

# Teaching/Learning Resources

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## Magazines and Journals

- Buddhist Studies Review, Journal of the UK Association for Buddhist Studies: Is published by Equinox on behalf of the UK Association for Buddhist Studies. It is a peer-reviewed journal featuring articles with respect to a broad range of topics related to Buddhism globally. <https://journals.equinoxpub.com/index.php/BSR>.
- Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies: Is a scholarly peer-reviewed, online journal covering all aspects of Buddhist studies.
- Contemporary Buddhism: An Interdisciplinary Journal: Is internationally published by Thomson Reuters, featuring articles on the current state and influence of Buddhism worldwide. The journal takes a cross-disciplinary approach that goes beyond Buddhist and religious studies approaches. [www.tandfonline.com/loi/rcbh20](http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rcbh20)

**Dharma Today:** Dharma Today is based in Canada and is an online Buddhist magazine, with a focus on exploring ways of applying Buddhist teachings to the problems of contemporary life.

**Dharma the Cat:** An online graphic magazine that blends humour and spirituality to teach about Buddhism through the character of a Buddhist cat.

**Forest Sangha's Newsletter:** Newsletter of the Forest Sangha, is a world-wide Buddhist community in the Thai Forest tradition of Ajahn Chah.

**Journal of Global Buddhism:** Is a scholarly academic journal dedicated to the study of Buddhism's globalization and its transcontinental interrelatedness.

**Gateway Journal and Zen Karmics:** Gateway Journal provides guidance to prisoners about meditative training. It features articles on practice for prisoners by teachers of various traditions and prisoners themselves.

**Hundred Mountain:** Is a journal of "the Spirit and the Arts" and both a serious and a lighthearted look at fitting spiritual practice and meditation into daily life. It features articles, interviews with Buddhist teachers, a resource list, book and movie reviews, humour columns, and a feature "The Buddhascope," which tracks popular culture references to Buddhism.

**Journal of the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives:** Is a quarterly journal that publishes articles on meditation and Buddhist training, authored by Rev. Master Jiyu-Kennett, priests and lay ministers, and congregation members.

**Kaihan E-Magazine:** Is an on-line magazine of poetry, articles, and essays on Zen Buddhism.

**Mandala Magazine:** Is a bi-monthly journal published by the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition. It is produced by a Tibetan Buddhist organization present in 31 countries.

**Nembutsu.info:** Is a journal of Shin Buddhism: Provides a perspective on topics drawing on the Pure Land teachings.

**Shambhala Sun Magazine:** Is the online version of the print magazine. The Shambhala Sun magazine brings a Buddhist perspective to "the arts, politics, relationships, social issues, livelihood, and all aspects of life in the modern world."

**Tashi Deleg!:** Is Padma Samye Ling's (Tibetan Buddhism) monthly news bulletin.

**The Middle Way:** Is the quarterly journal of the Buddhist Society UK. It features articles by noted Buddhist teachers and scholars on diverse elements of Buddhist theory, practice, history, and other topics.

The Western Buddhist Review: Is an on-line Buddhist journal which explores Buddhism from a contemporary and Western perspective. It features articles and papers that explore the principles of Buddhism, especially as practised within the tradition known as the Friends of the Western Buddhist Order.

Tricycle: Is an eZine version of not-for-profit quarterly Tricycle: The Buddhist Review (magazine). It addresses topics related to The Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, and the three “great wheels of Buddhism,” Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana traditions.

Turning Wheel: Is a journal of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship with a focus on “engaged” Buddhism. It features articles on peace, social justice, environmental activism, and dharma practice.

## Profiles

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## Text and Audio Glossaries

Throughout this document we have used transliterated versions of Hindu and Sanskrit terms as suggested by the experts and resource people that assist in the development of this resource. Transliteration is not an exact science and there will be variations in the transliteration of the original terms used. As well, there are regional, sect, cultural, and other variants in the spelling and pronunciation of the original Hindu and Sanskrit terms. Lastly, as with any language there will be variations in the names and terms used for specific persons, items, concepts, gods and goddesses, and other elements of Hindu beliefs, rituals, icons, and practices.

