

Sacred texts

Christians

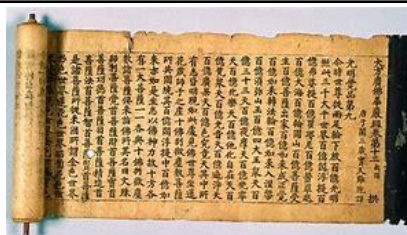
- There are many stories in the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments.
- These include the story of Creation, Adam and Eve, Moses, David and Goliath, Jonah and the Whale, Abraham and Isaac, Jesus's miracles, Noah's Ark, to name a few.
- Christians believe that the Holy Spirit was speaking through the writers of different parts of the Bible and therefore, the stories are the word of God.
- Many stories help to show how Christians should live their daily lives.
- The OT stories explain creation and other scientific events and how Moses was given the 10 commandments.
- The NT stories are based on Jesus's teachings of forgiveness and faith.
- Christian artefacts used in worship include the cross, candle and Bible.



Buddhists

- The Tripitaka was first written down around 1BC, 500 years after the Buddha was alive. Before then, Buddhist monks passed down its contents orally.
- The Tripitaka is made up of 32 books, in three parts (3 baskets).
- The basic teachings of Buddha are the Three Universal Truths, the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path.
- The Four Noble Truths state: 1) We suffer while we live 2) Suffering comes from wanting things 3) When we stop wanting things, suffering stops, which is Nirvana 4) We can achieve Nirvana by following the Noble Eightfold Path.
- Buddhists may set aside a room in their home for worship, as well as worshipping at a temple. Puja at both and a smaller statue of Buddha at home. Buddhists may carry around a mala with them (string of beads) to help them meditate and focus wherever they are. Both at home and at temple, candles are used as offerings to remind of light and wisdom. Flowers also used in both places for offerings – beautiful but fade and remind of impermanence of everything.

The Bible



The Tripitaka



Key Vocabulary

Sutta Pitaka	Oldest part of Tripitaka, contains Buddha's teachings
Vinaya Pitaka	Second part of Tripitaka, contains rules for life as a Buddhist monk.
Abhidhamma Pitaka	Most recent part of Tripitaka, interprets the teachings of the Buddha.
Buddha	Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism
Nirvana	End of suffering in life
Holy Spirit	One of the three parts of the Christian God
Old/New Testaments	The two parts of the Bible. Old = before life of Jesus New = life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

