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ABSTRACT

This research was qualitative research in descriptive in nature type. The objective was to study the meaning given to premarital sex and to compare the establishment of Buddhist moralism and its role in the prevention of premarital sex among female adolescents, subjects included individuals who have passed and individuals who have not passed the Buddhahatra Camp Project. The samples were 30 female students in Mathayom 4, first term, year 2002, at Suksanaree School. They were divided into 15 who had passed the Buddhahatra Camp Project and 15 who had not. The data collection was done by informal interview. The data analysis is summarized by analytic induction, typological analysis, and constant comparison.

The findings from the research are that female adolescents who have passed the Buddhahatra Camp Project believed that premarital sex negatively impacts both the study pattern and students' future life, it is also immoral, condemned, and unacceptable by others. Such practice also puts you at risk from AIDS and maternity, as well as potentially leading to abortion. The virginity of a female is important. Premarital sex itself is an immoral action, even though a male and female practicing premarital sex will both be willing and are not committing polygamy. Touring around night entertainment places will bring about moral deterioration. Drinking alcohol causes one to become uncontrolled, thus generates premarital sex. The female students in the study group always thought first prior to doing any action. Those female students who have not passed the Buddhahatra Camp Project believed that premarital sex is a personal right as it does not cause anyone trouble. It is a general practice for a modern generation in today's society. It is not at all a shameful practice since it is for the satisfaction of the two parties involved. The virginity of females is no longer important as both parties understand each other. Premarital sex with lovers is indeed good in order to get to know each other before a marriage. Premarital sex is not immoral since both parties are willing and it is also not polygamy. Drinking alcohol and touring around night entertainment areas, within the limits of socialization with friends and using money which is earned by an individual from working or from saving is not a wrong action and does not cause anyone a problem.

The research result leads to suggest of establishing greater Buddhist Morality in adolescents, in order to enable them to be aware and think carefully before making a decision any actions. The objective is to prevent and solve the problem of premarital sex in adolescents.

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