Newar Buddhism

* Katmandu Valley is isolated epitome of Newar town
* Arrives in Katmandu from trader
* Position on trade route is how Buddhism got to Katmandu
* The isolation helps preserves Newar Buddhism
* All monasteries in Katmandu Valley had been founded in hereditary lineage

Householder Monk

* Take ordination then disrobe and the monastic title stays in Newar Buddhism
* To become a monk, need to be born into the right Sangha
* Can only belong to monastery that family belonged to
* Your mother has to be of same line of monastic lineage
* Easier to spread to your family, but more selective

Celibate monks seemed to die out in Katmandu Valley leaves only hereditary lineage

Two lineages of hereditary monks

**Shakyas**

* Were once Celibate monks
* Follow hereditary ordination
* Shakyas cannot become Vaijraryas they are different classes

**Vajraryas**

* Never celibate monks
* It is a title for a Tantric priest
  + Can teach Tantra to other people
* Required to have a wife
* Tantric practice are all sexual
* Can be passed down to sons

Caste based Buddhism

Buddhism happens within Bromanical system

Buddhism at first reaction against caste

Buddhism also Indian tradition and India has large class based system

Newar Buddhism thinks about this cast based monasticism

* They think this is unsustainable, since requires both sides mom and dad to be of the same lineage

Have a monasticism that is lay and more engaging

In Newar Community no longer tradition of meditation or deep study of the texts

Difference between being a monk and being a Buddhist

Shrilanka is **Terivadata** Buddhism

Newar heavily influence by **Mahayana** and **Vajrayana** both strong focus on layit can now practice and study

Laity considered part of Sangha

Mahayana opens up door to lay people

Vajrayana = Trantra

Prefers don’t be a monk can have lay monasticism, can’t have Buddhism without monks

Very early prophecy that lays out how long this Buddhism’s teaching will last then a new Buddhism teaching will come about

If lack of learning and mediation in Newar tradition

Newar going to Tibetan community to education them because Tibetan community large Mahayana and Vajrayana influence

Another movement to bring meditation and learning back into Newar life, but it is detrimental to then

Outside group of people establishing new Buddhist tradition saying Newar lost it’s very much a Terivadata Buddhism influence not a Mahayana and Vajrayana

It is problematic cause it is undermining the tradition form of Buddhism in the Katmandu Valley

Buddhist version of Bromanical life cycle ritual needs to be done