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A 1,000 YEAR OLD BUDDHA

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The guru in the temples in Tibet and elsewhere sit on the mountain and sell tickets. Religion is a tourist business.

Swarms of Chinese and foreign visitors have their pictures taken and buy postcards. Many hands rub prayer beads for good luck and prosperity.

They pray for not to.

Incense fills the air, heads bob up and down, wishes and prayers float to the heavens. Candles light the gloom.

Bright and shiny statues breathe in the desires and despair of the supplicants. If the gods (any gods) didn't promise health, wealth and happiness, would anybody go? What can you expect of a 1000 year old buddha? ©