



Buddhism

Based on the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama also known as the Buddha or enlightened (awake) one who was born in India around 490 B.C. into a Hindu world

Buddhists hope to escape the reincarnation cycle by reaching Nirvana

Buddhism became the official state religion under Indian Emperor Ashoka who directed missionaries to spread Buddhism to other parts of the world

Buddha's followers in India deified him, and so Buddhism was absorbed into Hinduism in India