

HRS 179
Team Assignment #0

1. Primary Task: Eck describes immigrants and converts adapting traditional Buddhist practices to fit in with contemporary American culture. Select the **one scene** (people, actions and words in a particular setting) that most powerfully illustrates what is most distinctively Buddhist about those practices.

(a) people, actions & words in your chosen scene (complete sentences, w/ page #(s)):

details of setting (complete sentence(s) w/page #(s)):

(b) what leads up to and follows the chosen scene (complete sentence(s) w/page #(s)):

(c) Justify your choice of the above scene in your own words, referring explicitly to at least one other scene you could have chosen, and showing how your example is the more powerful one. In addition, cite **one specific statement** (including p. #) from some other part of Ecks' essay (either description or analysis) that supports or supplements your own justification.

2. For Follow-Up Discussion: To what extent and in what way(s) are the practices of a given religious tradition separate from the culture in which they occur, and to what extent connected? After your reading of Eck's narrative, what hopes and concerns do you have about observing Buddhist practice in the local community?