

Example of notes taken for Lecture 9 (500 BCE: Persia and Central Asia)

1. What is the time period that was discussed?

ca. 500 BCE - 300 BCE

2. What is the geo-political story?

Demise of Egypt and Mesopotamia as power elites

Shift to Central Asia - Achaemenid Empire

Persian connection from Greece to India - the Royal Roads of Persia

Zoroastrianism and Vedic Religion

2. What sites or buildings are associated with that story?

Persepolis

Yazd, Iran

Ganges Rivers

Varanasi

3. What are some of the characteristics of that architecture?

Adapana; large meeting hall and staircase

Fire temples: square in plan with four openings on the sides

Tower of Silence (*dakhma*) circular and on top of mountains

Ratha: mobile temples

4. Specialized vocabulary

Agiary

Dakhma

Ratha

Example of notes taken for Lecture 11 (Buddhism: Out of India)

1. What is the time period that was discussed?

ca. 400 BCE to 400 CE

2. What is the geo-political story?

Buddhism as internal phenomenon to India

Trade brings it into contact with Hellenism

From the abstract to the figural

2. What sites or buildings are associated with that story?

Sanchi

Karla Caves

Buddhas of Bamiyan

3. What are some of the characteristics of that architecture?

Stupa as solid mass

Relation to aobao of Mongolia- residence of the gods

Circumambulation

Rock-cut

Relation to sacred dairy

Emergence of giant buddha tradition

4. Specialized vocabulary

Stupa

chattra

chaitya-grihas

aobao

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