ANSWERS TO WS 1

IS THERE A FORCE THAT GUIDES THE WORLD?

EXERCISES

1. Define the first three terms using **Material 1**.
2. Find examples of how this power is manifested and how it affects people.
3. Think about the scope of action that the individual has in each case.
4. After reading **Material 2**, fill in the last column.

	GOD	FATE	COINCIDENCE	KARMA
DEFINITION	God determines how things happen.	Fate, as an unknown power, influences a person's life in a predetermined way.	An event occurs unexpectedly and unintentionally. It is not predictable.	Everything is based on cause and effect: The deeds, words and thoughts (also from previous lives) are the causes for what the person experiences.
EXAMPLES	After death, you go to heaven.	A fortune teller prophesies wealth.	A roof tile falls on my head.	I often fib and lie and nobody trusts me anymore.
SPACE TO ACT	I live in a way that pleases God, who rewards or punishes me. I give thanks for good fortune or ask for good circumstances in life.	I can accept or reject my fate, but I cannot change it.	Cannot be controlled by humans. It does not matter how I behave.	Every thought, every word and every action has an effect. Thereby I influence my future life. I can decide to perform positive thoughts, words and actions.

5. What does the statement "behave like a Buddha until you become a Buddha" mean?

One is mindful, clear and has the necessary distance; one no longer takes things personally and has inner freedom; one behaves auspiciously and acts sensibly for the best of beings.