## Audio Glossaries

- Pure Dharma: A Quest to Recover Buddha's True Teachings website offers an audio and print glossary of Buddhist Pali terms. <https://puredhamma.net/tables-and-summaries/pali-glossary-a-k/>
- Annenberg Learner Audio Glossary. [www.learner.org/courses/worldhistory/audio\\_glossary\\_all.html](http://www.learner.org/courses/worldhistory/audio_glossary_all.html)

The Shap Working party on World religions in Education Audio Glossary  
[www.shapworkingparty.org.uk/glossary/a.html](http://www.shapworkingparty.org.uk/glossary/a.html)

## Text Glossaries

- Glossary of English, Sanskrit, and Tibetan Buddhist Terms, by Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive, [www.lamayeshe.com/glossary](http://www.lamayeshe.com/glossary)
- Printable Glossary of Buddhist Terms by Prison Mindfulness Institute, [www.prisonmindfulness.org/](http://www.prisonmindfulness.org/)
- Glossary of Buddhist Terms by the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives, provides definitions for Japanese, Chinese, Sanskrit, and Pali terms. <https://obcon.org/dharma/glossary-of-buddhist-terms/>
- Glossary of Buddhist Terms, © Geshe Kelsang Gyatso and Tharpa Publications, from Modern Kadampa Buddhism, <http://kadampa.org/reference/glossary-of-buddhist-terms-a-e#a>
- Glossary of Buddhist Terms, from the Works of Master Hsing Yun, <http://hsingyun.org/glossary/>
- Small Pali-English Glossary of Buddhist Terms by Buddha Sasana <http://vietheravada.net/tudien/bud-dict/pali-gloss.htm>

## Local Resource People

- Manitoba Multifaith Council, [www.manitobamultifaithcouncil.ca/](http://www.manitobamultifaithcouncil.ca/)
- Dr. Robert Menzies, Contract Instructor, University of Winnipeg: Teaching Areas-Asian Religions; Religions of India; Buddhist Traditions; Women in Asian Religions; Hindu Religious Textual Traditions; South Asians in the Diaspora. Email: [r.menzies@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:r.menzies@uwinnipeg.ca)

## Videos

### Buddhism in Canada

**A Song for Tibet** (56:50) by Anne Henderson (1991) National Film Board  
[www.nfb.ca/film/a\\_song\\_for\\_tibet/](http://www.nfb.ca/film/a_song_for_tibet/)

A Song for Tibet is a documentary that tells the recounts the story of the efforts by Tibetans in exile, including the Dalai Lama, to save their homeland and preserve their heritage. It was filmed in the Indian Himalayas and in Canada.



Canadians of Tibetan Buddhist origins share their stories. Caution: This film contains scenes of violence. Viewer discretion is advised.

**Buddhism—1962** by David Millar National Film Board (16:51)

[www.nfb.ca/film/buddhism/](http://www.nfb.ca/film/buddhism/)

A short Canadian documentary that tells the story of The Buddha, the religion he founded, and how it is manifested in the early 1960s. The video travels through Southeast Asia to India, Burma, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), Thailand, Japan, China, and many other countries exploring the history and ideas behind Buddhism.

**Buddhism in Canada: Where Are We?** by Dr Victor Hori

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWNvaUk6Bmo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWNvaUk6Bmo)

A video of a presentation sponsored by Fo Guang Shan Temple of Toronto on Buddhism in Canada. Dr. Hori provides an overview of the history of Buddhism in Canada and North America, the present situation of Buddhists in Canada, and the future of Buddhism.

**Canadian Police Practicing Mindfulness in Buddhist Temple** (8:42) by

Acharya Nyima Negi

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrqTqjqkw30](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrqTqjqkw30)

Video shows police members learning to meditate at a Buddhist Temple in Canada.

**Choosing Buddhism—Life Stories of Eight Canadians** (3:17) by University of Ottawa Press

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=284Hb1wCxxI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=284Hb1wCxxI)

A video about a book on the stories of eight Canadians who converted to Buddhism.

**International Buddhist Temple introduction video** (5:36)

The video introduces the International Buddhist Temple in Richmond, British Columbia.

**Lingyen Mountain Temple Canada** (32:31)

<http://lymtcanada.com/about-lymt-canada/?lang=en>

Lingyen Mountain Temple is a Mahayana Buddhist monastery in the Greater Vancouver area. Lingyen Mountain Temple follows the Pure-Land Buddhist tradition that arose after the introduction of Buddhism to China from India. The video introduces the viewer to the Temple and its activities.

