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Philen Naidu says

A very well written account of Buddhism. Well translated and written as a story, Paul Carus makes it easy to understand Buddhism, according to the ancient texts, rather than the man-made religion

Yvonne says

Read in the early 90's in the Dutch edition 'Het Evangelie van Boeddha'. This book together with 'De drie pijlers van Zen' is very insightful. Buddhism in its early form attracted me far more than all the different takes Buddhism 'fetched' while traveling eastwards. It became more and more about rules in rituals than the core teachings, ending on the Asian continent with the tight cage of Zen. For Dutch readers: the thriller writer Jan-Willem van de Wetering wrote two books about his stay in a Zen monastery in Japan and his search for enlightenment. I can certainly recommend these books for those interested in the practical outcome of the Buddhist teachings for a European person like J-W.

Saúl Girón says

Efectivamente, lleno de coincidencias con el cristianismo. Es una muy completa recopilación de los preceptos budistas.

El budismo tiene una sencillez que me seduce, pero, al igual que cualquier otra colección de verdades, al convertirla en religión, tiende a perder su esencia. Mejor sería dejar estas verdades como la "verdad" y propiciar q cada persona la busque y la encuentre. Hay cosas q no pueden ser enseñadas, sólo aprendidas! Lastimosamente, la edición que leí, está PLAGADA de errores tipográficos!!! €]:~(

Onyango Makagutu says

interesting read

Wesam Ellithy says

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Mckinley says

Reads like a novel, it is a fictionalized telling of the life of the Buddha and sharing the Dharma. Easy and accessible; language may seem old fashioned since it was written in the late 19th century.

Selene says

Wonderful book. It is true that having some working knowledge of Buddhism helps to understand and cherish all that is said in it, but even so, it seems quite clear: the most important parts of the Buddhist doctrine, stripped away from the so-called "spiritism" which sometimes is associated with Buddhism.

It isn't all that astounding that Buddhism and Christianity are quite similar; the most important tenets of both advocate charity and compassion, as well as a renunciation of the "self", and encouragement towards performing good deeds selflessly. It is too bad that both of these messages have been muddled overtime, saddled by ritual, losing the teaching in the process.

I would recommend this book to those that are interested in Buddhism, the people who have heard about the teachings, and have a real calling to understand and apply these teachings to everyday life.

Frightful_elk says

I have no idea how distorted this gospel is from the ancient sources, but it is the book on Buddhism I have long searched for. I have really wanted to know more about Buddhism for quite a while, but book after book has been a huge scholarly disappointment, telling me about Buddhist rite and ritual, giving convoluted accounts of the philosophy of Buddhism which seem to obscure rather than enlighten.

This book presents the accounts of what the Buddha himself said and did. Just as with the Christian gospels it presents an exciting and relevant teaching where the religion only offers superstition and the fossilisation of these original and profound ideas.

The teaching presented here is exciting and challenging and well worth reading. It can be read online here: <http://reluctant-messenger.com/gospel...>

James Best says

Very Powerful Read

This book was instrumental in helping me understand Buddhism, making concepts from the many other books gel in my mind. I will be rereading it often.

Linus Thomas says

I actually couldn't finish this book. I didn't like the style. I may appeal more to those that have had a background in Christian religion(s) but for me, it just doesn't have the same feel as most buddhist books I find.

Ade Bailey says

1915, I think. Notable for its appendix comparing sayings of the Buddha with the New Testament, especially John, this is a refraction of the Buddha's actual teachings (of course, one of myriad possible refractions). It is good on atman, no-soul, and as this is fundamental, provides a basic antidote to some contemporary ersatz 'buddhism'.

Andrew Olsen says

This book constructed as a gospel from ancient Buddhist texts is creative introduction to Buddhist teachings. At times it was a bit clunky and didn't flow very well but that is the nature of compiling from old texts. What was more interesting was what I found out about the compiler of this text. Paul Carus is an interesting and important individual especially when it comes to understanding different philosophies from different religions.

António says

A linguagem é semelhante à da Bíblia, o que se torna estranho. Sempre tive curiosidade em saber coisas sobre Buda e este livro soube a pouco. Voltarei a este assunto brevemente.

Jake says

This is a collection of Buddhist parables and "stories". I give this five stars because I got a lot out of it and having studied Buddhism for many years understood a lot of the "meanings" and "morals". I don't know how useful this book would be to a new-comer. Yes, it is easy to read and simply written but it doesn't go much into the philosophy of The Buddha. It doesn't really explain the Eightfold Path, or the Four Noble Truths, but I think the passion of The Buddha comes out nicely. If this is your first book on Buddhism then I might recommend something else, but if you have studied a little while, then this is a nice little reminder of the life of The Buddha.
