

Boonlert Wiwan 2010: An Analysis of Antonomasias of Lord Buddha in Buddhist Scriptures and in Buddhist Literatures. Doctor of Philosophy (Thai Language), Major Field: Thai Language, Department of Thai Language. Thesis Advisor: Mr. Kowit Pimpuang, Ph.D. 568 pages.

This thesis aimed at studying antonomasias of the Lord Buddha as depicted in Buddhist scriptures and in Buddhist literatures regarding word structures, meanings, writing styles and values of the Lord Buddha's antonomasias, which influenced on the King's names and signatures as well as the Thai priest's titles as given by the Kings.

The results showed undoubtedly that 46 antonomasias of the Lord Buddha were found explicitly in Buddhist scriptures. Such the 46 antonomasias were divided into two categories; antonomasias used for all the Lord Buddhas and only for the present Lord Buddha. Particularly, fourteen of these very antonomasias were dubbed by the Lord Buddha himself and are characterized by being short names without titles or ending words. The terminologies included the forms Namnam, Namkit and Kiriyaakit by forming of compound words and combining of initial and final words with the minimum numbers of 2 syllables and 5 maximum syllables. The main meanings related implicitly to head, president and leading persons. Antonomasias of the Lord Buddha as appeared in the 10 books of Buddhist literatures revealed that 276 antonomasias are those of the present Lord Buddha, which the main words were derived from Buddhist scriptures and created by poets. Regarding the structures of antonomasias, they were derived from four languages namely; Pali, Sanskrit, Thai and Cambodian. The characteristics of antonomasias are long phrase noun structures; nouns and adjectives. Phrase nouns were divided into two sections; name and ending words. The writing style of the Lord Buddha's antonomasias in Buddhist literatures is that of narration having a compound and joint word structures, which included 3 to 57 syllables. Meanings of the Lord Buddha's antonomasias related mostly to the omniscient and enlightened person. Antonomasias of the Lord Buddha, which have influenced on the King's names, from the former times till the present times, are as follows; Adiccapandhu, Dhammaraja, Dhammasami, Lokanatha, Sappanyu, Buddha, Nayaka and Lokajettha. For the influence of the Lord Buddha's antonomasias on the Thai Buddhist priest's title, from the former times till the present times, they are as follows; Dhammaraja, Gotama, Buddha, Mahamuni and Nayaka.

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