**The Experience of Canadian Festivals** (7:30) by Kadampa Meditation Centre

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykossnFpLdE&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykossnFpLdE&feature=youtu.be)

The Canadian national festival held at Kadampa Meditation Centre Canada in Toronto draws people from throughout the country. The festival features teachings and empowerments from some of the most senior teachers of the New Kadampa Tradition. In the video, participants discuss why they attend and their experiences.

**The Rise of Buddhism in Canada** (1:32 minutes) by Western News

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIG-Jv\\_Zok4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIG-Jv_Zok4)

A short video about the rising popularity of Buddhism among Canadians.

**Toronto Buddhist Church—Introductory Video** (2:56)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJHJ8CDO40s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJHJ8CDO40s)

A video that introduces viewers to the Toronto Buddhist Church, which is a Jodo Shinshu Temple.

**VANCOUVER: Buddhist Temple**, Richmond, BC, Canada (12:28) by Monika Petrikova

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmWxeg9DOns](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmWxeg9DOns)

This video takes the viewer on a visual tour of the International Buddhist Temple in Vancouver.

**Vesak 2016 Buddha’s Birth Day Celebration in Mississauga** (6:15) by Ram Kajee Moktan

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIReeYzkP5w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIReeYzkP5w)

Video of the celebration of Buddha’s 2560th birthday in celebration square in Mississauga on 28 May 2016.

## International

**Buddhist Meditation for Beginners**—5 minutes

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLe1sMDpEM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLe1sMDpEM)

A video guide to Diamond Way Buddhist meditation for beginners guided by Lama Ole Nydahl.

**Buddhism** (Chicago Police video)—8.5 minutes

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5\\_tljqnZoc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5_tljqnZoc)

This training video was prepared for the Chicago Police Department introducing Buddhism in Chicago.

**Buddhism for Beginners** by Doug’s secular Dharma—13.11 Minutes

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbngKOUgCDY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbngKOUgCDY)

The video looks at how Buddhism views the world and how Buddhist practice flows from that view.

**Buddhism Origins**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP8VKT2o-mY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP8VKT2o-mY)

**Day in the Life of a Monk**—5 minutes

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRHkivEzCfw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRHkivEzCfw)

This video provides a portrait of a day in the life of a young Buddhist monk. Bhikkhu Tapassi is a young Australian monk ordained in the Theravadan Forest tradition living in the picturesque Santi Monastery in the Southern highlands between Sydney and Canberra.

**Discovering Buddhism Series** by FPMT (Mahayana Buddhist Organization)

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL70E7832E292DAAB4](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL70E7832E292DAAB4)

A 13-part video series which features His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Ribur Rinpoche, Lama Zopa Rinpoche, other Tibetan Lamas, and Western teachers, including Richard Gere.

## Every Man: Richard Gere's Buddhism (4 parts)

### Part 1:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OASbnKFXUE&list=PLoULu9xCPMQntOeoZCM9\\_IZY25xvTKul](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OASbnKFXUE&list=PLoULu9xCPMQntOeoZCM9_IZY25xvTKul)

### Part 2:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUas8BD1VNQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUas8BD1VNQ)

### Part 3:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-Lf7NyyOvE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-Lf7NyyOvE)

### Part 4:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngH1OFQKnB0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngH1OFQKnB0)

## Khan Academy, Buddhism

The Khan Academy website offers a number of short videos on Buddhism including the following four:

- **Early Buddhism**  
[www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/buddhism-intro/v/buddhism](http://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/buddhism-intro/v/buddhism)
- **Core Spiritual Ideas of Buddhism**  
[www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/buddhism-intro/v/core-spiritual-ideas-of-buddhism](http://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/buddhism-intro/v/core-spiritual-ideas-of-buddhism)
- **Buddhism: Context and Comparison**  
[www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/buddhism-intro/v/contextualization-buddhism](http://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/buddhism-intro/v/contextualization-buddhism)
- **Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism**  
[www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/buddhism-intro/v/theravada-and-mahayana-buddhism](http://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/buddhism-intro/v/theravada-and-mahayana-buddhism)

### Introduction to Buddhism by Belief: Oprah Winfrey Network 3:18 Minutes

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lxq-RiLb-6M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lxq-RiLb-6M)

Varun Soni of the University of Southern California introduces Buddhism. The video begins with the story of Prince Siddhartha who wished to alleviate human suffering and became enlightened in order to help others.

