

Case 1

You are a 2nd year Buddhist commerce student, approached during lunch. You have a care-free lifestyle, easy-going and pluralistic attitude (whatever, don't know, don't want to know, don't care, couldn't be bothered). Always give the impression that you're listening but it just doesn't sink in. To you, you're just happy to be called a Buddhist...no more than that.

Case 2

You are a post-graduate Buddhist arts student. You are an inquirer and put forward many challenging questions about salvation by grace, God's fairness and the authority/validity/reliability of the Bible. You feel very strongly about living a good, disciplined life. You are stubborn in the sense that you are content/pleased with your efforts so far (you're trying your best and your life is not causing harm to anyone else). You aim to live in peace and harmony with the people around. You also strongly believe in yourself and are totally into the concept of a 'self-made' man/woman. We need to work hard if we are going to achieve something. The same applies for faith and salvation.

Case 3

You are a foundations student, new to Melbourne. You come from a Buddhist background but you are not certain about what your faith consists of. You do know a little bit about Karma, Nirvana, Reincarnation and meditation. You recall your parents burning incense at an altar in your home and remember them saying that it's something to do with good health, wealth and life. Your family does not eat beef as well because they believe in 'Kwan Yin'. You put forward questions regarding Jesus but give some examples of your Christian friends who swear and curse a lot. You also ask about why Christians and Muslims can't get along (e.g. war).