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English translation of Bhutanese folk tale.

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There is a misty-eyed vision of Bhutan which has popularized it as ‘the last Shangri-la’, the hidden Himalayan jewel, the travel destination of celebrities and unique-experience-hunters. We are not entirely comfortable with this image. Bhutan has undoubtedly become the focus of considerable media attention in the last few years. Articles appear regularly on its substitution of happiness for money as the indicator of the country’s wealth. Television programs, books, visits by personalities – all have served to bring Bhutan to global awareness. This attention only serves to increase pressure on the culture to become like any other. How has Bhutan resisted the impact of globalisation which has had such a homogenizing affect on most other countries in the world? A practice, until recently, of self-imposed isolation from the rest of the world, the Buddhist tradition, and the lack of any successful foreign invader have combined to produce a living culture that is as unique as it is fragile. This fragility suggested the need to document a context that seemed on the verge of change. Our second visit in 2008 confirmed our sense of immanent change, as we could see for ourselves the ways in which ‘international culture’ was beginning to appear: the first escalator in the country, widening the main road from single track to dual carriageway, the first democratic election, the availability of satellite television, and internet expansion... Nevertheless, we continue to feel that in Bhutan there is a different ‘way of knowing.’ We have worked with staff at the University to try to capture something of this in three different forms: • chapters written by Bhutanese individuals about the culture, landscape, education and folklore • extracts from interviews with university staff and associates to draw out particular characteristics of Bhutan which would be of interest to Western readers • photographs of Bhutan which provide a different ‘view’ of the country to complement the text. The subject matter has been chosen by Bhutanese staff at the Royal University of Bhutan as an expression of their understanding of their own land. There are conventional travel books about Bhutan available and we have not attempted to contribute to this literature. *Bhutan: Ways of Knowing* is a book which reflects Bhutanese understanding of their country. We hope that you will find these contributions as interesting and thought-provoking as we do, and that you, too, will find a different way of knowing about Bhutan.

Bhutan

In 2008, Bhutan triumphantly took the stage as the world’s youngest democracy. But despite its growing prominence—and rising scholarly interest in the country—Bhutan remains one of the least studied, and least well-known places on the planet. Karma Phuntsho’s *The History of Bhutan* is the first book to offer a comprehensive history of Bhutan in English. Along with a detailed social and political analysis, it offers substantive discussions of Bhutan’s geography and culture; the result is the clearest, richest account of this nation and its history ever published for general readers. A 2015 Choice Magazine Outstanding Academic Title Award Winner

The History of Bhutan

The process of modernization has brought discontinuities in collective memory. This volume and its prequel provide an act of collective remembrance, knitting together many voices and stories. It shows the readers a

world of the past before modernization began in the 1960s. Volume 2 covers the monumental architecture of dzongs (castles) and administration of the country, authority and power, cosmological concepts and beliefs, religions and rites, visualization and meditation, visual arts, and folk drama that affected the daily life of the people. Some chapters also dwell on monastic life and monkhood, and Guru Rinpoche's imprints on the land and its people.

Bhutan the Unremembered Nation

A unique survey of each country in the region. It includes an extensive collection of facts, statistics, analysis and directory information in one accessible volume.

The Far East and Australasia 2003

Essay from the year 2010 in the subject Cultural Studies - Miscellaneous, , language: English, abstract: Culture and development is not only integral but also inevitable for sustainable development. Cultural values and moral implications of individuals and communities are the foundation of the socio-economic development of any nation. Landlocked in the Himalayasues of Bhutan are deeply rooted in Buddhism. Behavior, perception and daily routines of people are directly guid, the tiny Himalayan Kingdom Bhutan appears almost untouched by globalization. The culture and traditional valed by the religion, cultural values and beliefs. Thus the preservation and promotion of culture is one of the four pillars in realizing the country's development philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH). GNH is the middle path of development that embraces a balance between spiritual and material development towards the attainment of happiness by the Bhutanese. The concept of GNH as a unique and primary development philosophy was initiated and coined by His Majesty, the Fourth King of Bhutan, Jigme Singye Wangchuck. His Majesty believes that "Gross National Happiness is more important than Gross National Product" and therefore a people centered development with happiness with value as the end goal is what it should be for Bhutan. And thus beside economic factors, one should take account of social factors, environmental, cultural, and good governance. The ultimate goal of development must be happiness and human well-being, but should not be economic development or to be a winner in the global competitions (Karma Ura, 2009). Every individual no matter what race, creed, colour, origin, nationality the ultimate aspiration of life is happiness. Therefore, the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGOB) established the GNH Commission to guide the planning process in the country. In addition, the establishment of democracy in the country has led to the review of many policies in all ministries and autonomous institutions so that services are improved and delivered on time. This main purpose of this paper is to examine the culture and development of Bhutan and will make necessary recommendation addressed to the government on how to foster culture approach in designing development policies based on stock piling.

