

Bodhi Mirror presents--



Dharma Master Wei Hsin

*As one thirsty thinks of icy water,
As one hungry dreams about good food,
As one sick reflects on wholesome medicine,
So, too, do we in just that way
Wish to hear these Dharmas of sweet dew.*

*First Ground of Happiness,
"Ten Grounds Chapter"
AVATAMSAKA SUTRA*

"Having been born and raised in Asia, having left the home-life and been trained in the traditional environs, imagine how surprised and happy I was when I heard the sounds of the Orthodox Dharma ring out--young, vibrant, dedicated, and strong!"

Those sounds Dharma Master Wei Hsin did hear, he, together with thousands upon thousands of faithful men and women, as delegations from the Sino-American Buddhist Association and Dharma Realm Buddhist University, toured South East Asia in the years 1978 and 1981.

"Buddhism has really degenerated to external protocol and a play of ceremonies--the juice and spark are not there anymore. You can see why it is so hard for young people to bring forth the Bodhi resolve, to renounce the temptations of worldly comfort, and to cultivate an ascetic lifestyle of self-renunciation and purity."

"But when we saw the Venerable Abbot Hua and his entourage of left-home and lay disciples, all young and bubbling with such good will and health, were we inspired and moved! We've always

thought that young people of the West were really sensualists, but here were well-educated people who had willingly given up promises of the good life and material comforts and offered themselves completely to the propagation of the Buddhadharma. The pulse of the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas courses so strong that all those who attended those Dharma lectures could not fail but be transformed."

Dharma Master Wei Hsin followed the delegation as it wended its way through all the provinces of Malaysia for 42 days, and then went to Singapore, his hometown. Everywhere he saw the tremendous reception, as the delegation spoke before audiences often several thousand strong, painting a true, honest, brave picture of what it means to be a Sanghan and a Buddhist disciple and putting that vision into actual practice.

In May, 1981, as a group of devotees from Malaysia came over to California to pay their respects to the sagely City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, Dharma Master Wei Hsin came along and joyously took part in the Dharma celebrations.