

BUDDHISM

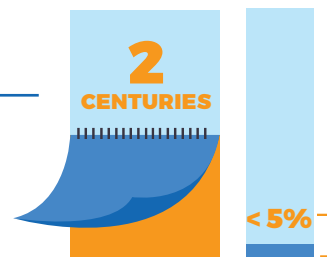
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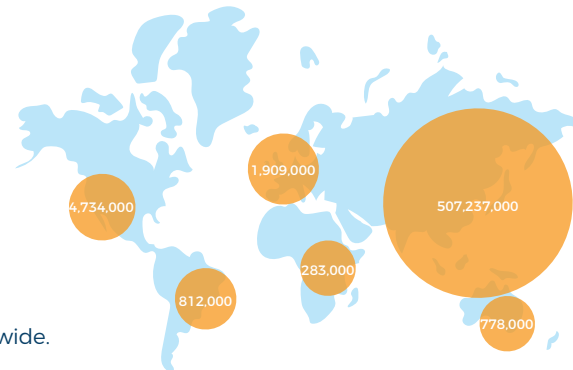
Buddhism is the world's fourth largest religion. However, 86% of all Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus don't even know a Christian.



of the world's population practice some form of Buddhism



Less than five percent of Buddhist heartlands have come to Christ during the last two centuries of Christian ministry.



Some form of Buddhism is present in 125 countries worldwide.

CALLS TO ACTION



UNDERSTAND

Understand that there are many iterations of Buddhism, and be on guard against syncretism.



ADAPT

Adapt to the various iterations of Buddhism when ministering to those who adhere to them. Ministry styles must be determined on a case-by-case basis.



RELATE

Strive to build relationships with Buddhists, and to treat them as true neighbors. Remember that ministry through example is an extremely effective tool.

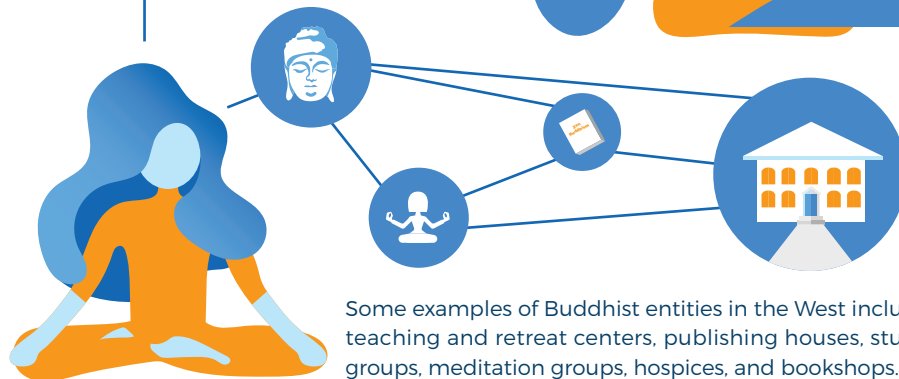


The influence of Buddhist philosophy and worldview has spread globally, and has seen significant growth in the West since the 1960's. It often mixes with other philosophies and beliefs, a phenomenon called syncretism.



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Some examples of Buddhist entities in the West include teaching and retreat centers, publishing houses, study groups, meditation groups, hospices, and bookshops.