

Glossary

Buddha

The founder of Buddhism and a title given to someone who has found enlightenment.

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cremated

When a dead body has been burnt in a furnace until it turns to ash.

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death

When someone dies.

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funerals

Ceremonies usually involving burial or cremation to remember someone's life.

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hell realm

The most terrible of the six realms, a place of torment where everyone is angry and people fight.

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hungry ghosts

One of the six realms containing people who are addicted to or obsessed about something.

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karma

The concept that all actions have a consequence.

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legacy

Something important left behind for someone else.

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memorials

Objects to honour the memory of a person or event.

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monks

Men who give up worldly things such as a house, job or partner to follow their religion all the time.



monuments

Structures built in memory of someone or something e.g. a statue.

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Nirvana

The highest spiritual state a Buddhist can reach by getting rid of greed, hatred, ignorance and desire.

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obituary

An announcement that a person has died and a short description of their life (usually found in a newspaper).

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realms

The six states of existence in which Buddhists believe they are reborn: heaven, humanity, Titans or angry gods, hungry ghosts, animals and hell.

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Wheel of Life

The cycle of life; suffering, death and rebirth.

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stupas

Buddhist monuments under which relics are usually buried.

