

Pictorial Biography of Venerable Master Hsü Yün

Composed by Venerable Master Hua

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The Master then went directly to the Hall of Kashyapa. It is said that when the Venerable Ananda came here to pay his respects, a huge stone door opened by itself. The Master went to the shrine, which was a large cave on a precipice. The entrance was blocked by a stone door called Hua Shou (Foremost Flower) Gate, which looked like the large gate of a closed city wall. Within, the Venerable Mahakashyapa was deep in samadhi. The Master bowed, and suddenly three tollings of a huge bell were heard. The natives were surprised and delighted, and everyone bowed to him. It was said that a sage had arrived.

The Gatha says:

On the thirtieth day of the seventh month
he bowed to Kashyapa.
Everyone heard the tolling of the bell
which thrice rang out that day.
It was said that a noteworthy man had come
and this was indeed true.
Everyone bowed and knelt before
this eminent virtuous Sanghan.