### Is Buddhism a Religion? (Fred Ulrich)—4 minutes

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyohFK1D6E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyohFK1D6E)

By the Living Dharma Centre. In this episode Rev. Fredrich Ulrich of the Manitoba Buddhist Temple explains why he and others have claimed that Buddhism is not necessarily a religion.

### Japan the Way of the Zen by Pierre Brouwers

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=We2pP1yu960](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We2pP1yu960)

Pierre explores contemporary Japan focusing on the Island of Honshu—the largest of the islands forming Japan. The documentary explores the continued impact of Zen Buddhism on the country and people.

**Life of The Buddha** (4 minute student project)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVRYnzZvTn4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVRYnzZvTn4)

A student-made video for a classroom assignment.

**Life of The Buddha** (50 minute BBC documentary)—Start at 6:41 to 32:00, then 37:56 to 49:00

[www.dailymotion.com/video/x152cdb\\_the-life-of-the-buddha-bbc-documentary\\_people](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x152cdb_the-life-of-the-buddha-bbc-documentary_people)

**NgalSo Ganden Nyengyu**

A YouTube Channel dedicated to Buddhist teachings featuring three Lamas: Lama Healer T.Y.S. Gangchen Rinpoche, Lama Michel Rinpoche, and Lama Caroline. It offers an extensive list of videos on various topics of Buddhist beliefs and practices including the following four:

- Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy  
[www.youtube.com/user/ngalsovideo/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/ngalsovideo/videos)
- Is There a Main Book or Scripture in Buddhism?  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXz3CvKXKPU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXz3CvKXKPU)
- Why Is Death so Important in Vajrayana Buddhism?  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPbXH7lhvaE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPbXH7lhvaE)
- Can We Practice Buddhism if We Do Not Believe in Reincarnation?  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=SY2udTygMx4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SY2udTygMx4)

**Secret Life of Buddha** by National Geographic (Length: 1:54:46)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAKAma8\\_OG0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAKAma8_OG0)

**The Buddha** (1:54:08 Minutes)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDgd8LT9AL4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDgd8LT9AL4)

This almost two-hour long documentary tells the story of The Buddha's life. The video is narrated by a number of contemporary Buddhists, including Pulitzer Prize winning poet W.S. Merwin and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. It is a visually rich video that features the work of some of the world's greatest artists and sculptors.

**The Buddha: The Spiritual Journey that Became a Religion** by Biographics (Length 15:24)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6L1CHVxj0yY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6L1CHVxj0yY)

A video providing a quick overview of Buddha's life and teachings.

**The Buddhist Science of the Mind** by Wade Davis (National Geographic)

<https://vimeo.com/33936285>

**The Life of Buddha** (BBC Documentary) (Length 49:57)

[www.dailymotion.com/video/x152cdb](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x152cdb)

**Tiger Woods Buddhism** (1 minute)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPXAVsJBHYk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPXAVsJBHYk)

Tiger Woods explains his Buddhist background at a press conference before entering therapy.

**Vesak Day (Buddha Day)** (3 ½ minutes)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4EyNYcFa\\_0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4EyNYcFa_0)

The video describes some of the practices of Buddhists on Vesak Day.

**What Is Buddhism?** By Cogito (Length: 10:15)

An animated video that tells the origins and development of Buddhism in a simplified form.

**Zen Buddhism**, by Asian Art Museum (3:22 minutes)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAI2fwUqN4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAI2fwUqN4)

An introduction to Zen, a form of Buddhism common in Japan, which emphasizes one seeking their own Buddha nature through meditation.

## Websites

### Canadian

**Birken Forest Buddhist Monastery**

<https://birken.ca/>

This is the website of the Canadian Theravada Buddhist monastery, Birken Forest Buddhist Monastery located in the coast mountains of British Columbia, near the Birkenhead Lake Provincial Park. The monastery follows the Thai forest tradition of Ajahn Chah. It was formed in 1994 when the Canadian-born Abbot Ajahn Sona returned from monastic training in Thailand. The site offers a variety of Dhamma teachings including Ajahn Sona's videos and podcasts, as well as print resources. <https://birken.ca/teachings/>

**Buddha Meditation Centre** (Saskatoon)

[www.mahamevnawasaskatoon.com/](http://www.mahamevnawasaskatoon.com/)

This is the website of The Buddha Meditation Centre in Saskatoon, which follows the Theravada tradition. The Centre's activities are led by monks trained in the ancient Pali scriptures. The site provides an abundance of resources on Buddhism and Buddhist practice.

