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Film Series

# The Long Search

Volume 3: Buddhism: Footprint of the Buddha – India

Volume 9: Japan, Land of the Disappearing Buddha

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*The Long Search* is a BBC classic first screened in the 1970s, and includes modules dealing with Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and African and Indonesian animist faiths.

*Volume 3: Buddhism: Footprint of the Buddha - India* takes us to Sri Lanka to explore the Theravadin Buddhism of southeast Asia. We meet with Buddhist monks, including one American, schoolchildren, novices and housewives. Each offers something of his own experience to help us understand a religion that has high moral principles but does not believe in God. 54 minutes.

*Volume 9: Buddhism: Land of the Disappearing Buddha – Japan* takes us on a tour of a much more secular Mahayana Buddhist country. Would the Buddha of Japan and the Buddha of India recognize one another if they were to meet? We are taken to a Japanese restaurant where the staff members practice regular Zen meditation. We are introduced to pure-land Buddhism, and are given a rare opportunity to see a sanzen encounter between a Zen monk and Mumon Yamada, the abbot of Myoshin-ji. 54 minutes.

Admission is free.