Rethinking Development

Collection of writings predominantly on socio-cultural life and decentralization in government of Bhutan.

Indian Horizons

A systematic survey of the political, social and economic aspects of a changing region, this resource covers all the countries in East Asia, South East Asia, Australasia and the Pacific Islands, from Afghanistan to Vietnam.

Culture and Development in Bhutan. Recommendations for Cultural Policy

Situé dans l'Himalaya oriental, entouré de voisins puissants (l'Inde et la Chine), le Bhoutan est pour beaucoup le Shangri-la, ce pays mythique caché dans les montagnes. Faiblement peuplé (à peine un million

d'habitants), grand comme la Suisse, le Bhoutan possède un charme indéniable, magique diront les amoureux de ce pays. Les sommets y sont impressionnants (plus de 7000 m), les forêts impénétrables, l'architecture exceptionnelle. Ce guide, écrit par une tibétologue française résidant dans le royaume du Bhoutan, est toujours le seul guide en français à décrire ce pays si méconnu. Loin de l'agitation touristique (le gouvernement pratique une politique très restrictive en matière de tourisme afin de protéger les valeurs traditionnelles locales), les Bhoutanais sont à juste titre fiers de ne jamais avoir été colonisés. Agriculteurs pour la plupart, ils pratiquent le bouddhisme tibétain, religion d'Etat qui joue un rôle très important dans leur vie quotidienne.

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Ce récit constitue une introduction passionnante au Bhoutan, ce petit royaume qui a osé placer le bonheur dans ses valeurs cardinales. Les rares touristes qui s'y rendent sont inmanquablement charmés par la découverte d'un pays coloré ayant su préserver un environnement culturel et naturel de toute beauté. Robert Dompnier rapporte ici le témoignage de ses nombreux voyages jusque dans les coins les plus reculés du Bhoutan. Au-delà des paysages somptueux ou de l'architecture typique des dzong, l'auteur se lie aux habitants eux-mêmes, bergers, paysans, ministres ou membres de la famille royale, et fait partager au lecteur la richesse de ces rencontres. D'histoires en anecdotes, ce récit nous entraîne sur les chemins escarpés du Bhoutan où, à l'ombre des monastères-forteresses, le 21e siècle a une saveur bien différente qu'en Occident.

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Ekphrasis, the description of pictorial art in words, is the subject of this bibliography. More specifically, some 2500 poems on paintings are catalogued. An additional list provides the locations of such poems in museum collections, other anthologies, and books of poems by a single author. Also included are 2000 entries on the secondary literature of ekphrasis, including works on sculpture, music, photography, film, and mixed media.

Deities, Archers, and Planners in the Era of Decentralisation

Reveals the intricate sexual politics, moral ambiguities, and philosophical underpinnings of the folktale, tracing its history from the court of Louis XIV to its applications in modern marketing, and showing how it has served as a measure of social and sexual mores for women. 25,000 first printing.

The Far East and Australasia 2001

Autobiographical poems of Bhutanese monk.

