

Thesis Title Desirable Characteristics of Buddhist monk
in Contemporary Thai Society : A case study
in Bangkok and Chaiyaphum

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this research is to study our response some desirable characteristics as perceived by contemporary Thai society represented by people in the metropolitan Bangkok and Chaiyaphum province

The research is divided into 2 parts. The first is mainly conceived with an analysis of the scripture and commentarics while the latter is dedicated to the study of data collected in the field between 1988-1989. In the first part it is found out that the monk have to adhere seriously to the dhamma and disciplines set forthly to Buddhism. The field work reconfirmed these as the most desirable characteristics of Buddhist monks. Yet, at the same line, Bangkok people wants monk to have additional secular knowledges complementary to these knowledges and dhamma while people in Chaiyaphum province

prefer monks to be more oriented to the forest monk tradition.

Reflected to the trend of aspect Thai Buddhism it is more ariental toward secular knowledge and the continuing of priest's practical tradition.