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**Origins of Buddhism Two-Column Notes (p 484-489)**

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| **Siddhartha’s Search for Wisdom**  |
| 1) Who was Siddhartha Gautama?  | *A prince who became known as the Buddha*  |
| 2) What did Siddhartha endure before reaching enlightenment?  | *Wandered for several years; didn’t wash, fasted, and meditated*  |
| 3) What are the three things that Siddhartha said caused human suffering?  | *Wanting what we like but do not have; wanting to keep what we like and already have; and not wanting what we dislike but have.*  |
| **Teaching of Buddhism**  |
| 4) Many of the Buddha’s teachings reflect the ideas of which other world religion?  | *Hinduism*  |
| 5) Summarize the four noble truths.  | 1) *No one can escape sorrow* 2) *Suffering comes from our own desires* 3) *People can overcome their desires to reach nirvana (perfect peace)*4) *People can overcome ignorance by following the eight-fold path to wisdom, enlightenment, and salvation* |
| 6) What did the Buddha think about the caste system?  | *He was opposed to the caste system* |
| 7) How is “right thought” different from “right action”?  | *Right thought refers to beliefs, whereas right action has to do with how we put beliefs and thoughts into action*  |
| 8) How did Buddha’s teachings agree with Hinduism?  | *Buddha’s teachings included reincarnation and both promote peaceful lives*  |
| 9) How do you think people reacted to the Buddha telling them they did not have to accept the Brahmins’ authority?  | *The Brahmins would have been angry and resented it, while other Hindus may have been relieved.*  |
| **Buddhism Spreads**  |
| 8) What are some places to which Buddhism spread? | *Throughout India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and other parts of SE Asia ( and parts of central Asia--- Egypt as well.* |
| 9) What is one reason why Buddhism spread quickly? | *Buddha’s teachings were popular and easy to understand. The most powerful King in India accepted Buddhism.* |
| 10) How are the Theravada and Mahayana branches of Buddhism different?  | *Theravada – following the Buddha’s teachings exactly* *Mahayana – can interpret Buddha’s teachings to help them reach nirvana*  |