

2022 Epicurus vs Buddhism Compare and Contrast Thread

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There are multiple sects of Judaism, Christianity, Islam etc. that have differing opinions about certain articles of faith and certain formulas and certain disciplic successions...but there has to be very “core” concepts that cannot be removed from the faiths...otherwise we would never be able to say this faith is “Christianity” and this faith is “Islam” in generic terms....if the articles are so different from each other as they are for the position of Jesus in Islam and Christianity , then the differences qualify them to be completely different religions.

It is very obvious that Buddhism in general in a very similar way, except for secular Buddhists who might only be so in name only, all share these these very specific concepts in some way. There may be differing opinions among schools or sects, but if we can't pin down some consistent teachings taught by a historical Gautama Buddha that are recognized among ALL Buddhists regardless of sect, then I'm not sure any comparison or discussion is possible. “Buddhism” would be a completely meaningless and nebulous term.

Which I personally don't believe is true.