Monastery and Monastery Life in Newar Tradition

* Dependent on caste
  + Have to be born

**2 types of Monasteries**

**Baha**

* Vajacharya
  + Tantric practitioners
  + Non-celibate

**Bahi**

* Shakya
  + Once celibate monks

Today they are both mostly the same

In olden days Bahi were once celibate and not any more to appeal to the public,

In 12th century Buddhism collapses in India, Katmandu valley never got invaded, celibate based Buddhism got farther and farther ostracized from the public and no one really cared; maybe changed from celibate to non-celibate cause celibate had no more of a role in society

The Nepal kings, who were all Hindu, decreed that you must follow the Brahmin Hindu cycles. In Brahminical rituals you need to be married at least and also better to have children preferably sons. So the Bahi couldn’t do these decrees cause they had none of these rituals so it had to change to relate to the Brahmin tradition. Vajacharya act like look like majority Hindu society in which they are a part. They are incorporating Brahminical practices but do it in a Buddhist way with Buddhist priest, cause this was expected of them to fit in to a Hindu society

Tantra happens to both Buddhism and Hinduism

Terivata don’t think Tantric Buddhism is valid, but others do

Vadriana Buddhism = Tantric Buddhism – everybody is a Buddha, we forgot and we have to get rid of this vale

Monastic Buddhism very physical renounce

Tantra thinks shouldn’t accept or push things away

Mahayana and Vadriana Buddhism- see strong influence of Brahmin culture, have many Buddhas in other realms, focus moves off of Shakrimuny (the Buddha) they still like him, but many Buddhas, proliferation of deities thousands of Buddhas, still distinctly Buddhist

* Tantric Buddhism aka Vadriana Buddhism inside Mahayana
* Involves lay people much more

In Terivata Buddhism – Buddha is a historical figure, you live life the way he lived it

In order for Bahi to survive, had to model after Baha, so when Bahi monks disrobes it became its own class

Had Shakya’s associate with Vajracharya

Never had Vajracharya associate with Shakya cause they have no connection with celibacy

Now Vajracharya take monastic initiation

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