**Buddha Meditation Centre** (Winnipeg)

[www.mahamevnawawinnipeg.org/](http://www.mahamevnawawinnipeg.org/)

The Mahamevanawa Buddhist Monastery, like The Buddha Meditation Centre in Saskatoon, is part of the Theravada Buddhist tradition. The site provides an abundance of resources on Buddhism and Buddhist practice.

**Buddhism: The Canadian Encyclopedia**

[www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/buddhism](http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/buddhism)

An article that provides an overview of Buddhism in Canada.

**Buddhism in Canada**

[www.buddhismcanada.com](http://www.buddhismcanada.com)

This is the best guide to organizations in Canada. Produced by a handful of volunteers under the direction of George Klima, it is frequently updated and is the most authoritative guide available.

### **Buddhist.ca**

[www.buddhist.ca/](http://www.buddhist.ca/)

A Canadian website for those with an interest in Buddhism or meditation retreats. It includes a directory of Canadian Buddhist centres and meditation retreats.

### **Exploring World Religions: The Canadian Perspective**

[www.arts.mun.ca/worldreligions/resources/hinduism/#](http://www.arts.mun.ca/worldreligions/resources/hinduism/#)

This is a resource database created to support a text by the same title and that is listed in the book/text section of this profile.

### **Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada**

[www.bcc.ca/index.html](http://www.bcc.ca/index.html)

This is the website of the Canadian Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land Tradition) Buddhist Temples which includes the Manitoba Buddhist Temple. The site offers information on Jodo Shinshu tradition and resources related to Buddhism, selected readings, and meditation.

### **The Hermitage: The Dharma Fellowship's Meditation Centre Practice Center**

<https://thehermitage.ca/dharma-fellowship%E2%80%99s-philosophy-and-mission>

The Dharma Fellowship was originally founded in Canada in 1973. It is an organization comprised of Western Buddhist meditation and yoga practitioners who follow the spiritual direction of Ogyen Trinley Dorje, 17th Gyalwang Karmapa. The website offers a variety of articles in the library section.

[www.dharmafellowship.org/library/](http://www.dharmafellowship.org/library/)

### **The International Buddhist Society (Canada)**

<https://buddhisttemple.ca/>

This is the website of the International Buddhist Society that manages the International Buddhist Temple (also known as the Guan-Yin Temple) in Richmond British Columbia. It is a Chinese temple in which to study and practice Chinese Mahayana Buddhism. The website provides information on the temple and Buddhist teachings.

### **Tisarana Buddhist Monastery**

<https://tisarana.ca/>

This is the website of the Tisarana Buddhist monastery located southwest of Ottawa. The monastery is in the Thai forest tradition of Theravada Buddhism. The website offers a number of books that may be downloaded free of charge in PDF format on a variety of themes.

### **The White Wind Zen Community**

<https://wwzc.org/>

This is the website of White Wind Zen community founded in 1989 and now located in the Zen Centre of Ottawa. The community follows the teachings of the Ven. Anzan Hoshin roshi. The website provides information and resources related to Zen Buddhism, including Dharma texts, online

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### **Tricycle Buddhist Review**

<https://tricycle.org/>

### **Access to Insight**

[www.accesstoinsight.org](http://www.accesstoinsight.org)

This is an online collection of resources related to Theravada Buddhism. The site includes translations of more than 1,000 suttas from the “Pali” canon.

### **An Introduction to Buddhism**

<https://webpace.ship.edu/cgboer/buddhaintro.html>

This was produced by the students of C. George Boerre, Professor of a course on Buddhist Psychology.

### **Basics in Buddhism** series by Alan Peto

[www.alanpeto.com/collections/basics-in-buddhism/](http://www.alanpeto.com/collections/basics-in-buddhism/)

This is a multidimensional web site with videos, graphics, and texts that provide an overview of Buddhism. Allan Peto is a Buddhist layperson, not a Buddhist monk or theologian. His articles are based on his personal experiences, opinions, research, thoughts, and insights. Alan follows Mahayana Buddhism, but previously practiced Theravada Buddhism for many years.

