SYLLABUS

TITLE: ANTH/REL 443 Anthropology of Buddhism
(Theory) 3 credits

TIME: 10:30-11:45 a.m. TTh, Fall Semester 2009

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ORIENTATION

French anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss of the Sorbonne in Paris wrote on Buddhism after visiting India:

"Between this form of religion and myself, there was no likelihood of misunderstanding. It was not a question of bowing down in front of idols or of adoring a supposed supernatural order, but only of paying homage to the decisive wisdom that a thinker, or the society which created his legend, had evolved twenty-five centuries before and to which my civilization could contribute only by confirming it" [1974, Triste Tropiques, NY: Atheneum, p. 411].

British anthropologist Jonathan Benthall of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland in London wrote:

"If Euro-American anthropological theory sometimes seems to have got in a rut, there may be something said for alighting from the vehicle occasionally and paying a visit to the nearest temple or mosque." [1996, "The Religious Provenances of Anthropologists" Anthropology Today 12(4):1-2].
This course surveys selected aspects of Buddhism through the perspective of cultural anthropology with an emphasis on the daily experience of Buddhist monks, nuns, and lay persons in their socio-cultural contexts. Although the main focus is on Buddhism in Asia, some attention is also afforded to the spread of Buddhism into Western socio-cultural contexts.

First, the course will provide a brief overview of the triple refuge of Buddhism: the Buddha, Dharma (teachings), and Sangha (community of monks and nuns) in order to establish a common foundation of knowledge and understanding to appreciate other subjects. Next, the course will explore the regional, national, and local cultural manifestations of Buddhism through Buddhist beliefs and behavior in relation to traditional anthropological concerns including the following:

- world views, values, and ethics;
- rituals, rites of passage, and rites of intensification;
- symbols, arts, and architecture
- spirituality, sacred places, pilgrims, and pilgrimages;
- gender roles and social institutions;
- socio-cultural change, revitalization movements, and socio-political activism;
- Asian Buddhists in the West and Western Buddhists in the East

Special attention will be afforded to:

- Tibetan Buddhism;
- the traditional spiritual and political leader of Tibetans, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet;
- the ongoing human rights crisis in Tibet under the alien Chinese government’s occupation since its 1949 military invasion;
- socio-cultural survival in the international Tibetan refugee community; and
- comparison Tibetan sacred and Chinese secular approaches to nature.

In addition, a second special focus will be on Buddhist ecology and environmentalism in general, and with reference to Thailand in particular. The subject of Buddhist ecology and environmentalism will be considered in both theory and practice. The field research of anthropologists Susan Darlington, Henry Delcore, Stanley J. Tambiah, J. L. Taylor, Kamala Tiyavanich, and others on forest monks in northern Thailand will receive particular attention. The instructor will emphasize ecological and environmental aspects of Theravada Buddhism in Thailand based on his more than two decades of ongoing field research focused on sacred places and biodiversity conservation. Also, he will give several special PowerPoint lectures:

- “Natural Wisdom: Buddhist Ecology and Environmentalism”;
- “Sacred Sites and Landscapes in Thailand”; and
- “Buddhist Monks, Sacred Caves, Bats, Forests, and Biodiversity Conservation in Northern Thailand.”
• “Tibetan Sacred and Chinese Secular Approaches to Nature”

Furthermore, the class will discuss theories and methods for ethnographic field research on Buddhism in its various socio-cultural contexts as well as the implications of Buddhism for anthropology and for anthropologists working in Buddhist countries and other socio-cultural contexts. In particular, we will explore the questions:

• What might Buddhist anthropology be like?
• Why doesn’t Buddhist anthropology exist?
• What would be involved in a Buddhist critique of anthropology?

At the same time, many of the readings and videos will provide far more widespread and diverse coverage of different Buddhist traditions, societies, cultures, and ecologies. Furthermore, although this course concentrates on Buddhism, it does not do so exclusively because, in practice, Buddhism cannot always be realistically separated from other religions. For instance, in Thailand many people who identify themselves as Buddhists also pursue elements of Animism, Hinduism, Daoism, and/or Confucianism.

