

BASIC MESSAGES

◆ **Buddha**—He taught that people can overcome selfishness through the Eightfold Path: right understanding, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration.

◆ **Confucius**—He instructed people to live by *Jen* (goodness), *Chun-tzu* (the gentle-man), *Li* (propriety), *Te* (government by virtue) and *Wen* (the arts of peace).

◆ **Mohammed**—He taught there is no God but Allah, and instructed people to pray, fast, give to the needy, and make a pilgrimage to Mecca.

◆ **Jesus**—He taught that God sent his only Son into the world to give eternal life to all people who believe in him.

WHO AM I?

◆ "Are you a god?" they asked Buddha.

Buddha replied, "No."

"An angel?"

"No."

"A saint?"

"No."

"Then what are you?"

Buddha answered, "I am awake."

◆ Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (*John 14:6*).

◆ Confucius said, "Myself, I am simply a lover of the ancient [teacher]s."

◆ Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies . . ." (*John 11:25*).

◆ The Koran says, "Mohammed is but a messenger. . . ."

◆ The Bible says, "Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?' 'I am,' said Jesus. 'And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven'" (*Mark 14:62*).

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Answers: (New Year's Resolutions—p. 5).
1-g, 2-d, 3-i, 4-a, 5-b, 6-j, 7-e, 8-c, 9-h, 10-f.

Answers: (Alphabet—p. 6)
Angels, Bethlehem, Caesar, decree, east, flocks, God, Herod, inn, Jesus, keeping, lying, manger, night, word, peace, Quirinius, Romans, stable, treasured, Augustus, David, wise men, expecting, you, Nazareth.



"Brussels sprouts were one of the Ten Plagues of Egypt. It's in the Bible, young people's revised edition."

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