BBC has a number of resources on Religion in two sites. One is the archived web pages on Religions ([www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/hinduism](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/hinduism)) and the second is from the new Religions and Ethics web-based resources (RELIGION AND ETHICS – Hinduism). The first set of resources are more traditional world religions information and backgrounders on Hinduism. The second set of resources is more issue- and topics-based.

### **Buddha Meditation Centre of Greater Toronto**

[www.mahamevnawa.ca/downloads.html](http://www.mahamevnawa.ca/downloads.html)

The site offers a number of downloadable resources such as chant books, articles, pamphlets, and recordings of talks.

### **Buddhanet**

[www.buddhanet.net](http://www.buddhanet.net)

The Buddhist Information and Education Network website is provided by a Theravadin monastery in Australia. It includes content and a guide to worldwide Buddhist organizations.

### **Buddhist Resource File**

<http://pears2.lib.ohio-state.edu/BRF/index.html>

### **Buddhist Studies: Virtual Religion Index**

<http://virtualreligion.net/vri/buddha.html>

The Virtual Religion Index site is dedicated to research in aspects of religion. The Buddhist Studies section provides information and links to variety of resources on different schools of Buddhism and Buddhism in general.

**Buddhist Studies WWW Virtual Library:**  
[www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Buddhism.html](http://www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Buddhism.html)

**Buddhist Peace Fellowship**  
[www.bpf.org](http://www.bpf.org)

This organization promotes Buddhist social action.

**Buddhist Studies Virtual Library**  
[www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Buddhism.html](http://www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Buddhism.html)

This is an extensive guide for those looking for academic information about Buddhism.

**Center for Global Education** by the Asia Society  
<https://asiasociety.org/education>

The site offers an extensive array of educator resources related to Asian cultures and nations. This includes resources related to Buddhism. A few examples follow:

- The Origins of Buddhism  
<https://asiasociety.org/education/origins-buddhism>
- Buddhism in Japan  
<https://asiasociety.org/education/buddhism-japan>
- Diversity and Unity  
<https://asiasociety.org/education/diversity-and-unity>

**Clearvision: Audio-Visual Resources Exploring Buddhism**  
[www.clear-vision.org/Home/Home.aspx](http://www.clear-vision.org/Home/Home.aspx)

The website of Clear Vision Trust is a Buddhist audio-visual media project developed and operated by members of the Triratna Buddhist Order (formerly the Western Buddhist Order) of the Manchester Buddhist Centre in the United Kingdom. It offers a variety of free online resources for teachers and students, as well as a catalogue of DVD and other resources for purchase. In addition, the site features an Image bank.

**Dharma 101** By Tricycle, SPRING 1997  
<https://tricycle.org/magazine/dharma-101/>

Tricycle was established in 1990 as a not-for-profit educational organization. The Tricycle Foundation is dedicated to making Buddhist teachings and practices broadly available. In 1991, the Foundation launched Tricycle: A magazine intended to present Buddhist perspectives to a Western readership.

**DharmaNet**  
<https://dharmanet.org/>

This is a useful source of online resources to the major Buddhist “schools” and organizations. It provides a rich array of various types of resources.



### **Dhamma Wiki and Dharma Wiki**

[https://dhammadawiki.com/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://dhammadawiki.com/index.php/Main_Page)

This is the official encyclopedia of The Dhamma website. Created by Dr. David N. Snyder, the Dhamma Wiki is the main component of this wiki and includes Theravada, early Buddhism, and general Buddhism articles. The Dharma Wiki is a category within this encyclopedia with Mahayana and Vajrayana articles.

### **Diamond Way Buddhism**

[www.diamondway-buddhism.org/](http://www.diamondway-buddhism.org/)

This site opens the most skillful methods of The Buddha to the modern world. It helps us discover and develop our inner richness for the benefit of all beings as well as ourselves.

### **Digital International Buddhism Organization**

[www.buddhism.org/](http://www.buddhism.org/)

A Buddhist group provides a comprehensive directory service providing all the resources of Buddhism and Buddhists from around the world. The purpose of their website is to provide basic information and practicing methods.

### **Digital Dictionary of Buddhism**

[www.buddhism-dict.net/ddb/](http://www.buddhism-dict.net/ddb/)

Translating the words of The Buddha.

