

Pattaravadee Moonchalee 2010: An Analytical Study of Concept and Belief on Phra Sri Ariyamettriya in Buddhism. Master of Arts (Philosophy and Religion), Major Field: Philosophy and Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Praves Intongpan, Ph.D. 115 pages.

The purposes of this research were; to study on Phra Sri Ariyamettriya, which appear in the scripture of Theravada Buddhism; to study the concepts on Phra Sri Ariyamettriya which appear in Phra MalaiKhamlaung and to analyze the concepts and belief in Phra Sri Ariyamettriya in Theravada Buddhism.

The results of this study were found that, the concepts on Phra Sri Ariyamettriya appeared in both Anaco and Tripitaka text. In Anaco text showed that whoever will be the Buddha in the future, will get enlightenment by Himself and teach the other as well, showed that there will be 10 anaco buddhas in the future, and narrated Phra Sri Ariyamettriya age that it is the most perfect and the golden age without the evil things and human beings will have longevity up to 80,000 years. Besides, the concepts on Phra Sri Ariyamettriya in Tipitaka showed the appearance of the Buddha hood are universal by linking the past Buddha, the present Buddha and the future Buddha to order to appear the Buddha in the same character, but the different names.

The believes in Phra Sri Ariyamettriya appeared in Sucothai period until now. It was believed that if whoever listen to Mahachati which composed of 13 Kan in the same day at once, will get noble benefits. In addition, if who would like to find the Buddhism of Phra Sri Ariyamettriya, must perform the Precepts and insight and insight meditation etc. Nowadays, that belief still remains in every part of Thailand.

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