From the instructor’s perspective, there are no prerequisites for this course, other than a serious interest and commitment to exploring the subject. However, desirable background includes ANTH/REL 422 Anthropology of Religion, and/or a basic course on Buddhism, such as REL 207 Understanding Buddhism or REL 475 Seminar on Buddhism.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this course are to provide:

• a systematic and holistic survey of the anthropology of Buddhism;

• a systematic and penetrating survey of Buddhist ecology and environmentalism; and

• a substantial resource guide for further individual study of these and related topics during this course and in the future (pp. 16-75). (Also, see the bibliographies in the textbooks and section on Buddhism on the instructor’s homepage at http://www.soc.hawaii.edu/Sponsel).
LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Identify the generic or core principles of Buddhism

2. Explain how the practice of Buddhism varies among different traditions, nations, and cultures

3. Describe the basic Buddhist worldview, values, ethics, and attitudes

4. Analyze Buddhist symbols in ritual, architecture, art, and other aspects of culture

5. Characterize the different social and religious roles of monks, nuns, and the laity in Buddhism

6. Understand the manifestations of Buddhism through the daily life, life cycle, and annual rituals

7. Recognize the principal sacred places, pilgrimages, and associated spirituality in Buddhism

8. Discuss the application of Buddhist principles in cases of socially engaged Buddhist action

9. Explain the relevance of Buddhism for ecology and environmentalism in theory and practice

10. Analyze Buddhism as a factor in social, cultural, economic, and political change

11. Identify the distinctions of an anthropological approach to the study of Buddhism

12. Explain the relevance of Buddhism for anthropology and the possibilities of a Buddhist anthropology.

FORMAT

The above topics will be covered through a combination of several lectures by the instructor, most with PowerPoint; general class discussion, student class presentations and discussions; and videos. In particular, most sessions will be organized and facilitated mainly by one or more students in collaboration with the instructor. The optional works in the Resource Guide provide the basis for selecting sources for student individual and group presentations on the seminar topics of the week.

A liberal number of videos will be shown in class and in the Resource Guide many others are recommended for students to voluntarily view outside of class. Videos are an especially useful complement to class readings and discussions, and to some
degree the next best thing to visiting multiple field sites. Students are encouraged to view as many extra videos as possible. There is also a wealth of relevant material on YouTube at [http://YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com). A few examples have been included in the Schedule of this syllabus. (Also, a one-page essay reacting to a video can be submitted for extra credit). Unfortunately, videos diminish the class time available for discussion. If desirable, then further discussion can be facilitated on a course website.

Students are invited to suggest revisions for this syllabus at any time during the semester. A statement attributed to the Buddha applies to every aspect of this course as well: "Be ye lamps unto yourselves." In the context of this course, this statement means that students should apply critical thinking in their readings and class discussions as well as in all other aspects of the course. It also means that the course will emphasize active and collaborative learning. In particular, each student is expected to serve as an organizer and facilitator for one or more class meetings in collaboration with the instructor and possibly with other students as well, depending on their special interests in a specific topic under consideration.

GRADING

The final grade for this course will be determined as follows:

- 10% attendance and general discussion;
- 30% individual class presentations (student facilitator for discussion of readings);
- 30% surprise quizzes;
- 10% mid-term essay examination (2 questions, Oct. 15); and
- 20% final essay examination (4 questions, Dec. 17).  
  [See Exam Guidelines on pp. 14-15].

Every student is expected to voluntarily, regularly, and actively participate in discussions in class and online. The instructor may also call on individuals in class. Engaging in class discussions with clear, concise, and relevant comments and questions is a very important component of class participation and learning in this course.

Regular attendance is imperative. Students must stay for the entire class period (10:30-11:45). Attendance will be taken regularly, and if necessary at the beginning and end of each class meeting. One whole letter grade will be deducted for every three absences that are not excused. Students are expected to arrive at class on time, remain attentive, and avoid conversation or other behavior that distracts other students and the instructor. Cellular phones should be turned off before class and remain so throughout the class period. Students who wish to use a laptop computer in class must email the instructor a copy of their notes after class to prove that they are paying attention and not using their laptop for something else. Students who fall asleep in class will be counted absent for that whole period.
Any plagiarism will be rewarded with failure of the entire course and reported to the Dean for appropriate disciplinary action.

In this class anyone is welcome to say or write anything with only three restrictions--- it is relevant, polite, and concise. This includes respecting the sensitivities of others and allowing others an opportunity to join in the class discussion. Although it will become obvious that the instructor has his own perspective, ultimately there is no “party line” in this course. In fact, students are encouraged to politely and constructively disagree with the instructor, course material, and each other whenever they wish to do so. Ultimately, the instructor does not really care what students think; however, he does care very deeply that they think in an informed and critical manner.

