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The Confluence of Ideas: Buddhism and Cosmopolitanism in the Quest for Perpetual Peace

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Abstract: This article examines the fascinating intersection of two important philosophical traditions-Buddhism and Cosmopolitanism—as they come together to pursue the same goal of enduring peace. With its origins in ancient India, Buddhism presents a comprehensive worldview based on compassion, mindfulness, and the reduction of suffering. Contrarily, cosmopolitanism is a contemporary ethical and political philosophy that upholds the moral equality of all people and promotes the unification of humanity across national boundaries. The objective is to surpass the boundaries of the Western ethical framework and develop a connection between two intellectual ideologies in order to propose a moral alternative. This article will assess the prospects of engaged Buddhism, a major non-Western cosmopolitan philosophy. Buddhism provides a vision of universal empathy and moral responsibility that has informed influential worldwide advocacy initiatives and can reach a considerable segment of the global community. However, in an age of globalisation, the Buddhist ethos has served as both a source of and a challenge to state power and nationalist identity but has not rejected the idea of nationalism and nationalist identity altogether like cosmopolitanism.