

World Religions

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Session 1: Origins

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1.1 PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

Challenges to Understanding

- A diversity of sacred texts in various languages
- One founder, but multiple traditions

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1.3 THE FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS

3. Suffering can cease if we end desire

Two “Moments” of Nirvana

- “nirvana with residues (i.e., the moment of awakening) ”
- “nirvana without residues (i.e., the moment of death: parinirvana)”

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Next Class...

*How does Buddhism develop
after Buddha's departure?*
