

WOULD YOU LIKE BUDDHA WITH THAT ORDER?

When we eat out, I've noticed we tend to ask for substitutions. We ask for a salad instead of fries or fruit instead of hash browns. We don't go back to restaurants that don't allow substitutions or charge us extra for them. We want it the way we want it and do not want to be limited by the menu.

Do people really expect to have it "their way" with faith too? Goldie Hahn describes herself as a "Jewish Buddhist."

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Can a person be Jewish and Buddhist at the same time? I'm not sure that a Jewish Rabbi or a Buddhist Priest would be willing to form a hybrid religion by compromising their beliefs to accommodate the others.

People are deeply spiritual today. But their spirituality does not necessarily resemble Biblical spirituality and they aren't automatically monogamous to any one religion. Like passing through a cafeteria line, people pick and chose elements out of different religions they will follow. It isn't "no faith" or a "different faith," it is "designer faith."

Faith in Christ cannot be combined with faith in anything else. To follow Christ, people have to leave everything else behind. He demands total loyalty and obedience.

Matthew 16:24 NIV "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."