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The film response Buddha

1.What events led to Siddhartha to leave the palace and seek answers to the Pain of existence?

Siddhartha attending the festival with the farmers saw the death of the worms that provided food for the birds, sparking his interest. This causes a shift in his mind set creating a desire to know. He then visited outside his palace and encountered an elderly man who was aging and a sick man who was in need of healing.

2.What challenges did he face in his quest to find enlightenment?

He was starving himself for days and nearly dying. Mara the demon sent arrows to destroy him, then his daughters to distract him with desires from his path to enlightenment. This demon was a psychological creation of the inner self that he must conquer, from this he realized that desires were the major challenge to his enlightenment state which he overcame.

3. Describe “The middle way” of peace and harmony he sought.

Siddhartha, came upon a musician tuning his instrument and realized that a balance in the process is what he needed to gain his pathway to peace and harmony or the middle way.

4. Why do you think this is a pathway to practice and mindfulness many follow in around the world today?

I don't think this is a pathway to practice nor to seek the mindfulness they describe. It does not enlighten one's mind in any way. The onset of Siddhartha birth is very similar to Confucius of the mother seeking a child and meeting with an animal, even though it is likened to the birth of Jesus Christ it is more of an insult but it's their religion.

Siddharta was given wealth and status and was shielded from the realities of life and so he ventures out to see what else is there. Had his father the King focused more on taking care of his subject , and not on war preservation of an army, then their suffering would be less and the child Siddharta would see life from a balanced perspective.