Graduate students are naturally expected to demonstrate a higher quality and quantity of work including additional reading beyond the regular textbooks and assignments. Ideally they should also pursue a research project.

Extra credit may be earned by writing reaction essays each of about one-page typed single-spaced to lectures, chapters, and/or videos. Five such essays may elevate a border line grade, and ten may elevate the grade to the next higher level. Another alternative for extra credit is a research report based on library and/or fieldwork, but the topic must be approved by the instructor in advance.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Unfortunately, there is no single textbook that covers all of the course material. Instead, a combination of textbooks had to be carefully selected. Every student is required to thoroughly read and discuss each of these five basic textbooks following the assignments in the full schedule below:


The cost of texts may be reduced by purchasing used copies, sharing with other students, and/or reselling them at the end of the semester.
A few additional reading will be assigned from selected book chapters, journal articles, handouts, and online sources. Other material is available in the accompanying Resource Guide as well as on the instructor’s homepage under Buddhism. A “Resource Guide on Tibetan Buddhism, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, and Tibet” is available on request. The Journal of Buddhist Ethics is available free online at http://www.buddhistethics.org. Students are encouraged to follow their own special interests in pursuing these sources to optimize their educational experience in the course.

SCHEDULE

PART I – ENCOUNTERING BUDDHISM

August 25 T  Orientation to the course, students, and instructor


August 27 Th  Film: “Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama” (DVD, 2006, 85 min.)

“The Dalai Lama Interview” (9 minutes)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Zpf1DdArek&feature=related

(Note: YouTube segments will not be shown in class, instead interested students should view them on their own).

September 1 T  Ethics for the New Millennium (H.H. 14th Dalai Lama)

PART II – THE TRIPLE REFUGE

September 3 Th  The Buddha – PK Ch. 2
Film: “Life of the Buddha: The True Story of the Man Who Changed the World” (140 min)

“The Life of Buddha” (1 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2NLQGrbf5U&feature=related

“Enlightenment in 8 Minutes”
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEwgegeOycs&feature=related

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September 8 T Film continued

September 10 Th The Dharma – PK Ch. 3, Karma and Cosmology – PK Ch. 1

Film: “Wisdom of Faith: Buddhism [Huston Smith]” (1996, 30 min., VHS 14492)

Ajahn Brahm – “Dharma Talk on Loneliness” (56 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fb4IYpKYRA

Thich Nhat Hanh – “Mindfulness” (6 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aubF7v-M1MM&feature=related

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September 15 T The Sangha – PK Ch. 4, RC Chs. 5, 9, 14

Films: “Buddhism: Making of a Monk” (15 min., VHS 16788), “I am a Monk” (1976, 30 min., VHS 7166)

Ajahn Brahm – “Inter-Viewed” (8 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KV4ojyChiLI

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September 17 Th Nuns – RC Ch. 6

Film: “Two Buddhist Nunneries” (30 min., VHS 5332)

Pema Chodron – “Why I Became a Buddhist Nun” (6 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4slnjvGjP4&NR=1

“Everywoman – Buddhist Nun in Thailand” [Bikkhuni Dhammananda, formerly Dr.
Chatsumarn Kabilsingh] (6 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMnSK8Hp-gs

“Torture in Tibet: A Buddhist Nun Tells Her Story” (3 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhrgb1PHodU

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September 22
Lay People – RC Chs. 4, 10

Film: “Living and Dying in Buddhist Cultures” (49 min., VHS 17423)

Sangharakshita – “Commitment is Primary, Lifestyle is Secondary” (1 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ED-S55HK_rk

September 24
Temples and Monastic Complexes – RC Ch. 1

Film: “Dharma River: Journey of a Thousand Buddhas” (2004, 81 min.)

