

## **Lord Buddha's Philosophy and Development of the Society**

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**ABSTRACT.** He Buddha was the first amongst the human beings who were thought of bringing religious, social, economic and political reformation through non – violence. But he is being recognized only as the founder of the Buddhism through thinking only on the basis of religious, which is the mentality of limited knowledge. It is the need of the hour and necessity to feel and understand the thoughts of the Buddha through all backgrounds. It is Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, who has given us the new eyes to see the various integrated thoughts of the Buddha. It is the religion which is the main reason to bring in to practice of inequality and inhuman activities like untouchability, the system Chaturvana, caste system, communal, gender and class discrimination of India, is one truth on one hand for the survival of these preaches, the Karma theory, the god, priesthood, ritual, rebirth, Astrology, heaven and hell and others, is the another truth. On the whole, with these reasons only, there is the superiority and inferiority complexities, greatness – lowliness, addictiness, violence and other thoughts between man and man. Therefore, Dr. Ambedkar told that the ways of the destruction and eradication of such ill well thoughts are the thoughts of the Buddha. Besides, he too marched towards the light of the Buddha, the great teacher. The reasons for the relevance of the Buddha's thoughts till today, who lived during 563 Bc and 483 BC proves that he is relevant for all time. Thus, the present paper focuses on the contribution of Lord Buddha and his philosophy through his religious preaches particularly peace as a weapon. Through peace he achieved progress and development of the world. Finally, the present paper is going to suggest measures for achieving progress of the Sri Lankan society.

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