South Asia

Caught in the everyday reality of household life, fifteen-year-old Tsomo is suddenly called upon to travel when her mother dies. She makes her first journey to a faraway village to light the ritual butter lamps in her mother's memory. Beginning here, her travels take her to distant places, across Bhutan and into India. As she faces the world, a woman alone, Tsomo embarks on what becomes a life journey, in which she begins to find herself, and to grow as a person and a woman. The first novel by a woman to come out of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, *The Circle of Karma*, written in English, is rich in detailed descriptions of ritual life in Bhutan. The measured pace of its prose, the many nuances of the story, the different levels at which the narrative works, weave a complex tapestry of life in which the style and content are closely interwoven, each informing and enriching the other.

Guide Bhoutan

From the author of *Bhutanese Tales of the Yeti* another dip into the library of the storytellers from the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan. *Folktales of Bhutan* is a collection of thirty-eight folktales and legends and is a first attempt by a Bhutanese to record in English the oral tradition of this kingdom in the eastern Himalayas. All of the stories recounted here were heard by the author when she was a child living in Bumthang in the central part of Bhutan and are the ones that she passes on to her children today, in the spirit of the oral tradition. In Bhutan's centuries of self-imposed isolation brought about by both its geographically remote position and political considerations, the Bhutanese oral tradition evolved and thrived. The rugged and awesome terrain and the people's closeness to nature, together with their philosophy of karmic life cycles, an unquestioning belief in unseen co-inhabitants of the earth like spirits, ghosts and demons and the creative genius of the storytellers culminated in a remarkable repository of tales and legends which were passed on from one generation to the next. Each story has been aptly illustrated by a Bhutanese artist who combines the traditional Bhutanese/Buddhist iconographic stylized forms together with his own artistic perceptions.

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A grammar of Kurtöp presents the phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics of Kurtöp, a Tibeto-Burman language of northeastern Bhutan. When possible, data are presented in a comparative light, lending insight into the development of phenomena such as tonogenesis and nominalizations.

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With the publication of *Two Old Women*, Velma Wallis firmly established herself as one of the most important voices in Native American writing. A national bestseller, her empowering fable won the Western State Book Award in 1993 and the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Book Award in 1994. Translated into 16 languages, it went on to international success, quickly reaching bestseller status in Germany. To date, more than 350,000 copies have been sold worldwide. *Bird Girl and the Man Who Followed the Sun* follows in this bestselling tradition. Rooted in the ancient legends of Alaska's Athabaskan Indians, it tells the stories of two adventurers who decide to leave the safety of their respective tribes. *Bird Girl* is a headstrong young woman who learned early on the skills of a hunter. When told that she must end her forays and take up the traditional role of wife and mother, she defies her family's expectations and confidently takes off to brave life on her own. *Daagoo* is a dreamer, curious about the world beyond. Longing to know what happens to the sun in winter, he sets out on a quest to find the legendary "Land of the Sun." Their stories interweave and intersect as they each face the many dangers and challenges of life alone in the wilderness. In the end, both learn that the search for individualism often comes at a high price, but that it is a price well worth paying, for through this quest comes the beginning of true wisdom.

Poets on Paintings

Lonely Planet *Bhutan* is your passport to the most relevant, up-to-date advice on what to see and skip, and what hidden discoveries await you. Join the pilgrims at colourful Changangkha Lhakhang, hike to the dramatic cliff-hanging Taktshang Goemba, or explore the busy weekend market at Thimpu; all with your trusted travel companion. Get to the heart of Bhutan and begin your journey now! Inside *Lonely Planet Bhutan Travel Guide*: Colour maps and images throughout Highlights and itineraries help you tailor your trip to your personal needs and interests Insider tips to save time and money and get around like a local, avoiding crowds and trouble spots Essential info at your fingertips - hours of operation, phone numbers, websites, transit tips, prices Honest reviews for all budgets - eating, sleeping, sight-seeing, going out, shopping, hidden gems that most guidebooks miss Cultural insights give you a richer, more rewarding travel experience - festivals, architecture, Buddhism, customs, wildlife, history, traditional arts Over 37 maps Covers Thimphu, Paro Dzongkhag, Trongsa Dzongkhag, Mongar Dzongkhag and more About *Lonely Planet*: Since 1973,

