

The Cross and the Lotus *(Editorial)*

Christianity and Buddhism have guided people for millennia through the experience of suffering to the attainment of peace. Christianity focuses on the cross of Christ, and the redemption of resurrection. Buddhism begins with the suffering of everyday life and shows the release of relinquishing greed, hatred and delusion; the lotus is a flower of great beauty rising out of the mud. Both traditions have developed monastic paths that aid people on the way to peace, and can learn from each other's insights, 'rejoicing in the truth' (I Cor.13:6).