

# **Psychological Influence of Buddhism on Dalits**

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Buddhism as a religion has a profound healing effect on people, including Dalits. Due to the caste system, they are the ones who were at the receiving end of the negatives of caste system. Also, other than healing it has a liberating effect on them. As by embracing it, they are liberated from the caste system; Buddhism does not believe and practice caste system, and of their suffering and oppression which was a byproduct of caste system under Hindu religion for them.

Since they have left one religion, Hinduism, they are not empty, there is no vacuum, and they have Buddhism as the new religion, their original religion as Dr. Ambedkar has referred.