

THE PICTORIAL BIOGRAPHY OF THE VENERABLE MASTER HSU YUN

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MASTERS JEN CHIH ("Humane Wisdom") AND FA JEN ("Dharma Patience") OF CH'IH MOUNTAIN

Having been "combed by the wind and bathed by the rain," the Master had truly embodied the ancient saying: "After reading 10,000 books, one should walk 10,000 miles." In the year 1891, the Master was 51 years old. At *I hsing* (Pleasant Abundance) he bowed to Venerable Master Jen Chih, who was then in the process of repairing *Hsien ch'in* (Manifest Connections) Monastery. This was the place where Patriarch Mi Tsung had left the home-life. The Master spent the summer there and then went to *Chu jung*, where he bowed to the High Master Fa Jen, and lent his aid in repairing *Ch'ih shan* Mountain's thatched huts. The Master spent the winter there.

The Gatha says:

*The old man of Ch'ih Shan Mountain is Dharma Master Fa-jen
Who induces people to steep themselves in the Prajna of emptiness.
They diligently shoulder tile and stone and eradicate all filth;
Moving water and hauling mud is the work of forging one's nature.*