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FILM & RESPONSE: THE BUDDAH

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

Siddhartha wanted to leave the palace and seek answers of this painful existence by going out into reality and without his father. He then met an old man who taught him about aging, misfortunes and suffering and how it was dominating life. Siddhartha was hovered over growing up and only experience luxury and fortune that once he stepped out of the palace, he began to realize the harsh realities of life and encountered death and illness.

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

On Siddhartha's quests to find enlightenment, one of the challenges he faced was leading up to his departure where he left his wife and son to seek answers from the outside world. Secondly, Siddhartha had to challenge the Brahman religion in which everyone lived under which was their sacred knowledge. Siddhartha had to adapt to the Brahman tradition by living well. That meant allowed him to sort through different forms of mediations and alter different sates of consciousness. This caused Siddhartha to face psychological forces by being in his final torment which was being

attacked by the demon, Mara, the lord of ego and illusion. Siddhartha was also seduced by the demons' daughters which then rotted in his eyes.

3. Describe "the Middle Way" of peace and harmony he sought.

Siddhartha noticed a musician who was tuning his sitar. While tuning his sitar, they played in the middle to tune for harmony. In that moment, the "Middle Way" was a significant way to lead Siddhartha to the state of mind he was looking for, harmony and enlightenment. Siddhartha meditated underneath a tree where he then became enlightened.

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

This is a pathway to practice and be mindful of many follows in around the world today because a temple stands beside a descendant in which the Buddha became enlightened. These teaching and chants are now seen as a way for Buddhists to give power to their practice. The pathway to practice is to be more diligent and ever mindful. To not steal, kill, not to have any sexual misconduct, tell lies, and indulge in intoxication. Siddhartha wanted to teach his quest on how to live right the proper way and was not forbidden by his father, wife and son after being gone for eight years. He now wants to leave for another 40 years to teach his quest.