“Buddhist Temples in Thailand” (6 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYBhrYhDP3Y

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PART III – REGIONAL MANIFESTATIONS OF BUDDHISM

September 29
Buddhism in India and Sri Lanka – PK Ch. 5, RC Chs. 12-13

“Jesus, Buddhism, and Kashmir (India)” (7 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsO2abnwSLY

“Killing and Buddhism in Sri Lanka” (4 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lW7x_hZKqQo

October 1
Mahayana Buddhism – PK Ch. 6

Ven. Dhammavuddho – “Differences between Mahayana and Theravada” (4 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkhcIyrq8Hs&feature
October 6 T  Buddhist Meditation – PK Ch. 7

Films: “Natural Meditation” [Lama Surya Das](2000, 34 min.), “Walking Meditation” [Thich Nhat Hanh](30 min., VHS 1394)

Jack Kornfield – “Meditation for Beginners” (2 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIVNAVwinMo&feature=channel

October 8 Th  Buddhism in Southeast Asia – PK Ch. 8, RC Chs. 2-3

“He Ordained to Honor Maha Ghosananda, Gandhi of Cambodia,” (5 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsfmhpEPhjA

October 13 T  Film: “Bhutan: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness” (55 min.)

October 15 Th  Buddhism in East Asia – PK Ch. 9, RC Ch. 15

“A Day in the Life of a Zen Monk” (4 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pllQ_-ZxEA&feature=channel

*********** Mid-Term Examination Due ***********

October 20 T  Film: “Mountains and Rivers: Mystical Realism of Zen Master Dogen” (2000, 45 min.)

October 22 Th  Film: “Amongst White Clouds: Buddhist Hermit Masters of China’s Zhongnan Mountains” (2005, 86 min.)
October 27 T  Tibetan Buddhism – PK Ch. 10, RC Chs. 8, 11

“Om Mani Padme Hum” (10 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bk6q0zxa4xQ&feature

October 29 Th  Film: “Vajra Sky Over Tibet” (2005, 87 min.)

“Sand Mandala Ceremony with Tibetan Monks” (22 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k33zYkrfq1k

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November 3 T  Lecture: “Chinese Secular Approaches to Nature Subvert Tibetan Sacred Approaches”

“Tibet: The Story of a Tragedy” (55 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VRneGYpaXc&NR=1&feature=fvwp

November 5 Th  Film: “One Man vs. China” [Dan Rather Reports HDNet Episode 234]

“Tibetan Exiles Grow Impatient in India” (18 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MupCGg1lNo&NR=1

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November 10 T  Buddhism in the West – PK Ch. 11
Film: “Fearless Mountain” (61 min.)

Alan Watts – “A Conversation with Myself” (7 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZ8WeLrtFnY&feature

PART IV – BUDDHIST ETHICS AND ACTIVISM

November 12 Th  Buddhist Ethics – PK Ch. 13
Buddhist Ethics: A Very Short Introduction (Keown)
Ajahn Brahmali – “Morality” (1 min).
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNXeAK591Nc&feature

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November 17 T  Socially Engaged Buddhism – PK Ch. 12

Film: “The Spirit and the Life” (27 min., VHS 13576)

Thich Nhat Hanh – “Peace Is Every Step” (51 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXQhspVJKxY&feature

Thich Nhat Hanh – “On Burma” (5 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74o9P6G2y18&feature=fvw

PART V – BUDDHIST ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTALISM

November 19 Th  Lecture: “Natural Wisdom: Buddhist Ecology and Environmentalism”

Film: “Compassion in Action” [segment from “Renewal”] (2007, 11 min)

“Thailand Annual Banquet for the Monkeys [Lopburi] (1 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dSfmV95zb0

Watpa Luangtabua Yannasampanno, Kanchanaburi (Tiger Conservation Project) (1 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8683cFOWTU

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November 24 T  Lecture: “Sacred Sites and Landscapes of Thailand”

“Wat Suthat – Bangkok” (6 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIf904HHmJA&feature

Buddhist Ceremony in Wat Suthat (1 min)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRFBCqMqwMI&feature
November 26 Th  ***** THANKSGIVING *****

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December 1 T  Lecture: “Buddhist Monks, Sacred Caves, Bats, Forests, and Biodiversity Conservation in Northern Thailand”


“The Sacred Caves of Tara Mountain” [Tibet, Glenn Mullin] (9 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r79R1kGcQmI

December 3 Th  ***** NO CLASS *****

Mindfully Green: A Personal and Spiritual Guide to Whole Earth Thinking (Kaza)

“Zen Photography, John Daido Loori of Zen Mt. Monastery, New York” (8 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPR_5MvF1XU&feature

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December 8 T  Discussion of Kaza’s book in the class room

PART VI – BUDDHIST STUDIES

December 10 Th  Studying Buddhism – PK Ch. 14

Toward a Buddhist critique of anthropology and a Buddhist anthropology

Film: “Mind Science” [HD Net Dan Rather Reports Episode 313]

