

## **Was Buddha just a nice guy?**

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Did Buddha's teachings thrive because he was more attractive or charismatic than most, or because he was a great teacher and a tireless advocate of the poor? Or — and here's the core question we'll explore in detail— was it because he was an "enlightened being" with profound insights into the nature of Reality and because he possessed "supernormal" abilities? We might ask the same question about Jesus, Moses or a host of other historically prominent figures associated with special illumination, wisdom, or grace. Did these people just sport great tans and know how to work a crowd, or did they understand something genuinely deep about our human potentials that are only now beginning to come into focus through the lens of science?