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The study of the Ideal life according to teachings of Buddhism was the patterns of the way of life founded in Buddhism principle which have been categorized and collected in the books called the Tipitaka. This study is aimed to explore the Ideal life concept based on the Buddhism principle.

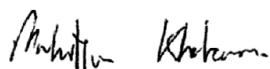
The result of study found that Ideal life according to the Buddhism principle had three major concepts.

1. Concept of life, according to Buddhism, was described in two aspects. First, It was described in terms of component of life. Second, It was described in terms of its natural characteristics. The given natural characteristics was the driving force for lives to search for their path and destiny.

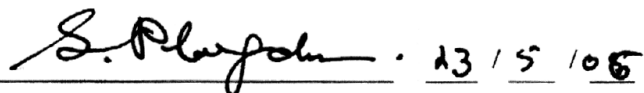
2. Concept about path of life, according to Buddhism principle, were in harmony and rational with the reality of nature in life. Such path of life was shortly called "Delightful life", "Good life" or "Esteemed life" There are moral life paths for both the ordinary people and for an ascetic people, or other name "Path of virtue" which could lead people to attain the goal of Buddhism or the happiness.

3. Concept of life destiny, according to Buddhism, was the consequence and said to have two levels. First, It was the common destiny (sexual destiny or kamasuk) and second, It was the ultimate destiny (nekammasuk)

In addition, the result of study also indicated that three principle of thoughts were harmony along with the cause and effect of each other by virtues of wisdom related to every levels.



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