
EPIISODE FROM THE LIFE OF THE VENERABLE MASTER HUA

When he was seventeen, the Master met an old cultivator who could sit in meditation for one or two days straight, but who was attached to his sitting. One day, the cultivator accidentally stepped on a small white mouse and killed it, and soon he went insane and could no longer enter samadhi. He asked the Master why and was told it was because he had stepped on the mouse.

"What shall I do?" the cultivator asked.

"Let him go," said the Master.

"But I don't know how," the cultivator said.

The Master did a little "work" and released the mouse. The cultivator regained his skill and once more entered samadhi. In cultivating the Way, one must be very careful.

CELEBRATION AND SESSION AT THE CITY OF TEN THOUSAND BUDDHAS

THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BODHISATTVA MAITREYA WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE CITY OF TEN THOUSAND BUDDHAS ON SUNDAY, JAN. 29, BEGINNING AT 7:30 AM AND CONTINUING INTO THE AFTERNOON. NUMBERS TO PHONE FOR RESERVATIONS:

City of Ten Thousand Buddhas (707) 462-0939

Gold Mountain Monastery, San Francisco (415) 626-4204 or (415) 861-9672

Gold Wheel Monastery, L. A. (213) 483-7497

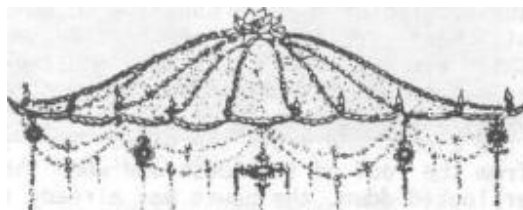
No meat products, no cigarettes, no liquor, and no drugs are allowed to be brought into the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. Those attending should come with sincere minds and follow the scheduled activities along with the great assembly.

Cost per person: \$5.00 by advance reservation; \$10.00 without advance reservation

Transportation: charter bus ride from San Francisco, \$20.00 per person; reserve early to be sure of a place.

RECITATION SESSION AT THE CITY OF 10,000 BUDDHAS

Sunday evening, Jan. 29 - Sunday eve., Feb. 5 Week-long recitation, to begin the lunar new year, of The Spiritual Mantra for Eradicating Disasters and Bringing Auspiciousness, for the welfare of the nation and the whole world.



CALENDAR OF BUDDHIST HOLIDAYS, 1984

Jan. 3	+New Moon Day (1st of 12th lunar mo.)
Jan. 10	*Shakyamuni Buddha's Accomplishment of the Way (12/8 lunar)
Jan. 17	+Full Moon Day (12/15)
Jan. 31	+Avatamsaka Bodhisattva (19/29)
Feb. 2	*Maitreya Bodhisattva; First of the Lunar New Year; New Moon Day (1/1)
Feb. 7	+Samadhi Light Buddha (1/6)
Feb. 10	+Venerable God Shakra (1/9)
Feb. 16	+Full Moon Day (1/15)
Mar. 3	+New Moon Day (2/1)
Mar. 10	*Shakyamuni Buddha's Leaving Home Venerable Sixth Patriarch's Birthday
Mar. 17	*Shakyamuni Buddha's Nirvana; Full Moon Day (2/15)
Mar. 21	*Gwan Yin Bodhisattva's Birthday (2/19)
Mar. 23	*Universal Worthy Bodhisattva (2/21)
Apr. 1	+New Moon Day (3/1)
Apr. 4	Caring For Ancestors' Burial Places
Apr. 15	*Great Master Ch'ang Jen's Birthday; Full Moon Day (3/15)
Apr. 16	*Birthday of Chundi Bodhisattva (3/16)
Apr. 17	*Great Master Ch'ang Chih's Leaving Home (3/17)
May 1	+New Moon Day (4/1)
May 4	*Manjushri Bodhisattva (4/4)
May 8	*Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday (4/8)
May 15	+Beginning of Summer Retreat for the Sangha; Full Moon Day (4/15)
May 28	*Medicine King Bodhisattva (4/28)
May 31	+New Moon Day (5/1)
June 12	+Ch'ieh Lan Bodhisattva (5/13)
June 14	+Full Moon Day (5/15)
June 29	+New Moon Day (6/1)
July 1	+Wei T'o Bodhisattva (6/3)
July 4	*Recitation for Welfare of the Nation
July 13	*Great Master Ch'ang Jen's Enlightenment; Full Moon Day (6/15)
July 14	*Anniversary: Venerable Master Hua
July 15	*Great Master Ch'ang Chih's Birthday
July 17	*Gwan Yin Bodhisattva's Attainment of the Way (6/19)
July 28	+New Moon Day (7/1)

Aug. 9 *Great Strength Bodhisattva (7/13)
 Aug. 11 *Ullambana--End of Summer Retreat for the Sangha;
 Full Moon Day (7/15)
 Aug. 17 +Patriarch P'u An (7/21)
 Aug. 20 +Nagarjuna Bodhisattva (7/24)
 Aug. 25 *Earth Store Bodhisattva;
 Birthday of Venerable Master Hsu Yun (7/29)
 Aug. 27 +New Moon Day (8/1)
 Aug. 29 +Venerable Sixth Patriarch's Nirvana
 Sept. 10 +Full Moon Day (8/15)
 Sept. 17 +Burning Lamp Buddha of the Past
 Sept. 25 +New Moon Day (9/1)
 Oct. 7 +Venerable Master Hsu Yun's Nirvana
 Oct. 9 *Great Master Ch'ang Jen's Leaving Home;
 Full Moon Day (9/15)
 Oct. 10 *Venerable Master Hua's Leaving Home
 Oct. 11 *Great Master Ch'ang Chih's Enlightenment (9/17)
 Oct. 13 *Gwan Yin Bodhisattva's Leaving Home
 Oct. 23 *Medicine Master Buddha (9/29)
 Oct. 24 +New Moon Day (10/1)
 Oct. 28 +Venerable Patriarch Bodhidharma Nov. 7
 +Full Moon (10/15)
 Nov. 23 +New Moon Day (10/1; repeated month)
 Nov. 27 +Venerable Patriarch Bodhidharma (10/5; repeated month)
 Dec. 7 +Full Moon Day (10/15; repeated mo.)
 Dec. 22 +New Moon Day (11/1)
 Jan.5, '85 +Full Moon Day (11/15)
 Jan.7, '85 *Amitabha Buddha (11/17)