

Level of Attainment Involved, the Time Required to become Accomplished, as well as the Potential Results on the Various Paths

	<i>OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS</i>	<i>EXOTERIC BUDDHISM</i> <i>(open)</i>			<i>ESOTERIC BUDDHISM</i> <i>(secret)</i>
PATH	Path of Favorable Rebirth (Not a Buddhist Path)	Path to Liberation (Sravakayana) (Pratyekayana)		Paramita or Open Mahayana Path to Buddhahood (Bodhisattvayana)	Tantric or Secret Mahayana Path to Buddhahood (Vajrayana or Tantrayana)
VEHICLE	Of Gods & Men Of Brahma	Of Sravakas	Of Pratyeka-buddhas	Of Bodhisattvas	Of Bodhisattvas
Level of Attainment Possible	Rebirth in the 3 Higher Realms of Samsara including the various Heavens, but will still have to take unfavorable rebirths to pay off karmic debts unless they become enlightened while in these realms.	Arhat or Lohan (Sravakas)	Pratyeka-Buddha (Not true Buddhas)	Arhats Ten levels or stages of Bodhisattvas	Buddhahood Twelve or Thirteen Levels of Bodhisattvas
Buddha Body Attained		None	None	Dharmakaya. <i>[Sambhogakaya and Nirmanakaya are both revealed, but not emphasized.]</i>	Dharmakaya, Sambhogakaya, Nirmanakaya, and Real Nature Body. Advanced adepts may also obtain the Immortal Body or Rainbow Body.
TIME REQUIRED		1-7 lifetimes to become an Arhat	100 kalpas to become a Pratyeka-Buddha	3 asaikhya kalpas	Liberation possible in current lifetime with higher empowerments. Lower level practices can take up to 16 lifetimes.