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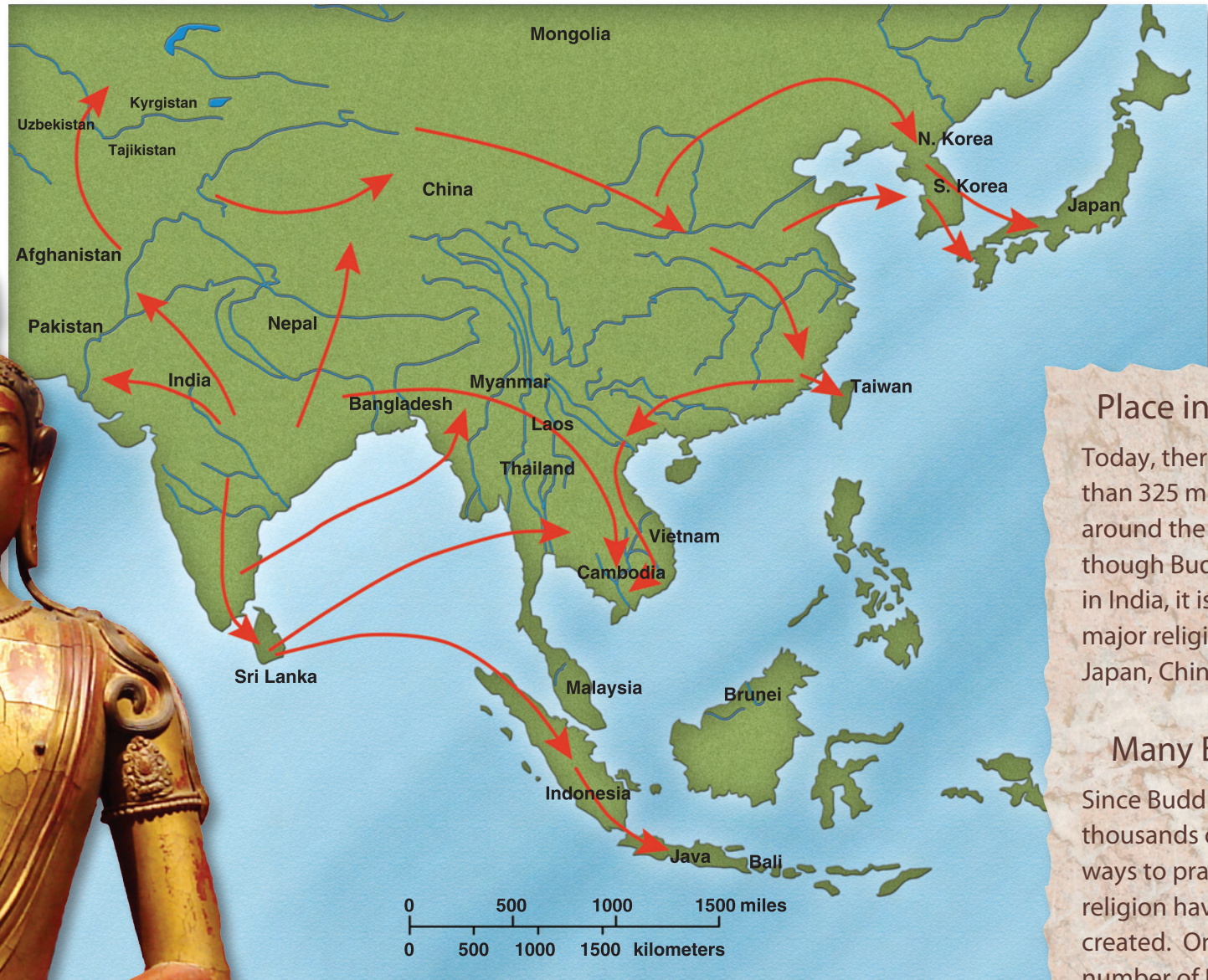
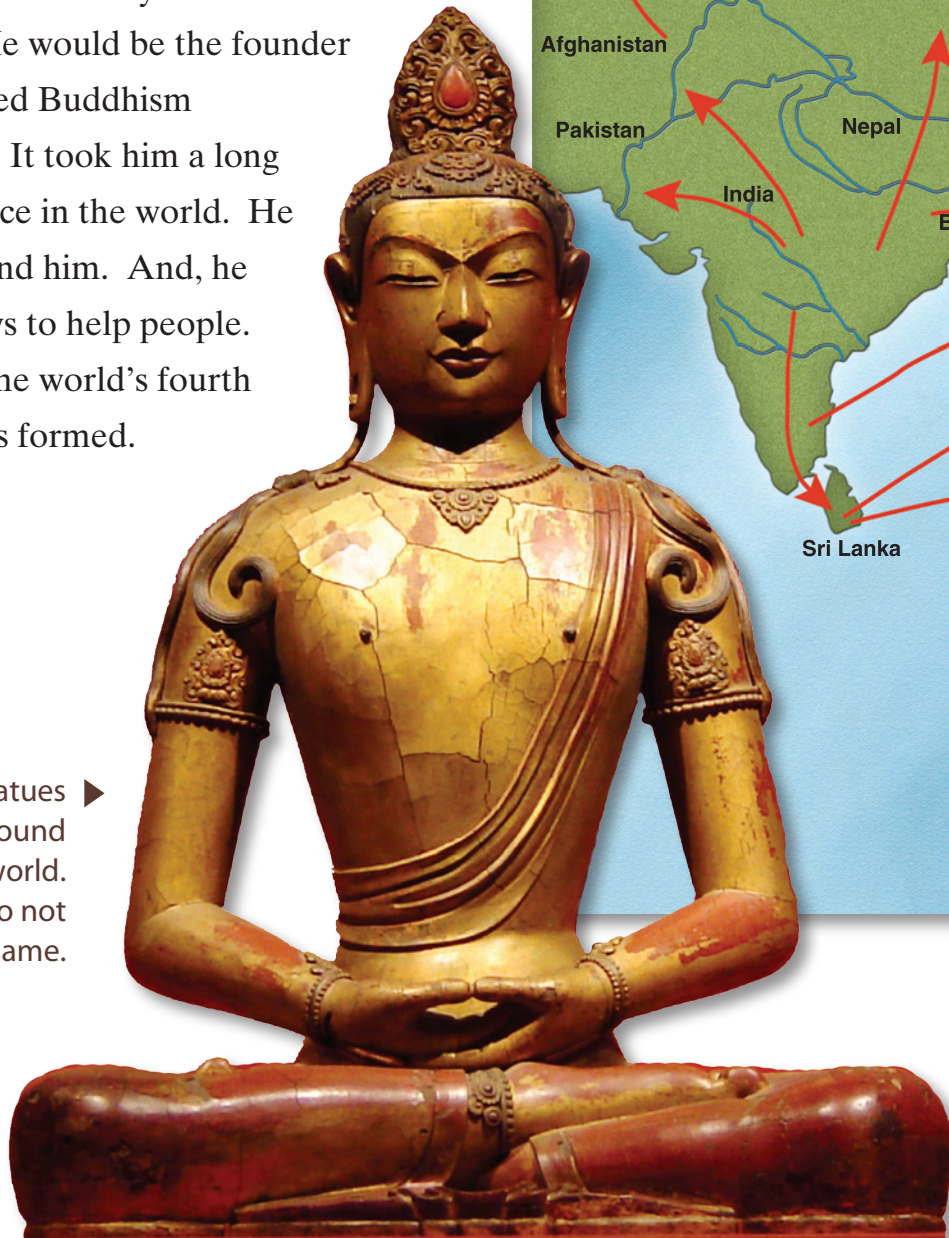
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# Buddha Is Born

Siddhartha Gautama (sihd-DAHR-tuh GAU-tuh-muh) was the son of a king. The king's name was Suddhodana (sudd-WHO-dan-ah). This king ruled a tribe called the Shakyas (shak-YAHS).

Gautama would one day become known as The Buddha. He would be the founder of the religion called Buddhism (BOO-dih-zuhm). It took him a long time to find his place in the world. He saw suffering around him. And, he wanted to find ways to help people. From this desire, the world's fourth largest religion was formed.

There are statues of Buddha found all over the world. And, they do not all look the same.



▲ Buddhism started in India. It spread north and to the other Asian countries.

## Place in the World

Today, there are more than 325 million Buddhists around the world. Even though Buddhism began in India, it is the biggest major religion today in Japan, China, and Korea.

## Many Buddhists

Since Buddhism began, thousands of different ways to practice the religion have been created. Only a small number of Buddhists today practice just as Buddha did.