

will go to the Buddha (Maitreya) and ask to join the monkhood in order to practice brahman disciplines (the disciplines of celibacy). They will all achieve arhathood."

"At that time, in the first meeting of Maitreya, there will be 84,000 people achieving arhathood. Śankha hears that Maitreya has achieved Buddhahood, he will go to Maitreya's place and ask for his teachings. Maitreya Buddha will explain Dharma to the king. He will also deeply explain different levels of good virtues. The king will adopt his heir as a new king and bestow barbers precious jewels. In addition, he will also give other jewels to Brahmācarin (a young brahman in the first asrama or period of his life). He will lead 84,000 people to the Buddha's place and ask to be sramanas. Finally, all of them will achieve enlightenment and to be arhats."

"The great sage Subrahmā hears that Maitreya has achieved enlightenment, he will lead 84,000 brahmācarins to the Buddha's place to ask to become śrāmanas. Among them, only Subrahmā will cut off the three ties (the ties of false views, disciple, and doubt) and be out of sufferings. At that time, the Buddha's (Maitreya) mother, Brahmabaddiya, will also lead 84,000 waiting women to the Buddha's place to ask to become śrāmanas. Among them, only Brahmabaddiya will cut off the three ties and become a Srotā-āpanna (one who has entered the stream of holy living, one who goes against the stream of transmigration). At that time, females hear that the Tathāgata Maitreya has appeared on the earth and achieved sambodhi, some hundred and thousands people will go the Buddha's place to bow to the Buddha and sit on one side. Everyone will will to be a śrāmana with sincere heart in order to learn the Buddhas' teachings. Some of them will achieve partial enlightenment. Some of them will not achieve enlighten-