

Did Buddha have answers?

Whereas the Christian hopes to live forever with his Lord and Savior (Jn 10:28, 29), the Buddhist's goal is to merge into nothingness. Buddhists are a sort of atheist of pantheism.

Pat Zukeran wrote:

Buddhism began as an offspring of Hinduism in the country of India. The founder was Siddhartha Gautama...

Gautama was born in approximately 560 B.C. in northern India...

While deep in meditation under a fig tree known as the Bohdi tree (meaning, "tree of wisdom"), Gautama experienced the highest degree of God-consciousness called Nirvana. Gautama then became known as Buddha, the "enlightened one...."

Buddhism was by no means entirely original. It had much in common with the pantheistic Vedanta teaching...

Buddhism stands condemned by the voice of nature the dominant tone of which is hope and joy. It is a protest against nature for possessing the perfection of rational life. The highest ambition of Buddhism is to destroy that perfection by bringing all living beings to the unconscious repose of Nirvana. Buddhism is thus guilty of a capital crime against nature, and in consequence does injustice to the individual...¹

Christians do not share Buddhists' pessimism. Their Good Shepherd gives them fullness of life (Jn 10:10b). Though Christians suffer (Is 53:10–12), theirs is a life filled with hope (2 Co 1:7) and final victory (Phil 4:13).

Gautama died without leaving sure answers about an afterlife; but, the Lord Jesus proved by his: death, burial and resurrection (Mt 28:6, 7, Jn 21:14) that life continues after the grave.

¹ Zukeran, Pat. Buddhism: For centuries, the dominant religion of the Eastern world. Web. 9 May, 2020: http://www.inplainsite.org/html/buddhism_history_and_overview.html