### **Digital Library and Museum of Buddhist Studies**

<http://buddhism.lib.ntu.edu.tw/DLMBS/en/>

**Encyclopedia of Buddhism.** New York: Macmillan Reference USA/Thomson/Gale, 2004. Vols. I and II

Available online in PDF format from

<https://terebess.hu/zen/szoto/EncBuddh.pdf> or [www.academia.edu/5485657/Encyclopedia\\_of\\_Buddhism\\_Vol.\\_I\\_and\\_II\\_Edited\\_by\\_Robert\\_E.\\_Buswell](http://www.academia.edu/5485657/Encyclopedia_of_Buddhism_Vol._I_and_II_Edited_by_Robert_E._Buswell).

### **Encyclopedia of Buddhism (wiki)**

[https://encyclopediaofbuddhism.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://encyclopediaofbuddhism.org/wiki/Main_Page)

This is an online encyclopedia created by two Dharma students that was created by importing about 1200 Buddhism related articles from Wikipedia.

### **Friends of the Western Buddhist Order (FWBO)**

[www.fwbo.org/](http://www.fwbo.org/)

The forms in which Buddhist truths are expressed always adapt according to circumstances, but the essence of Buddhism transcends culture and conditions. Now that Buddhism has come to the West, westerners are faced with the task of creating new and viable Buddhist traditions for the modern world. Over the last thirty years the FWBO has grown to be one of the largest Buddhist movements in the West, with centres and activities in many cities around the world.

### **Journal of Global Buddhism**

[www.globalbuddhism.org](http://www.globalbuddhism.org)

This is a scholarly online journal headed by one of the most prominent “buddhologists”, Charles Prebish.

### **Internet Sacred Text Archive**

[www.sacred-texts.com/bud/index.htm](http://www.sacred-texts.com/bud/index.htm)

This website provides excerpts from the sacred texts of a variety of religions, including Buddhism.

### **Journal of Buddhist Ethics**

<http://jbe.la.psu.edu/>

This site is devoted to theoretical and applied issues in Buddhist ethics.

### **Modern Kadampa Buddhism**

<https://kadampa.org/>

This is the website of New Kadampa Tradition—International Kadampa Buddhist Union. The site features the teachings of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, the founder of New Kadampa Tradition, and information about the organization and its centres throughout the world.

### **Karmapa**

<https://kagyuoffice.org/>

The website of His Holiness the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje, who is the head of the 900-year-old Karma Kagyu Lineage. He is a teacher of the Tibetan Buddhist Dharma. The site includes an overview of Buddhism with a focus on Tibetan Buddhism (<https://kagyuoffice.org/buddhism/>). It also includes a section on Karmapa's teachings, mind training, and meditation (<https://kagyuoffice.org/teachings/>). In addition, there is a webcast library with downloadable videos of webcasts from 2009–2018 (<https://kagyuoffice.org/karmapa-videos/>).

### **Khan Academy, Buddhist Art, and Culture**

[www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-asia/beginners-guide-asian-culture#buddhist-art-culture](http://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-asia/beginners-guide-asian-culture#buddhist-art-culture)

This student-friendly resource introduces students to Buddhism and some of the more important aspects of the faith.

### **Patheos**

[www.patheos.com/buddhist](http://www.patheos.com/buddhist) and [www.patheos.com/library/buddhism](http://www.patheos.com/library/buddhism):

is a web-based resource dedicated to global dialogue about religion and spirituality. Patheos' objective is to provide credible and balanced information about religion. The site features channels on specific faiths, articles about topics related to religious diversity, and a religion library.

### **PBS Learning Media**

PBS Learning Media offers a variety of downloadable lesson plans and student learning resources for various grade levels on world religions. Resources available with respect to Buddhism include the following:

- The evolution of Buddhism in Japan from the Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler Collection: [www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/sj14-soc-buddhism/the-evolution-of-buddhism-in-japan/](http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/sj14-soc-buddhism/the-evolution-of-buddhism-in-japan/)
- Tibetan Buddhist Mandala from Religion and Ethics Newsweekly

### **Resources for the study of Buddhism**

<http://online.sfsu.edu/rone/Buddhism/Buddhism.htm>

By Pro. Ron Epstein. This web site was developed primarily for the benefit of the students in Prof. Epstein's classes at San Francisco State University.