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Leadership of the Wise

Document from the year 2018 in the subject Sociology - Individual, Groups, Society, , language: English, abstract: This qualitative phenomenology study focuses Yechen Central Central School teachers and students, and adjacent local communities practice values and concern deterioration through extensive review of literature. Semi-structured interviews are used to gather data from four students, four teacher, and four students' parents. Also the data of disguised observations carried further substantiated values deterioration concerns and scenarios. In the findings sensed that inherited Bhutanese values still prevail, of few are ignorant at taking care of parents and other elderly; give less attention to relationship and brotherhood followed by family separation, too much engrossment in smart phones, national dresses worn only in occasions and office times; many disregard folk tales, riddles, simple steps and lyrics of folk songs. In conclusion recommends general public to give sincere thought to initiate common forums to discuss and revive disappearing values.

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Bhutan is a country in the Himalayas with a relatively new education system and a unique governmental philosophy known as Gross National Happiness. This book explores the history, culture, challenges, and opportunities of schooling in Bhutan. It discusses topics including historical perspectives on Buddhist monastic education, the regional and international influence on educational development, traditional medical education, higher education, and the evolution of Bhutanese educational policy, to name but a few. It also investigates contemporary challenges to schooling in Bhutan such as adult education, inclusive education, early childhood education, rurality, and gender. Throughout the book, the developmental philosophy of Gross National Happiness is explored as a novel and culturally vital approach to education in Bhutan. The majority of the authors are prominent Bhutanese scholars and educational leaders, with select non-Bhutanese international scholars with strong links to Bhutan also contributing. This book is a valuable resource not only for those specifically interested in education in Bhutan, but for anyone with an interest in South Asian studies, general Asian studies, educational development, comparative education, Buddhist education, and the Gross National Happiness development philosophy.

Teatro in Asia

Bhutanese Tales of the Yeti is a collection of twenty-two stories set in four different regions of Bhutan. The presence of the yeti is ubiquitous to the kingdoms of the Himalayas, where beliefs and attitudes related to it go beyond scientific judgment and analysis. The Bhutanese consider the yeti, or the migoi, to be an essential part of the backdrop of their existence. Believed to possess supernatural powers enabling it to become invisible at will, the yeti often manifests itself in a tangible form and then suddenly vanishes, leaving behind nothing but an unexpected void. Folklore about the abominable snowman has existed for centuries; however, with the far-reaching impact of the media, the perpetuation of this oral tradition is threatened. This collection of stories is an attempt to document a vital tradition before it is wiped out entirely. The book is well illustrated and includes maps of the four regions.

The Hero with a Thousand Eyes

The mountains of the kingdom of Bhutan form a part of the Himalayan range. In the year 1772, without provocation, the army of Bhutan invaded the province of Cooch Behar, which shares its borders with Bengal. Alarmed by this incursion, the council of Bengal sent a deputation to deal with the occupying force. The troops of Bhutan were no match for the trained and well-equipped army of Bengal. The King of Bhutan, alarmed and defeated, sent an embassy to the Tesoo Lama to sue for peace by mediation. The Tesoo Lama was, at that time, the regent of Tibet and the guardian of the Dalai Lama, who was still a minor. The Tesoo Lama, acting on the prayers of Bhutan which was a dependency of Tibet sent a deputation to Calcutta, with a telegram addressed to the Governor Warren Hastings in 1774. The governor readily took this opportunity to extend British influence over this little-known quarter of the world. George Boyle was the man chosen to represent the British to carry an answer, and presents, back to the Lama. A man of keen observation and intellect, George Boyle's narrative of this mission is the subject of this book.

Little Red Riding Hood Uncloaked

As a rapidly rising force in the global market, Asian countries hold opportunities for growth and development. However, in order to successfully gain entry into this new part of the market, it will first be necessary to understand the motives and background behind Asian economies. *Asian Business and Management Practices: Trends and Global Considerations* analyzes the various strategies found in the Asian economic market. Showcasing a broad range of countries in Southeast Asia in addition to China and India, this publication is a broad, widely encompassing resource for academics, PhD students, experts, policymakers, and government officials interested in understanding the background and applications behind business success in Asia.

Intangible Cultural Heritage of Bhutan

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