

About the book

Gautama Siddhartha was one of humanity's wisest teachers. He lived in the middle of the 6th century BCE in the northern plains of India. He taught a message of compassion and universal love. The message spread to all corners of Asia and shaped the culture of a continent. It continues till today, as one of the great religions of the world, with millions of followers: Buddhism.

The vast spread of Buddhist philosophy across Asia in ancient times, over formidable geographical barriers and great distances, is one of the miracles in history. The warm acceptance of these ideas and vision of life, by the people of faraway lands, underlines the sameness of the human condition everywhere. It is important to remember that these ideas were keenly sought and warmly received across Asia. This vast spread of Buddhism was entirely without the use of coercion or the sword. Early Buddhism, today known as Theravada Buddhism, concentrated solely on self-discipline as a means of striving for enlightenment.

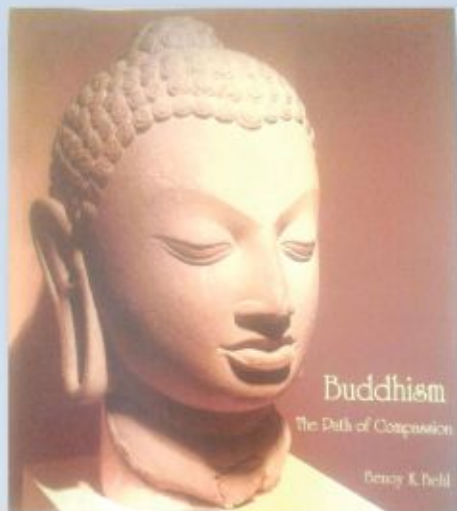
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