



# Class 6

Chapter 10 - Traders, Kings and Pilgrims

Module 2



## Content:

- The spread of Buddhism (how it spread? From where to where?) and important personalities.
- Features of Mahayana (earlier and later how was it practiced)
- Belief in Bodhisattvas (meaning of enlightenment)
- Cave Monasteries ( the idea behind building it)

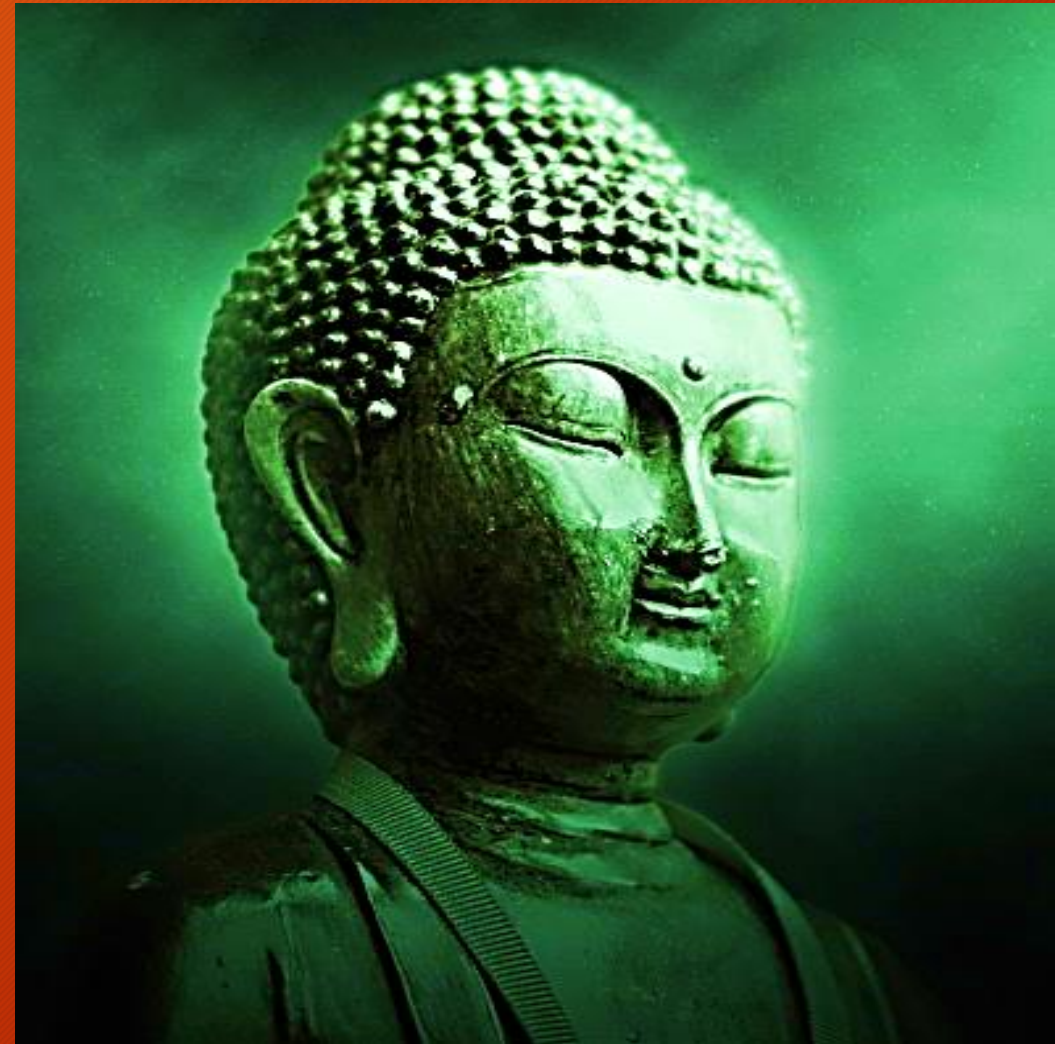
## Key words:

