

Bodhi Stand



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*To study the Way, always look within your own self-nature;
You are then the same in kind and lineage as all Buddhas.*

-Sixth Patriarch's Sutra

"I took refuge at the first Gold Wheel Bodhimanda in Los Angeles several years ago. At the time, I really didn't know much about Buddhism, but responded strongly to the Venerable Abbot's virtue and compassion. It's taken me a while to even begin to appreciate how expansive the scope of Buddhism is and that in the end it comes down to doing what has to be done yourself. Each person must make the effort. Fostering blessings, eradicating offenses, and opening enlightenment are not just gifts a good teacher can bestow upon you. First of all you must have faith, and second you must be willing to change bad habits and cultivate wholesome dharmas. Then, slowly or quickly, depending on your vigor and determination, you can truly become a worthy disciple of the Buddha."

*In the future if you wish to find the Dharma body,
Detach yourself from Dharma marks and inwardly wash the mind.*

*Strive to see it for yourself and do not waste your time,
For when the final thought has stopped your life comes to an end.*

*Enlightened to the Great Vehicle you can see your nature;
So reverently join your palms and seek it with all your heart.*

-Sixth Patriarch's Sutra

"I know that anyone who is fortunate enough to hear about or briefly encounter the Venerable Abbot has certainly planted good roots for a long time in the Buddhadharma, how much more those of us who have the chance to draw near, take refuge with, and serve and protect such a Bright-Eyed Good and Wise Advisor! How can we not urge ourselves on!"

Therefore, Kuo Ting makes more and more time available to follow the Association's activities and Dharma assemblies as they occur up and down the west coast. Travelling from San Francisco where she protects Gold Mountain Monastery, to Los Angeles' new Gold Wheel Bodhimanda and then up to the City of 10,000 Buddhas at Ukiah, Kuo Ting assists however she can in helping carry out the Buddha's work.

Last year when the Second Delegation went to South East Asia on behalf of the Sino-American Buddhist Association and Dharma Realm Buddhist University, Kuo Ting, as a member of the delegation, offered her services and joined in the tasks required to make such a journey a success. Witnessing the compassionate healings, the efficacious responses, and the deep sincerity and faith of those who came to seek the teachings, Kuo Ting's own faith grew and she has been further inspired to seek the Dharma with all her heart.