

Orientalism and Neo-Hinduism

Lecture VII

Ramakrishna and Middle-Class Bhadralok

- Ramakrishna – biographical sketch
- Ramakrishna's Religious Background
- How come? Illiterate having such long lineage, textual based discourse?
- For whom Ramakrishna
- Bhadrakalok
- Need of bhadrakalok patrons
- Return to the lost tradition through Ramakrishna
- Appropriation of Ramakrishna's sadhana trajectory in Kathamrita and later Canonical biographies
- Ramakrishna's Catholicity
- Ramakrishna's Guru Cult and Bhadrakalok Ties
- Importance of chakri, condition of Ramakrishna's success