

## CHRISTIANITY & TIBETAN BUDDHISM: A COMPARISON

CHRISTIANITY	TIBETAN BUDDHISM
<p><b>The creator loves you. Love Him back.</b></p> <p>“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” —Jesus (John 3:16).</p> <p>“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” —Jesus (Luke 10:27)</p>	<p><b>There is no creator.</b></p> <p>“I once said that it seems to me that God has fallen asleep somewhere. I was joking, as you might imagine, since we make no allowance for a creator god.” —Dalai Lama</p>
<p><b>God owns the land and gives it to whom He chooses.</b></p> <p>“The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it” (Psalm 24:1).</p> <p>“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.” —Jesus (Matthew 5:5)</p>	<p><b>“Local deities” and the Kalachakra (time god) wish to take possession.</b></p> <p>“Every construction of a mandala implies—if one takes it seriously—the subjugation of the inhabitants of the region in which it is constructed. In the case of the Kalachakra mandala the places in which it has been built are transformed into domains under the control of the Tibetan time gods.” —<i>The Shadow of the Dalai Lama</i></p>
<p><b>Using women and men in pagan rituals is forbidden.</b></p> <p>This demeaning practice has existed from ancient times: “None of the daughters of Israel shall be a cult prostitute, nor shall any of the sons of Israel be a cult prostitute. You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a dog [male prostitute] into the house of the Lord your God...for both of these are an abomination” (Deuteronomy 23:17, 18).</p> <p>Women are to be held in highest regard: “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her” (Ephesians 5:25).</p>	<p><b>Tibetan tantrism involves sex magic.</b></p> <p>“The wisdom-gnosis initiation is the experience of connate joy that arises from the disciple [monk] and consort themselves engaging in union.” —Dalai Lama (<a href="https://www.dalailama.com/teachings/kalachakra-initiations">https://www.dalailama.com/teachings/kalachakra-initiations</a>), describing high-level tantric rituals</p> <p>“The <i>Kalachakra</i> (time god or wheel of time) <i>Tantra</i> has nothing to do with peace, compassion, and freedom. In Tantric Buddhism it was a misogynistic quest performed by male initiates to accumulate...the power of Buddhist deities and, through blending male and female fluids, to turn themselves into superhuman, androgynous beings.” —Andrei Znamenski, Assoc. Prof. of History, Alabama State University</p>
<p><b>Demonism/witchcraft is prohibited.</b></p> <p>The Lord God prohibits demon worship: “When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord” (Deuteronomy 18: 9-12).</p>	<p><b>Demonism is considered high science.</b></p> <p>“Since time immemorial ritual magic and politics have been one in Tibet, magic practices devoted to the annihilation of enemies, especially political opponents. The help of demons was necessary and Tibet all but overflowed with terror gods, vampires, ghouls, and other messengers of death.</p> <p>‘Demonology’ was a high science taught at monastic universities. For the demons to appear they have to be offered the appropriate objects of their lust as a sacrifice, each class of devil having its own particular taste. René von Nebesky-Wojkowitz describes a number of culinary specialties from the Lamaist ‘demon recipe books’: cakes made of dark flour and blood; five different sorts of meat, including human flesh; the skull of the child of an incestuous relationship filled with blood and mustard seeds; the skin of a boy.” —Nebesky-Wojkowitz, 1955, in <i>The Shadow of the Dali Lama</i>, 261</p>

<p><b>Sacrificing to idols/demons is unwise.</b></p> <p>The Bible says, “They made Him jealous with strange gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger. They sacrificed to demons who were not God, to gods whom they have not known, new gods who came lately, whom your fathers did not dread. You...forgot the God who gave you birth” (Deuteronomy 32:16-18).</p> <p>“What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles [the nations] sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons” (1 Corinthians 10: 19, 20).</p>	<p><b>Offer one’s flesh to demons for the sake of “compassion.”</b></p> <p>“Every church should have a shrine to Satan.” —Josh, American Buddhist</p> <p>“Like all Buddhist practices, Chod [a cemetery ritual] works to cultivate emptiness and compassion, in this case through a ritual offering up of one's body to otherwise implacable demons.”</p> <p><a href="https://tricycle.org/magazine/cutting-through-fear">https://tricycle.org/magazine/cutting-through-fear</a></p> <p>“With a loving mind, cherish—more than a child—the hostile gods and demons of apparent existence, and tenderly surround yourself with them. Nourish them always with warm flesh and blood. With the hook of love and compassion befriend them and never dismiss them.” —sorceress Machik Labdrön (trans. Sarah Harding, 2007). <a href="http://www.khandro.net/dakini_shaman.htm">http://www.khandro.net/dakini_shaman.htm</a></p>
<p><b>You are a precious soul.</b></p> <p>The Bible says, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).</p> <p>“Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7).</p>	<p><b>You have no soul.</b></p> <p>“Buddhism denies the existence of a permanent or static entity [soul] that remains constant behind the changing components of a living being.... Conscious thoughts simply arise and perish with no ‘thinker’ behind them. When the body dies, the incorporeal mental processes are reborn in a new body.” [In other words, you have no soul. You are simply a collection of thoughts, consciousness, body, etc.]. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anatta">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anatta</a></p>
<p><b>God offers a free gift of eternal peace.</b></p> <p>“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.” —Jesus (John 14:27)</p> <p>“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).</p>	<p><b>Global peace comes only through meditation.</b></p> <p>This is the indirectly stated purpose the Dalai Lama’s Mind and Life Institute (<a href="http://www.mindandlife.org">http://www.mindandlife.org</a>). But according to ex-Tibetan Buddhists Victor and Victoria Trimondi, “The <i>Kalachakra-Tantra</i> [time god ritual] is anything but pacifist; rather, it prophesies and promotes a bloody religious war for world domination between Buddhists and non-Buddhists (<i>Shambhala</i> myth). The text explicitly names the ‘leaders’ of the three monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) as opponents of Buddhism: ‘<i>Adam, Enoch, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, the White-Clad one</i> [Mani], <i>Muhammad and Mathani</i> [the Mahdi]’. The <i>Kalachakra Tantra</i> describes them as ‘<i>the family of the demonic snakes</i>’ (<i>Sbri Kalachakra</i> I. 154).” —<i>The Shadow of the Dalai Lama</i></p>

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