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Review Questions

•What is the difference between studying a religion and studying about a religion? How does this compare to the differences between the studies of theologians and of historians?

•In what ways is Hinduism especially related to the land of India?

•Beginning with the emergence of Buddhism out of early brahminic beliefs and practices, what were the key turning points in the evolution of Buddhism?

•Describe the key elements in the competition between Hinduism and Buddhism, including such issues as principal beliefs, role of the clergy, role of the home, socialhierarchy, and support of the government.

•What are the geographical distributions of Hindus and Buddhists? How and why have they changed over time?

•What have been the relationshipsbetween Buddhism and Confucianism in China? In Japan