World Religions

Buddhism (and Siddhartha) Reflection

DUE:

In this reflection you are asked to integrate what you’ve learned about Buddhism from the textbook and presentation with your own lived experience. Also, in your response consideration needs to be given to the book Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse. Whichever essay you respond to there are multiple ways in which you can integrate the book into your response.

There are three questions to choose from. You need only choose ONE to respond to.

The Possibilities:
1. The Man, the Myth, the Legend: Compare and contrast the lives of three persons—Buddha, Jesus, and Yourself.

2. The Four Passing Sights: What has been your experience of and with the Four Passing Sights—decrepit old man, diseased man, corpse and religious ascetic? Has the attempt to shield you from these changed to one of introduction and integration? Has “this” led to the Great Going Forth—process of conversion?

3. The Noble Eightfold Path: How are you in accord (or discord) with this prescription to the disease of suffering? For this you will look at your present context in light of the eight teachings.