

**On the Effect of Buddhism on  
Chinese Traditional Law  
— Based on the Period of  
Emperor Wen in Sui Dynasty**

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**Abstract**

The revitalization of Buddhism by Emperor Wen in Sui Dynasty has a great effect on all quarters of the society, law is no exception. At the moment, the relation between Buddhism and law in Sui Dynasty is still not clear. This paper tries to clarify that the buddhist factors in the legal thought of Emperor Wen in Sui Dynasty make that, to some extent, *Kaihuang Code* implies Buddhist spirit. Moreover, this paper analyses complementally the reason why ten categories of major crimes became a kind of crime from the perspective of Buddhism. Besides, this paper briefly illustrates the relation between crime and sin based on ten categories of major crimes, the sin of Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism and the effect they had on traditional law.

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