

Pictorial Biography of Venerable Master Hsü Yün

Composed by Venerable Master Hua

Pays Reverence to the Stupas In Ch'ang An #79

The Master, who was now 46 years of age, headed west and went through Ta Ch'ing pass to Hsien Yang where he saw the sweet pear tree where Duke Chao Pai had lived. Arriving at Ch'ang An he saw the imposing wall which surrounds the city, and Ts'e En Monastery within. He bowed to the Ta Yen stupa, and to the stupas of the Venerable Master Tu Shun and National Master Ch'ing Liang both at Hua Yen Monastery. At Niu T'ou and Hsing Kuo Monasteries he venerated the stupas of the Venerable Master Hsuan Chuang. He went on to Chung Nan and then Pai Sui Lang, where in the past, two sagely Bhikshus had sequestered themselves.

The Gatha says:

Ancient Ch'ang An's history is long and without end.
But the number of temples and pagodas there
Is even longer yet.
Chung Nan Mountain and the Eastern Peak
Of Wu T'ai Mountain are nearby.
At the sound of the drum, ascend the hill,
Begin to recite 'namo.'