



## THE POWER OF BUDDHA

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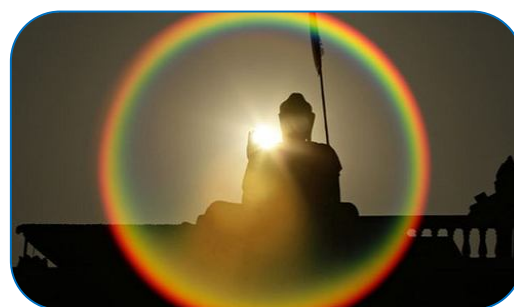
### ABSTRACT :

*One thousand ago there was only one religion in India – and that was Buddhism. It is true that there is no God in Buddhism. Buddha’s teachings were against caste and varna and kept in touch with the general public and tried to alleviate the suffering of the people from a human point of view.*

*He defeats the malice of the malicious ones with living – kindness and compassion and not with malice. He defeats the ignorance of a fool with wisdom and not with ignorance.*

*Buddha is not a religion but dhamma which is for controlling desire and craving that is the essence of dhamma.*

*Buddha did not say that he was the son of God or the last prophet – messenger of God. If you study carefully, you will see that Buddhism is based on reason. There is an element of flexibility inherent in it which is not to be found in any other religion.*



**KEYWORDS :** *No God, Caste and Verna, Compassion, Ignorance, Controlling Desires, Flexibility .*

### INTRODUCTION

The religion of Buddha has the capacity to change according to time a quality which no other religion can claim to have. In fact this is not something new nor have we imported it from outside. Buddhism is the religion of this country. It is more than two thousand years old. Nobody knows Rama or Krishna outside India. It is time they went outside and told the world of what they have. if there is any name which I known outside India, which is popular and reverend. It is not the name of Rama & Krishna, but it is the name of the Buddha.

**The influence of Buddha on Mahatma Gandhi:-** There are many persons who were influenced by teachings of Buddha as Mahatma Gandhi, he said in the introduction to his Autobiography, what I want to achieve what I have been striving and pining to achieve for 30 years- is self-realization, to see God face to face, to attain Moksha. In this search, he felt instinct inspired by the life and teaching of Lord Buddha.

His concept of Truth as God and ahimsa as a sense of identification with all creation, attained through self purification, was in line with the teaching of Lord Buddha.

**The influence of Buddha on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar:-** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar also influenced by the teaching of Lord Buddha. He declared that he was born a Hindu, but would not die as one. Ambedkar had already quit Hindusim in 1935. Due to reasons to quit the religion Hindusim, which teaches a man to treat another man like a leper, the same of discrimination on account of casts, which is deeply rooted in our minds, cannot go. He decided to convert to Buddhism in 1956, convinced that Buuddha’s dhamma is the best “and the

Buddhism was the most scientific religion". He was also convinced that Buddhism could improve the social status of the country oppressed classes. He said abbot Buddhism man's search inwards to the potentially hidden within himself. Buddhism aims at training of the mind to make it act righteously. Only one religion on this earth which treats a lesson to all liberty, quality and dignity and no discrimination among the people. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was totally enchanted by the doctrines of Buddhism, when he was reading and writing a book on Lord Buddha he had forgotten to take a rest the whole night, he did work the whole night. He adopts the religion of Buddha due to he reads about all religion at last he accepts the doctrines of Buddha because its origin in our country while other religions are originated out of countries. He deeply understands the Dhamma of Buddha and assumes that no other religions can show the right path to the dipressed class except the Dhamma of Buddha. October 14, 1956 was clearly an important moment in Dalit history. On this day B.R. Ambedkar along with 365000 of his Dalit followers decided to exit the folds of Hindusim in embraced Buddhis. Ambedkar's idea of Buddhism contained within it, the basic values linked to the French revolution, that brings liberty, equality and fraternity.

**The influence of Buddha on Angulimala:-** Angulimala was also impressed by Lord Buddha and became a real disciple of Lord Buddha. I would like to tell the story of Angulimala, he was a cruel brigand, killing many and causing entire village to emigrate. Eventually, this causes the king to send an army to catch the killer. Meanwhile, Angulimala's mother attempt to interfere, almost causing her to be killed by her son as well. The Buddha manages to prevent this, however and uses his power and teachings to bring Angulimala to the right path. Angulimala becomes a follower of the Buddha we see in the story, the king Pasenadi becomes fail to bring Angulimala to the right path because the king uses his power of violence but Buddha uses the power of humanity, non violences.

