

### MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES:

#### 1. Buddha prophesised the advent of a Maitreya:

##### A) Almost all Buddhist books contain this prophecy. It is in Chakkavatti Sinhnan Suttanta D. III, 7

"There will arise in the world a Buddha named Maitreya (the benevolent one) a holy one, a supreme one

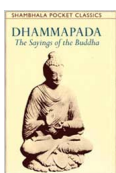
"What he has realized by his own supernatural knowledge he will publish to this universe. He will preach

##### B) According to Sacred Books of the East volume 35 pg. 225:

"It is said that I am not an only Buddha upon whom the leadership and order is dependent. After me another

##### C) According to the Gospel of Buddha by Carus pg. 217 and 218 (From Ceylon sources):

"Ananda said to the Blessed One, 'Who shall teach us when thou art gone?'



And the Blessed one replied, 'I am not the first Buddha who came upon the earth nor shall I be the last.

**Ananda said, 'How shall we know him?'**

**The Blessed one replied, 'He will be known as Maitreya'."**

(i) The Sanskrit word 'Maitreya' or its equivalent in Pali 'Metteyya' means loving, compassionate, merciful

**"We sent thee not, but as a mercy for all creatures."**

[Al-Qur'an 21:107]

**Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was called the merciful, which is 'Maitri'.**

(ii) The words Mercy and Merciful are mentioned in the Holy Qur'an no less than 409 times.

(iii) Every chapter of the Glorious Qur'an, except Chapter 9, i.e. Surah Taubah begins with the beautiful

(iv) The Word Muhammad is also spelt as 'Mahamet' or 'Mahomet' and in various other ways in different

## **2. Buddha's doctrine was Esoteric and Exoteric:**

**According to Sacred Books of the East, volume 11, pg. 36 Maha-Parinibbana Sutta chapter 2 verse**

"I have preached the truth without making any distinction between exoteric and esoteric doctrine, for in

Muhammad (pbuh) on the commandment of Almighty God delivered the message and doctrine without

## **3. Devoted Servitors of the Buddhas:**

According to Sacred Books of the East volume 11 pg. 97 Maha-Parinibbana Sutta Chapter 5 verse 36:

"Then the Blessed one addressed the brethren, and said, 'Whosoever, brethren have been Arahats-Buddhas

The Servitor of Buddha was Ananda. Muhammad (pbuh) also had a servitor by the name Anas (r.a.) who

i) Anas (r.a.), even though he was only 11 years old stayed beside the Prophet during the battle of Uhud

ii) Even during the battle of Honain when the Prophet was surrounded by the enemies who were archers

Anas (R) can surely be compared with Ananda who stood by Gautam Buddha when the mad elephant

## **4. Six Criteria for Identifying Buddha:**

**According to the Gospel of Buddha by Carus pg. 214:**

"The Blessed one said, 'There are two occasions on which a Tathagata's appearance becomes clear and

**According to Gautam Buddha, following are the six criteria for identifying a Buddha.**

i) A Buddha attains supreme and perfect insight at night-time.

ii) On the occasion of his complete enlightenment he looks exceedingly bright

iii) A Buddha dies a natural death.

iv) He dies at night-time.

- v) He looks exceedingly bright before his death.
- vi) After his death a Buddha ceases to exist on earth.
- i) Muhammad (pbuh) attained supreme insight and Prophethood at night-time.

**According to Surah Dukhan:**

**"By the books that makes thing clear – We sent it down during a blessed night."**  
[Al-Qur'an 44:2-3]

**According to Surah Al-Qadar:**

**"We have indeed revealed this (message) in the night of power."**  
[Al-Qur'an 97:1]

- ii) Muhammad (pbuh) instantly felt his understanding illumined with celestial light.
- iii) Muhammad (pbuh) died a natural death.
- iv) According to Ayesha (r.a.), Muhammad (pbuh) expired at night-time. When he was dying there was a light from the sky.
- v) According to Anas (r.a.), Muhammad (pbuh) looked exceedingly bright in the night of his death.
- vi) After the burial of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) he was never seen again in his bodily form on this earth.

**5. Buddhas are only Preachers:**

**According to Dhammapada, Sacred Books of East volume 10 pg., 67:**

"The Jathagatas (Buddhas) are only Preachers."

**The Qur'an says in Surah Ghashiya:**

**"Therefore do thou give admonition, for thou art one to admonish. Thou art not one to manage (reign)." [Al-Qur'an 21:21]**

**6. Identification of Maitreya by Buddha:**

**According to Dhammapada, Mattaya Sutta, 151:**

**"The promised one will be:**

- i) Compassionate for the whole creation

- ii) A messenger of peace, a peace-maker
- iii) The most successful in the world.

**The Maitreya as a Preacher of morals will be:**

- i) Truthful
- ii) Self-respecting
- iii) Gentle and noble
- iv) Not proud
- v) As a king to creatures
- vi) An example to others in deeds and in words".