

Chapter Notes for Chapter 24 : Coming Up for Light

Geographical details from Lall 1981 and Ives and Messerli 1989, history of Nepalese Buddhism from Lienhard 1984, and information on the Newar Buddhists today from Gellner 1992. Information on Theravada Buddhism in Nepal came from Amritananda 1986. Sangharakshita (1976), the founder of the FWBO, gives an account of walking from Lumbini to Tansen in 1950. This was before any proper roads were built, when most of the area was still covered in forest and the few communities (including Butwal) were much more impoverished. He met three characters we also met forty years later—Anagarika Munindra, who he walked with and we met in Calcutta; Ven. Shakyanaanda, who was even then the resident monk in Tansen; and the nun Sushila at the Mahacetiya *vihara*, where he stayed. Of particular note is how repressed the Newars and Buddhism were then, under the Rana regime.

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