

BUDDHISM

Overview

- Siddhartha Gautama...“The Buddha”
- spread from India to China by Silk Road



Beliefs

- Four Noble Truths
 - Life is suffering
 - Suffering caused by desire
 - There is way out of suffering
 - Must follow the Eightfold Path



- Eightfold Path



Forms

- Theravada Buddhism
 - “Way of the Elders”...original form
 - monastic orders
 - Buddha was a mortal man

- Mahayana Buddhism
 - “Greater Vehicle”
 - came about from spread along trade routes
 - more ritual
 - Buddha = deity

