# Title: Buddhist Views on Money

**Key Questions:** Why do Buddhists think integrity is important? How do they show this? Who do the followers of Buddhism believe they are accountable to? Why? Does justice/fairness for me hinder justice/fairness for others? Is it right to think that eternal justice allows injustice to go unpunished in this lifetime?

**Key Concepts:** money, wealth, accountability, poverty, generosity, charity.

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| LO: to consider Buddhist views on money and the implications of this in 21st century Britain. | Watch some films that remind students about the key teachings and beliefs of Buddhism. There are online and textbooks that can support this task.In pairs ask students to discuss:Based on what you have just seen what do you think Buddhist teachings about money will be?FeedbackRemind students that the Buddha taught that to overcome suffering they need to follow the Eightfold Path. One of the sections of this is right livelihood. Ask students to read about this and discuss:How could a Buddhist apply this teaching?It is easy to apply it in 21st Century Britain?Ask students to watch this film about a Buddhist’s view on wealth and money and record her ideas in their books. Explain to students that in Buddhism some people are lay Buddhists which means they practice Buddhism but do not live full time in a Buddhist community. Others decide to become Buddhist monks or nuns which means they live full time in a Buddhist community.Read about Brian who is a lay Buddhist. What is his view on money and right livelihood?FeedbackExplain that Buddhist monks and nuns are given strict rules to follow when it comes to money. Ask students to discuss:Would it be possible to apply these teachings to 21st Century Britain? Read about Gelongma Lhamo. How is she applying the teachings to life today?In groups discuss:“The world would be a better place without money.”Give the views of different religions as well as your own view.Feedback. | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs86n39/articles/zmcsmfr> The Arts Society, Birmingham, made films in 2021/22 accompanied with richly illustrated print resources and activities for KS3, available free of charge.School Visits to Places of Worship in Birmingham<https://birmingham-faith-visits.theartssociety.org/buddhism><http://www.clear-vision.org/Schools/Students/Ages-12-14/Noble-Eightfold-Path.aspx><http://www.clear-vision.org/Schools/Ask-a-Buddhist/ethics/poverty_wealth.aspx><http://www.clear-vision.org/Schools/Students/Ages-15-16/living-the-buddhist-life/work-and-money.aspx><http://www.budsas.org/ebud/ebsut018.htm><http://www.clear-vision.org/Schools/Students/Ages-15-16/living-the-buddhist-life/work-and-money.aspx> |