### **Resources for the Study of Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism**

[www.human.toyogakuen-u.ac.jp/~acmuller/index.html](http://www.human.toyogakuen-u.ac.jp/~acmuller/index.html)

### **Shambhala International**

[www.shambhala.org](http://www.shambhala.org)

This is a large organization founded by a spiritual "genius" by the name of Chogyam Trungpa. A Tibetan lama, he arrived in Great Britain in the 50s and set about creating a form of Buddhism he thought would appeal to Westerners. Today, his legacy can be seen in the glossy magazine, "Shambhala Sun" (produced in Halifax, NS), a flourishing publishing house (Shambhala Publications), and an accredited US college (Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado).

### **Soka Gakkai International**

[www.sgi.org/](http://www.sgi.org/)

Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is a community-based Buddhist organization. SGI members follow the humanistic philosophy of Nichiren (Japanese) Buddhism and are present in 192 countries and territories around the world, including Canada ([www.sgicanada.org/](http://www.sgicanada.org/)). The website provides a variety of resources including videos and text materials related to Nichiren Buddhism.

### **The Buddhist Society**

[www.thebuddhistsociety.org/](http://www.thebuddhistsociety.org/)

### **The Zen Universe**

<http://thezenuniverse.org>

This website is dedicated to helping Zen Buddhists develop their understanding of Zen Buddhism and improve their practice. Zen topics are covered, ranging from knowledge about the practice to information on sutras, monasteries, and Zen masters.

### **ThoughtCo, Lifelong Learning**

[www.thoughtco.com/buddhism-4133165](http://www.thoughtco.com/buddhism-4133165)

This is a website that features articles on science, history, math, and religion. The website provides multiple articles and resources on Buddhism and other faiths.

### **Tibet Government in Exile**

[www.tibet.com](http://www.tibet.com)

This site has everything you'll need to stay in touch with the organization behind the Dalai Lama.

### **Women Active in Buddhism**

<http://members.tripod.com/~Lhamo/>

This site offers an inspiring look at many of the most prominent women teachers and nuns around the world.

### Zen Buddhism Virtual Library

[www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Zen.html](http://www.ciolek.com/WWWVL-Zen.html)

This site provides information on the various schools of Zen Buddhism.

## Infographics and Images

**Behance** is an Adobe Creative platform/website dedicated to showcasing and discovering Creative Work. See [www.behance.net/](http://www.behance.net/). Student Show is a similar site dedicated to showcasing student projects. [www.studentshow.com/](http://www.studentshow.com/)

**Flickr** ([www.flickr.com/](http://www.flickr.com/)) is an online photo management, and sharing website and application that may be of great use for teachers and students. Many of the users of the site have uploaded photos and images to Flickr and have provided Creative Commons licenses for their photos and images. In this document we have used images that have been provided by Flickr users.

You may search for photos, persons, or groups. In the persons category, several Hindu temples throughout the world have accounts with uploaded images of their temples and rituals (e.g., London Hindu Temple [www.flickr.com/photos/133174028@N05](http://www.flickr.com/photos/133174028@N05)). In the groups category, various users pool their images by posting images related to specific themes or common interest areas (e.g., Hindu gods and goddesses [www.flickr.com/groups/64997469@N00/pool/with/35566510716/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/64997469@N00/pool/with/35566510716/)).

**PBS Learning Media** ([www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/buddhism-in-images/](http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/buddhism-in-images/)) offers a collection of downloadable images and photographs related to Buddhism and other world religions.

### Photobucket

[www.photobucket.com/?\\_ga=2.27648700.1842025722.1500653849-548214158.1500653849](http://www.photobucket.com/?_ga=2.27648700.1842025722.1500653849-548214158.1500653849).

This is another potentially useful photo management and sharing site.

### Infographical

<http://paul-murray.org/infographical/infographic-digest-world-religions-edition/>

Paul Murray's blog includes a posting related to world religions. Paul is a Canadian educator whose website is dedicated to the use of Web 2.0 in the classroom.

**Pinterest** features many infographics and images on Buddhism and other faiths. Search using the terms, Buddha, Buddhism, Asian Religions, Dharma, etc.

[www.pinterest.ca/search/pins/?q=Buddhism&rs=typed](http://www.pinterest.ca/search/pins/?q=Buddhism&rs=typed)

**Infographics website** has infographics developed by other users and also allows registered users to create their own.

<https://infogram.com/buddhism-1gk92edd88ynp16>