“Jainism and Buddhism: A Comparative Study” (10 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cASZK6Qgp3g

“A Comparative Study of Daoism and Buddhism” (9 min.)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzJ7LnszYg4

December 17th  ***** FINAL EXAMINATION *****

********** Due in instructor’s mailbox in Saunders 346 by 4:00 p.m. **********

GUIDELINES FOR MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS

The mid-term examination is due in class on October 15, and the final examination is due in the instructor’s mailbox in Saunders Hall 346 on December 17 by 4:00 p.m. Examination essays will not be accepted by email or fax. One letter grade will be subtracted for each day that the examination is late. The mid-term examination comprises 10% of the total course grade, the final examination 20%. One or more letter grades will be subtracted from the exam grade for failure to carefully follow the following guidelines.

Identify the number and topic of the question you are answering in your essay. Each answer should be a clear and concise but penetrating essay. Limit each of your answers to two pages typed single-spaced. (The instructor will not read more). Include introductory and concluding paragraphs. Identify by number 3-5 main points. Instead of quotes use paraphrasing, don’t waste space.

Ultimately your essays must be the product of your own individual scholarship and creativity. Any plagiarism will be rewarded with an automatic F for the final course grade and reported to the office of the Dean. However, you are welcome to consult with any individual as well as any print and internet resources, although covering the required readings for the course is by far the most important. Just be careful to properly acknowledge the source for very specific information, ideas, and the like. Also, be sure to include your own insights, comments, reactions, and criticisms.

Your essay should be a synthesis of relevant course material. Cite the course textbooks, other sources including publications, lectures, videos, case studies, web sites, class discussion, and handouts. In each reading citation include the author, year, and page (for example, Tambiah in Reynolds and Carbine 2000, pp. 62-63). Other sources
can be documented as follows: (lecture Nov. 3), (discussion Sept. 17), (video title), or (personal communication with S. J. Tambiah, November 17, 2009). It is not necessary to append a bibliography with the full citation of sources if they are already in the syllabus, rather the name of the author and year of publication should be sufficient.

The purposes of the essay are to (1) convincingly demonstrate your familiarity with the course material, (2) present a critical analysis of it, and (3) discuss your own reactions to it. Your grade will be based on fulfilling these three purposes, the guidelines, grading criteria, and course objectives listed earlier in the syllabus on pages 3-5. In grading the instructor will emphasize content, but also make corrections for any serious and repetitive grammatical and spelling errors. However, you should routinely perform a grammar and spelling check with your own computer.

The instructor is willing to read and comment on an outline or draft of an essay sent by email well in advance of the due date of the examination.

MID-TERM EXAM QUESTION

From the list of Student Learning Outcomes on pages 3-4 select a topic to write an essay about for each of two out of the following numbers: 1-6, 11.

FINAL EXAM QUESTIONS

From the list of Student Learning Outcomes on pages 3-4 select a topic to write an essay about for each of four out of the following numbers: 4, 7-12.

Caution:

You cannot use the same essay for both examinations.

Students who do well on these essays start sooner than later. Since the questions are already available in the course syllabus by the first day of class it is possible and highly desirable to keep a journal or file of notes and observations toward answering them during the semester. Just select the topics are of greatest interest and pursue them regularly during the semester by taking notes while reading and in class as background research for developing the essays.

RESOURCE GUIDE
This resource guide provides a convenient start for those interested in exploring particular topics in the course in more detail including as research projects. The listing of books is fairly thorough, but that of journal articles and book chapters is less so. One very useful source for periodicals is Anthropology Index Online at http://aio.anthropology.org.uk/aiosearch/. There are several references to the Journal of Buddhist Ethics which is available free online at: http://www.buddhistethics.org. It is most useful to start at literature search by checking the bibliography of the most recent book or article on any topic. The citations below are usually listed only under one topic even though they may be relevant to more than that.

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Reference Works


Hawai`i Association of International Buddhists (HAIB), 1997, *Unity in Diversity: Hawai`i’s Buddhist Communities*, Kaneohe, HI: HAIB.


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**General**


Films

“Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama” (85 min.) DVD 6517
Dalai Lama: The Soul of Tibet (A & E Biography) (50 min.)