At last, Angulimala become the real follower of Lord Buddha.

**The influence of Buddha on Great Ashoka:-** Some time before Ashoka was an Indian emperor of the Maurrya Dynasty, who almost all of the Indian subcontinent from 268 to 232 BCE. Ashoka promoted the spread of Buddhism across ancient Asia. Ashoka before knowing Lord Buddha's teaching he killed many persons not only soldiers but his step brothers also. It is a story of his life. One day Ashoka over hard the women in his harem talking about his skin condition and their loathing for touching the same when they spent time with him. This enraged Ashola so much he had 500 women in his harem burned that included his wives and concubines too. Ashoka killed many Brahmin and Vaishnava and Jain monks but no one could teach him a lesson of humanity except the monk of Buddha. Ashoks had been blind totally for spreading his cruelty over all the states like Angulimala. He wants to receive happiness to control all by his power but becomes to fail to achieve peace in his life therefore, he adopts the Buddha's teachings. Ashoka was most impressed by Lord Buddha teaching so he sent is own son and daughter as missionaries to Sri Lanka.

**The influence of Buddha on Bimbisara:-** Bimbisara was deeply impressed by Lord Buddha's teachings so the king had once offered half his kingdom to the Lord Buddha because the king would not like it is that the Lord to go street to street for alms, and main reason of it that the king would like to get learning from Lord Buddha, he was tired of wordly possession. At last, he wanted to live his life peacefully in refuge of Buddhism. On hearing, that the Buddha had arrived at his city's gateway, the king went out with a large number of his subject to welcome the Buddha and his disciples. He approached the Buddha and paid his respects. Lord Buddha stayed there for some time to spread his teachings Dhamma over the states after listening to the Dhamma, the king and all his subjects became a good piour but the king had to face an untimely and miserable death due to his past bad karma.

**Consoling Kisa Gotami:-** Kisa Gotami last her senses when she saw that her child diled of snake bite, she ran about asking everyone to cure her son but she became to fail to see the real path of knowledge.

Advised by someone she approached Lord Buddha and begged him to revive her son. The Lord discerned her mental condition, and asked her to bring some mustard seeds from a household which had never witnessed a death, she did so as Lord advised her.

At last she understood the philosophy of life that death is natural to come everyone early or late. Therefore she sought the refuge in Buddhism.

**The influence of Buddha on Prince Ajatasatta:-** Before adopting the learning of Buddha. He was very cruel king. He had no feeling of humanity and was ignorant the feelings of relationship. Prince Ajatasatta was a good friend of the Buddha's enemy, Devadatta both spent much time together and soon Devadatta had convicted the young prince to kill his father.

When Ajatasatta was made the new king of Magadha. He surprised everyone one including his father. He sprang round against his father and had him thrown into the darkest, coldest dungeon in the place.

But king Bimbisara did not die his loyal wife secretly brought him food hidden in her clothes. When Ajatasatta found out and stopped this at last Ajatasatta found out his mother's plan and banned her from visiting his father at all. Now the king had no food at all to sustain him and would surely die.

Days passed and still the king did not die Ajatasatta lost his patience and shouted out in rage and he commanded the barber in a fury to go to Bimbisara call, cut open the sole of his feet with your razor, tear the skin away and put salt and oil on the raw flesh. Then I commanded his soldiers force him to walk on burning charcoal until would die.

Later on he was terminated by guilt. He regretted his patricide eventually he lost his mental equilibrium, he behaved like lunatics. Jiveka was called to cure him but, when the royal physician diagnosed him, he concluded that he need Lord Buddha's discourse and not any medicine. He took Ajatasatta to the exalted one. The Lord preached him according to his mental condition. Lord Buddha words brought the king back to his normal life.

## CONCLUSION

It is a result of this article, the Buddha Dhamma is totally depended upon the truthfulness not illusions that to see the path of happiness by the teachings of Lord Buddha.

We see a great personality of Lord Buddha that no one can escape from Lord Buddha without being impressed by Him, who met him and became his disciples, because all persons wanted to live in the light of wisdom and wanted to get real happiness in their life.

His Dhamma teaches us "Love wins all the war" and Humanity is real worship.

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