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The purpose of this research is to study paraphenomena as found in Buddhism among selected group of King Rama V's Cult followers. The study aims at finding the degrees of understanding in paraphenomena in Buddhism, the belief and the fundamental objectives, including, their joint relationship are also studied.

The purpose of this research is also to study paraphenomena as found in Buddhism. The practice of King Rama V's Cult followers need to be looked into in order to illustrate this case study. The research procedure was based on two methods, firstly documentary research and, secondly field research. As for the documentary research, the Buddhist scriptures, commentaries, and other important Buddhist texts are sources of the study. As well. For the field research, the datas were derived from 100 sets of questionnaire answered by the King Rama V's Cult followers. The results of the study are as following: -

According to the documentary research, the paraphenomena in Buddhism is divided into three types, There are three purposes in the paraphenomena: first, to inspire followers, second, to attain acceptance by followers and third to support and help good people. Paraphenomena is the doctrine of Buddhism, which concentrate on the law of Karma rather than on miracles themselves.

As for the filed research result, the statistical data analysis shows that there are significant degrees in people's believes in paraphenomena in both Buddhism and King Rama V's cult, at an intermediate level. In the relationship between them there is a certain degree of understanding in supernatural power and its belief, and a certain degree of understanding in supernatural power and of fundamental needs going hand-in-hand.