it or not, religious or non-religious, atheist or not, cannot escape the law of cause and effect, governed by cause and effect. There is an old saying that fish eat ants, one day ants eat fish. Meaning that the powerful, the rich bully the person who is sure that he does not escape the law of cause and

effect, the rule in his life also has to pay the price of sowing resentment for a person, the law of justice returns to him. When cause ends, then effect ends, philosophy is very clear, Buddhists must realize the truth, cause and effect are not only for religion but cause and effect cover this universe, because it is the principle of life, not limited to one person on earth or globe.

The Buddha was born under the tree of No Worries, attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree, and passed enter nirvana under two Sala Trees. This is an important event in the life of the Buddha associated with the three types of trees, shows that Buddhism is always associated nature. This is the Buddha's message that human beings have a relationship with nature.

Why did the Buddha let the sangha practice for three months to the summer retreat in the rainy season? Because of going restrict to avoid accidentally killing insects, grass, trees. About 60 years ago, the scientists studied to understand that global warming; climate change affects human beings, plant and animal life around world. Who did make the earth warm? Due to human greed, no believing in cause and effect, living only for their own benefit, felling trees, destroying forests. Deforestation results in climate change, drought, sea level rise, and poor, environmental. More causes industrial zones massively developed close to the population, so they result a disaster in their living environment with smoke and dust, affected by industrial runoff. Another reason is due to population growth, so it has to exploit nature resources and reclaimed land. Race with chemical weapons is also a cause of polluted environment, creating destruction of nature. So human beings and all species need nature, if we are too greedy, selfish, we will also disappear from the earth, because we breathe the same air if the air is too polluted, let's live well and intelligently. We will be happy and peaceful.

1969 – 1972, there have been a total of 6 times Nasa went to the moon, but since then, the US agency has no intention of doing it again. 1971 the first cosmic black hole – the power to swallow all planets discovered is called Cygnus X-I. What we currently know about black holes is only part theory. And it also contains a lot of things that scientists cannot explain.

Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman said: "My dream is to make the Moon an important economic zone for the Earth." Hoffman shared, maybe someday. This is the Era of high-tech information, evolution of material, biological evolution...The Buddha advised people to give up greed, hatred, and delusion and his disciples not to question whether this world is finite or infinite, this life is finite or infinite what you must first admit is that life is full of suffering, the birth, aging, sick, death, sorrow, lamentation, pain, despair, and distress. Let's cut them off right now by Eightfold path.

The Buddha is like everyone else, he is a prince Siddhartha, studied and knew that human beings have endless possibilities. Over 25centuries ago, the Buddha said: There are many planets in the universe. So let us use our endless possibilities not to surrender to fate, we must follow the law of material evolution good or evil. If we do not follow the



evolutionary law of good, when you have the power to anger or disagree “press the button” all disappears and you do not exist because we are all on this earth. Therefore, good and intelligent people achieve the universal level of good living and right view.

The Buddha’s transcendent wisdom saw that everyone has Buddha nature it is called transcendent wisdom. And sees all things in the process of changing ceaselessly and the Buddha affirmed that change is predestined and cause and effect formed. Not by any god to create people and things. People who act well are happy and peaceful. Everyone who wants to be liberated should practice the Dharma of Buddhism.

## CONCLUSION

Buddhism is a transcendental wisdom which realizes the operation of the universe and human life, more than 2500 years ago. Shakyamuni Buddha said that there are many worlds in the universe, and there are many insects in the water bowl, until today scientists have discovered. Like we see manmade aircraft, goldmine, oil field, water source, coalmine...People have found them. There are bridges across the river, fully equipped boats, high-rise building, people have come to the moon...all these things are done by humans’ brains and labors, so humans have a superhuman ability to learn even more deeply, how can be at peace and happy forever, aircrafts can fly in the man-made universe, so we can also fly by ourselves.

This is what Shakyamuni Buddha did; he practiced by himself under the Bodhi tree in India. Scientists sitting alone in the laboratory have found a lot of material means to serve humanity. Then Buddha also meditated alone under the Bodhi Tree for 49 days and nights fighting internal mind and externally to become a Buddha, and has six divine powers, also known as six supernatural: the power of Transformation, the power of Celestial Hearing, the power of Discerning the Mind of Other, the power of knowing past lives, the power of celestial vision, the power of extinction of suffering. The Buddha brought the enlightened Dharma to convey to sentient beings’ peace and happiness and impacted energy to human beings to live a good life. If they want to practice more deeply, they will become saints, Arahant or Buddha. Buddhism makes benefits for sentient beings, so Buddhism still exists to this day.

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