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1. What is the cause of all suffering for Buddha? How is suffering then eliminated? Do you agree with Buddha's diagnosis? Do you agree with his prescription with the problem?

Buddha feels that if you don't follow the Noble Eightfold path then suffering will come upon you. The individual must have the right understanding, right purpose, right speech, right behavior, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and the right concentration to eliminate suffering. This philosophy on how to live I agree with if you apply this to your daily living. Jesus wanted us to utilize knowledge, wisdom and understanding in everything that we do. Jesus wants us to understand his word, talking in the right way, living in the word of God, we must be mindful of one another, we must let our light shine so people will know that we are saved and sanctified. I do not agree it will eliminate your suffering. Growing up I always heard my grandmother say, "trials and tribulation makes you stronger." Our faith, love and beliefs will be tested in different ways that's just the movement of getting closer to God.

2. What things are unimportant to the Buddha? Why are they unimportant to him? What implication for the relationship of right individual conduct to social order are contained in these views?

Buddha believed certain questions are unimportant. "What material universe constructed?", "What is the ideal form of organization for human society?" Buddha believed it was a waste of time trying to find out the answer to these questions. Buddha felt like the person would die before finding the answers. Each person is valued and every individual is valued and they should be treated fairly and receive justice.