“Discovering Buddhism” (about 3 hours 43 minutes)
"Wisdom of Faith: Personal Philosophy" (58 min.) VHS 14496

"Journey into Thailand: The Other Thailand" (relations between Buddhists and Muslims in the south)(30 min.) VHS 2081
Web sites
American Academy of Religion
http://www.aarweb.org

Anthropology of Buddhism and Buddhist anthropology


"Thailand: Land of Smiles" (27 min.) VHS 7145
"Journey Into Thailand: The Long March South" (29 min.) VHS 9869
"Power of Place: Program 25 Mainland Southeast Asia"(60min.) VHS 12988
"Southeast Asia: A Cultural History"(16 min.) VHS 7045
"Thailand Before the Buddha" (23 min.) VHS 11007
"Thailand" (48 min.) VHS 19370
"Timeless Waters" (30 min.) VHS 12384

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
http://www.aaanet.org

Anthropology of Religion Section (AAA)
http://www.aaanet.org (see unit or interest group list)

The Buddha and the historical and cultural manifestations of Buddhism


His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet, 1975, *The Buddhism of Tibet*, Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications.


Rajavaramuni, Phra (Prayudh Payutto), 1984, *Thai Buddhism in the Buddhist World: A Survey of the Buddhist Situation Against A Historical Background*, Bangkok,
Thailand: Amarin Printing Group.


"Ancient India" (47 min.) VHS 16863
“Bhutan: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness” (56 min.) DVD 8772
“Buddha: The Path to Enlightenment” (43 min.) VHS 19441
"Buddhism in China" (30 min.) VHS 5727
“Buddhism in the Land of the Kami” (53 min.) DVD 139 DS851.B3 2004 (Windward CC)
"Buddhism: The Path to Enlightenment"(30 min.) VHS 1388
"Footprint of the Buddha"(India and Sri Lanka)(52 min.) VHS 1280
"Nepal" (mixture with Hinduism)(62 min.) VHS 2773
“The Life of the Buddha” DVD (140 min.) (personal copy)

"Buddha in the Land of the Kami (7th-12th Century Japan)(54 min.) VHS 7840
"Meeting the Gods and the Buddha (Japan, Shinto) (45min.) VHS 3512
"Discovery of the Pure Land"(Japan 12th-14th Century)(45 min.) VHS 3513

“Kundun” (135 min.) VHS 16812, DVD 0220
“Milarepa: Magician, Murderer, Saint” (90 min.) DVD 8444  
“Teachings on Milarepa” (175 min.)  
“Ten Years in Tibet” (136 min.) DVD 4559  

Buddhanet  
http://www.buddhanet.net  

DharmaNet International  
http://www.dharmanet.org

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**The Dharma (core teachings of Buddhism)**


"The Jataka Tale of Prince Wetsandorn" (16 min.) VHS 10905

"A Guide to Walking Meditation" (Thich Nhat Hanh)(30 min.) VHS 1394
“Natural Meditation [Lama Surya Das]” (34 min.) (personal copy)
"The Art of Meditation" (28 min.) VHS 4118

“Compassion and Wisdom: A Guide to the Bodhisattva’s Way of Life” (108 min.)
“Door to Compassion” [Tich Nhat Hanh] (43 min.) VHS 14679

“A Separate Peace” (53 min.) VHS 19844
“Eastern Philosophy” (50 min.) VHS V1251 v. 2 (UH West Oahu)
“In the Spirit of Manjushri: The Wisdom Teachings of Buddhism” [Dalai Lama] (4 hrs. 40 min.) (on order)
“The Four Noble Truths” [Dalai Lama] (90 min. each) VHS 18250 volumes 1-4

"Introduction to Zen" (81 min.) VHS 7753
"Introduction to Zen Buddhism"(John Daido Loori)(81 min.) VHS 7753
"The Flow of Zen" (14 min.) VHS 4149
The Sangha (monks and nuns) across cultures


Jackson, Peter, 1988, *Buddhadasa: A Buddhist Thinker for the Modern World,*
Bangkok, Thailand: The Siam Society.