Buddhism

Mahayana

Enlightenment

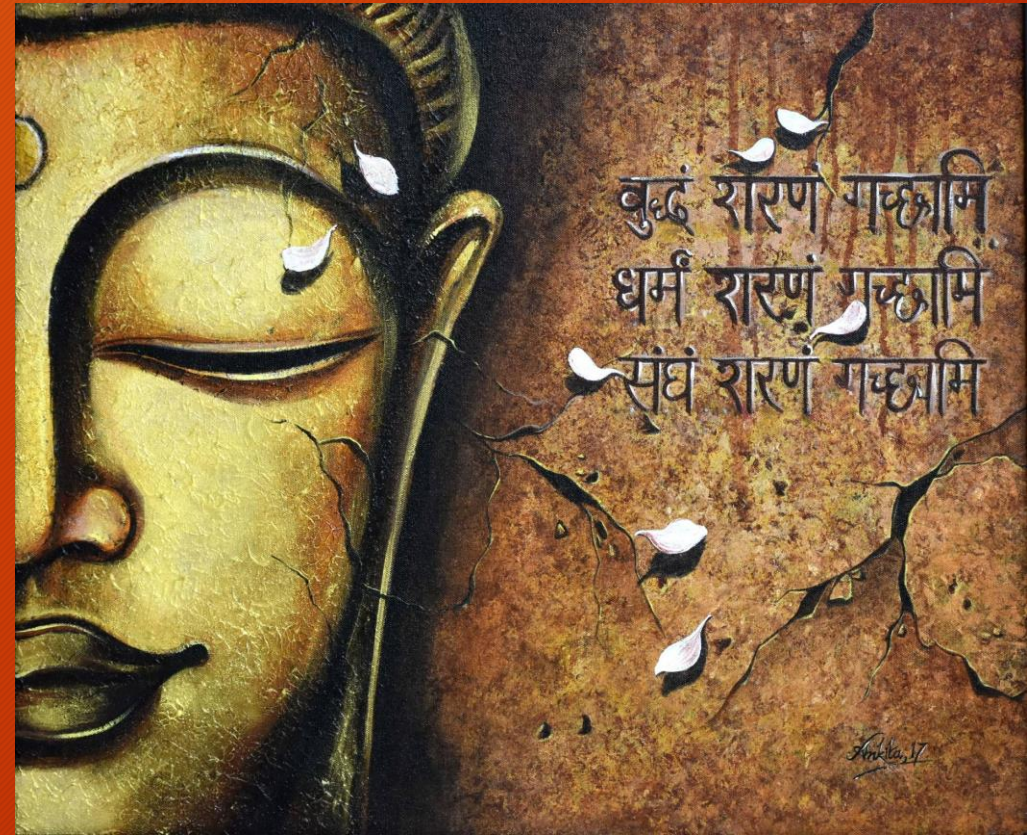
Monasteries





## 1. The Spread of Buddhism

- ✚ Its extent was from North India to Central Asia
- ✚ South east wards-----Sri lanka-----Myanmar-----  
Thailand-----parts of South Asia----- Indonesia.
- ✚ It develops a sense of appreciation of textual and visual traditions of the period.
- ✚ The need for conserving the past



## Important names and words to remember:

Kanishka	Ashvaghosha	Mahayana
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✚ The most famous Kushana ruler</li><li>✚ Ruled around 1900 years ago</li><li>✚ He organised a Buddhist Council</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✚ He was a court poet</li><li>✚ He composed a biography of the Buddha</li><li>✚ Named it - The Buddha Charita</li><li>✚ Ashvagosha and other Buddhist scholars now began writing in Sanskrit</li></ul>	<p>A new form of Buddhism</p> <p>Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✚ Earlier buddhas presence was shown in sculpture by certain signs</li><li>✚ Eg: Peepal Tree</li><li>✚ Later statues were shown</li><li>✚ Eg: pic (pg no 103 text book)</li></ul>



## 2. Belief in Bodhisattvas

- ❖ Person who attains enlightenment.
- ❖ Could live in complete isolation and meditate in peace.
- ❖ Worship of Bodhisattvas became very popular and spread through out Central Asia and later to Korea and Japan.
- ❖ Buddhism spread to western and Southern India as well.





### 3. Cave Monasteries:

- Located near the western ghats
- Traders probably halted in cave monasteries
- Caves were hollowed out of hills for monks to live in
- Some caves were made on orders of Kings and Queens







If you light a lamp  
for somebody, it  
will also brighten  
your path