

2022 Epicurus vs Buddhism Compare and Contrast Thread

Post by “Matt” of January 31, 2022 at 7:40 AM

I know we are beating this dead horse into the dust, but the issues can't be obfuscated about what the core tenets are within Buddhism.

I would say yes to three outlines...

So that we can see clearly what the core common articles that all Buddhists share are without any controversy about interpretations.

I've read the Dhammapada and In the Buddha's words:

<https://ia800909.us.archive.org/2/items/InTheBuddhasWordsBhikkhuBodhi/In%20the%20Buddha%27s%20Words%20Bhikkhu%20Bodhi%20%28Editor%29.pdf>

I personally cannot see how the ideas of karma, nirvana, and re-birth are somehow not a part of the original Buddhist doctrine when the main historical branches such as Theravada, Mahayana and Tibetan Buddhism all seem to share them and the neighboring Indian philosophies within Hinduism and Jainism also use the same terminology, albeit slightly different from tradition to tradition, but still they have them. Any sort of dissenting opinion would appear to to be an extreme minority.