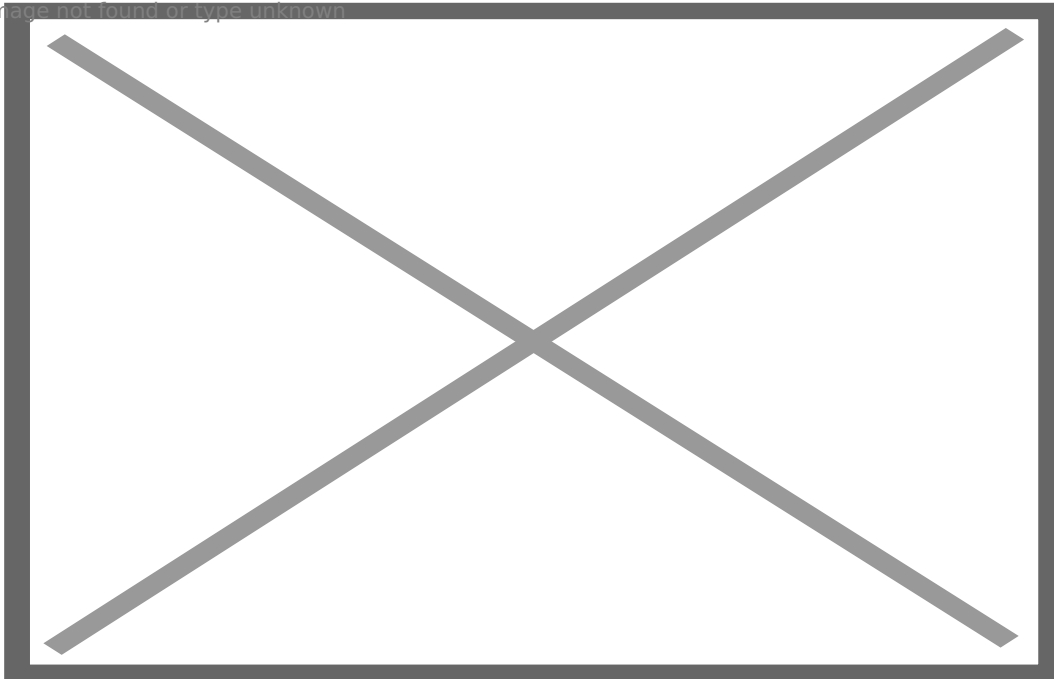


2022 Epicurus vs Buddhism Compare and Contrast Thread

Post by “Matt” of January 31, 2022 at 7:59 AM

Here’s a good test...if a historical critic of Buddhism (Adi Shankara) spent enough time to attempt to refute Buddhist doctrine (and there were many other Vedantists who did) it must’ve meant that the interpretation of concepts even back in medieval times in India were close enough to the Hindu interpretations that they needed to attack them.

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While maintaining the existence of only Brahman in the absolute sense, Sankara posits that the experience of the world is not invalid at the time of that...

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This tells me that at the very least, what we know as “historical” Buddhism shared deep commonalities with other Indian philosophies. This is why especially in Southern India there was syncretism between Buddhism and Hindu Shaivism. In fact there are temples that simultaneously invoke images of Shiva, while also depicting Buddhist stories. If this is the case, it meant that the historical Buddhists must’ve shared commonalities with certain Hindu doctrines for them to be compatible enough for devotees to mix and match the traditions.

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