

# *Theravada vs. Mahayana*

Man as an individual

Man as involved with others

Man on his own in the Universe (self-effort)

Man not alone (salvation by Grace)

Key virtue: Wisdom

Key virtue: Compassion

Religion a full time job (for Monks)

Religion relevant for laymen

Ideal: the Arhat

Ideal: the Bodhisattva

Buddha a saint

Buddha a savior

Avoids metaphysics

Elaborates metaphysics

Avoids ritual

Includes ritual

Confines prayer to meditation

Includes petitionary prayer

Conservative

Liberal