



The Asian Classics Institute

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Diamond Mountain University

In-Depth Course 1  
Teachings of the Future Buddha

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Track: E T S TS

Homework, Class One: *About the Text*

1) In this course, we will study the fifth of the five books of Maitreya, the coming Buddha. Name this book in English and Sanskrit; then give a short explanation of the name. (Sanskrit & Tibetan tracks spell out in these languages.)

2) Arya Asanga was granted this fifth book from the coming Buddha, Maitreya, when he visited Maitreya's paradise. How does the story of how he came to make this visit summarize really the three crucial ideas of worldview?

3) We will use two great explanations of this book during the course. Give their names, authors, and dates of the authors. (S,T)

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4) Arya Asanga's coming into the world was predicted by Lord Buddha himself, in the *Root Tantra of Gentle Voice, Manjushri*. How does this prediction relate to the fact that the five books of Maitreya may seem to contradict each other?

5) After returning from Lord Maitreya's paradise, Arya Asanga spread the Dharma widely. At one point he was tested by a king, who mentally asked him six questions about the sutras on the perfection of wisdom. Three of these questions related to the meaning of the sutras, rather than their wording. The first of these three is particularly important; explain it briefly.

6) According to tradition, what levels had Arya Nagarjuna, Arya Asanga, and Maitreya reached during their lifetimes?

*Meditation assignment:* 15 minutes per day, analytical meditation on each of the six questions of the king.

*Debate assignment:* Some time before the next class, discuss this class with one or more friends.