Sri Lanka vs Neware context

Nature of monkhood and way it is practiced

* Very imbedded in society
  + Not expected since monks supposed to be withdrawn from society
* Neware tradition everything is lay
* Why would you renounce and become a monk
  + Get away
  + Getting taking care of
  + Try to obtain Nirvana – selfish

Poor monks vs rich monks in Tibetan tradition perform rituals to get more money

Groups of monks: rich monks, poor monks

All different motivations for becoming a monk, not all of them negative

* You become educated, become a scholar, have hand in politics, involved in wealthy institution
* There is also the idea of becoming a monk to escape society
* Can offer your child in monastery
* If don’t like being monk can work in administration
* Common have monastery owning 5 star hotel

**3 types of Monks**

Ritual monks

Scholarly monks- in monastic monastery, not easy

Administrative monks

Bound to monastery, no family,

Young monks tend to disrobe get married, had a family, got a job and majority of them unhappy

Abed of monastery can be laymen

In Sri Lankan tradition need to be celibate

Renunciation center to Teribatin cultures

Discipline – Very important, start off with lay vows then novice monk then ordained monk

Reciate 5 vows – no killing, no lying, no stealing, no sexual misconduct (usually interpreted no adultery), no intoxication

Including with no sex then you are a monk

Meditation

Karma that you do accumulate is virtuous

Karma – motivation, action, result

Motivation is the best; Karma just means action

**Habitual Tendencies**- the more perform certain types of karma, the more of a habit you form to doing that type of karma

All the things about Buddhism is about forming good habitual tendencies

Vows going after psychological motivation

You have to strive to stop striving

Don’t know how to not have a self

Loosen grip of self to eventually let go

Buddhism loves paradoxes

Karma like a river it is the current, can smooth out rocks widen bank until no more river

Karma defines everything, nothing is substantial, our concepts label these karmic flows

EVERYTHING ALWAYS CHANGES