Taylor, J.L., 1993, *Forest Monks and the Nation-State: AN Anthropological and


Wijayaratna, Mohan, 1990, Buddhist Monastic Life according to the texts of the Theravada tradition, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

“Buddhism: Making of a Monk" (15 min.) VHS 16788
“Dali Lama of Tibet" (Cornell U visit) (58 min.) VHS 8433
“Dalai Lama: Non-violent Society (Honolulu visit)(60 min.) VHS 10163

“A Prophecy” [Dalai Lama](54 min.) VHS 8964
“Buddhism, Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves" (29 min.) VHS 6136
“Cloud Path: Journey of a Wandering Monk” (53 min.) DVD 4332
"Cool Heart" (30 min.) VHS 8600
“Join Me in Shambhala” (29 min.) DVD 4758
“Karmapa: The Lion Begins to Roar (85 min.) VHS 18988
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http://www.sacredjourneys.org
Buddhist layperson lives and rites of passage across cultures


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"On the Road Home: A Spiritual Journey Guided by Remarkable Women" (75 min.) VHS 18885
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"Pak Bueng on Fire" (Thai immigrants in LA)(25 min.) VHS 4099
"Thana Lauhakaikul" (Thai artist in Austin, TX)(33 min.) VHS 8570
"The Best of Alan Watts" (60 min.) VHS 10283
“The Dalai Lama: A Non-violent Society” (60 min.) VHS 10163
“Tibet Hope” (52 min.)
“Wake Up!” [Korean Zen Master in Europe] (54 min.) VHS 9414
"World Buddhism in North America" (July 10, 1987 conference)(120 min.) VHS 11416
"Zen Mountain Monastery" (50 min.) VHS 7325
"Zen Center" (LA, impact of American culture on Zen)(30 min.) VHS 2616

Buddhist Association of the United States
http://www.baus.org

Insight Meditation Society
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Plum Village (Thich Nhat Hanh)
http://www.plumvillage.org

San Francisco Zen Center (also Green Gulch Farm)
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Engaged Buddhism, sociopolitical issues, and cultural change in the contemporary world


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"Destination, Lhasa" (Chinese invasion of Tibet) (49 min.) VHS 14601
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"Smiles" (struggle for democracy in Thailand)(32 min.) VHS 17765
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"Tongpan" (63 min.) VHS 9645
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Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University
http://www.religionandecology.org

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**Toward a Buddhist critique of anthropology and rebuttal of critiques of Buddhist ecology and environmentalism**


Tibet, Tibetan Buddhism, and His Holiness the XIVth Dalai
Lama of Tibet

Upon request an extensive Resource Guide from a previous course is also available separately on this subject. Only a few items from that guide have been included here. It contains numerous books on Buddhism and Western science.

Buddhism and Western Science


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About Buddhism
[http://buddhism.about.com/religion/Buddhism](http://buddhism.about.com/religion/Buddhism)

American Academy of Religion
http://www.aarweb.org

Anthropology of Religion Section of the American Anthropological Association
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http://www.religionandecology.org

Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition
http://www.fpmt.org

Google.com
http://www.Google.com

The Government of Tibet in Exile in New York
http://www.tibetoffice.org

Guide to Buddhism on the Net
http://members.tripod.com/~Arumugam/buddhiststudies

His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet [official website including speeches, news, schedule, and a wealth of other information]
http://www.dalailama.com

Insight Meditation Society
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International Association for Buddhist Studies
http://www.iabsinfo.net

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http://www.jbe.gold.ac.uk/

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Mind and Life Institute [Buddhist meditation from a scientific perspective]
http://www.mindandlife.org

Nalandabodhi (Gateway to the Buddhist Sciences of the Mind)
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http://www.nalandameditation.org

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http://www.naropa.edu

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http://www.tibet.net

Office of Tibet (Official Agency of His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet and Tibetan Government in Exile to the Americas)
http://www.tibetoffice.org

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http://www.plumvillage.org

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http://online.sfsu.edu/~rone/Buddhism/Buddhism.htm

Root Institute (Socially Engaged Buddhist Meditation Centre, Bodhgaya, India)
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http://www.SnowLionPub.com

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http://www.studentsforafreetibet.org

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http://www.tibetlibre.org/Accueil/

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http://www.suanmokkh.org

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http://www.tharpa.com

Tibet Environmental Watch [includes Dalai Lama’s proposal for Tibet as a “Zone of Peace”]
http://www.tew.org

Tibet Foundation [charity for Tibetan culture and exiles]
http://www.tibet-foundation.org

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http://www.tibetheritagefund.org

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http://www.tibethouse.org

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Tibetan Government in Exile Official Web Site [wealth of information and news]
http://www.tibet.com

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http://www.tnp.org

Tibetan Review
http://tibetan.review.net
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Time Magazine
http://www.Time.com/DalaiLama
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