

[For the purpose of this exemplar the significant religious question is: What is the nature of suffering as understood in Catholicism and Buddhism.]

Catholics have faith in a good and loving Creator who has a plan for creation. Catholics need to understand why there is suffering. We have free will so can make wrong choices that lead to suffering. For Catholics suffering is your own fault as well. If you do things that are wrong then what else can you expect but to suffer. When things go right for you it is because you are doing good stuff and following what God wants you to do. God only wants you to do good things. ①

In other words not doing bad stuff or things. Suffering is central to Buddhist teaching and followers of Buddhism focus on understanding suffering. ②

Buddhists believe like Catholics that suffering is your own fault. Suffering is not good but bad. If you do not want to suffer then you should not do bad things or stuff, especially to other people or God. Killing people is not good and causes suffering. ③

The differences are in things like ways to not suffer. ④