

Venerable Master Hsu Yun

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Prose and Verse by Venerable Master Hua

CROSSES THE HIMALAYAS #86

In the year 1890, the Master was 50 years of age. He did not wish to remain in Tibet, so during the first days of spring, he began traveling south. He passed through La Ko, Ya Tung, and then Bhutan, crossing the Chun Ling mountain range, otherwise known as the Chun Ts'ung range. It is generally referred to as the Himalayas, or snow mountains. He composed the following verse enroute:

What is it that stretches to
The far reaches of the horizon?
Clear and empty, it enters my gaze.
This crystalline world differs not
From resplendant jade.

When the Master reached the city of Yang P'u Ch'eng, he visited the ancient Buddhist shrines and then proceeded to Meng Chia.

The Gatha says:

That great and lofty mountain range is called the Himalayas.
In this world they are the highest, pushing up into the heavens.
Even for the expert explorer he is difficult to spy,
But there's a golden rsi hiding there -- an inconceivable light.