

In Preparation For IC 2642 TEACHING & LEARNING BIBLE /ADULTS Monday, April 27, 2009 with Dr. S. Haggmark

Assigned Readings:

Buddhist texts: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhist_texts -- Quite reliable Wikipedia entry
<http://ignca.nic.in/jatak.htm> For reading the Jataka – read several to get the feel
<http://www.jatakkatha.com/> Animations of the Jataka
<http://www.jatakkatha.com/> Three early sermons of the Buddha

Hindu Texts:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu_texts Reliable Wikipedia entry
<http://www.san.beck.org/Gita2.html#10> Read chapter 10, The Yoga of Manifestation, from the Bhagavad Gita.
http://www.bharatadesam.com/spiritual/upanishads/isa_upanishad.php Read as much as you'd like from the Isa Upanishad.

Islamic Texts:

Using the translation at <http://www.dar-us-salam.com/TheNobleQuran/> , Read Surah 11:25-49 and compare to Genesis chapters 6 thru 9.

Jesus appears several times in the Qur'an: in verses 35-59 of Sura 3: al-Imran (The Family of Imran), verses 156-158 of Sura 4: an Nisa' (The Women), verses 109-120 of Sura 5: al-Ma'idah (The Repast), verses 16-35 of Sura 19: Maryam (Mary), verse 50 of Sura 23: al-Mu'minun (The Believers) verses 57-65 of Sura 43: az-Zukhruf (The Gold Adornments) and in verses 6 and 14 of Sura 61: as-Saff (The Battle Array). Reference is made to him several more times. From the same on-line Qur'an, read the above passages and note differences in approach to Jesus' importance in both faiths.

The Qur'an contains few narratives from Jesus' life, but does include many brief descriptions in common with the Bible:

- Made the dead to live
- Is the Messiah (the Christ)
- Had disciples
- His disciples were successful over disbelievers
- Healed the blind and lepers
- Filled with the Holy Spirit

- Is alive in heaven now

Do research on the Gospel of Barnabas (note, not the Letter of Barnabas)