

## Introspecting about the Future of ASEAN Buddhism in the End of the 21st Century

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### **Abstract:**

According to certain beliefs, there has been a notion that Buddhism will end after 5,000 years. Therefore, why do some Buddhists bother to contemplate the future? Should they be considered traditionalists or conservatives even when they are reflecting on the future? Will ASEAN Buddhism survive and, if so, how and in what form? My paper will take up the topic of ASEAN Buddhism in the future, especially in the end of the 21st century. I will discuss, among other relevant topics, some of the possible ways that events might unfold, and how they could impact ASEAN Buddhism.

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