

# *The Bodhi Stand*

*Dr. Sun Shu Ching*



Dr. Sun Shu Ching was born in Shang Hai, Juggwo, in 1920, where she attended Shang Hai Medical University in 1934 and received her Medical Degree in 1939. As head physician in the hospital where she has held residence for many years, she has also taught and trained many young Juggwo doctors. Not only adept in medical practice, but a well-informed lecturer of medical theory, she has had experience in many different aspects of her profession, while specializing in gynecology.

As a child, Sun Shu Ching regularly accompanied her mother, a faithful Buddhist, on pilgrimages to the many Buddhist temples in Mainland Juggwo at that time, in order to pay homage to Gwan Shr Yin Bodhisattva. Whenever her household was visited by any kind of disaster, illness, or difficulty, her mother would sincerely bow to Gwan Yin Bodhisattva and unfailingly receive the Bodhisattva's aid. Those incidents, too numerous to recount here, caused Dr. Sun's faith in the Buddhadharma to take deep and firm root.

In 1984, Dr. Sun came to the United States to visit relatives, and also, having heard in Mainland Juggwo of the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, she came to visit the Wisdom City, where she has now resided for several months.

Dr. Sun says of her stay here at the Wisdom City: "I have observed that the life-style of the Ven. Abbot and of his disciples--Americans and Asians, left-home and laypeople--is very simple and that they truly adhere to the Buddhist practice of eating one meal a day, many of them sleeping sitting up. Their cultivation is solid and they study the most lofty and profound teachings of the orthodox Buddhadharma, understanding its principles and able to apply them to the work of taking across living beings. The Venerable Abbot has gained the respect and admiration of many people the world over due to his sincere and skillful efforts in spreading the Proper Dharma to the West.

"I relish this opportunity to listen to the daily sutra lectures in a quiet and pure environment and to study under the Venerable Abbot and his left-home disciples, so that I might follow their vigorous spirit and in the future deeply enter the sea of the Buddhadharma."

Dr. Sun Shu Ching is presently a Visiting Professor at Dharma Realm Buddhist University, where she

teaches Chinese herbal medicine.

### A SINGLE PARTICLE OF DUST

A single particle of dust contains the Dharma Realm.  
The myriad things of creation are just the true body.  
All Buddhas speak the Sutras effortlessly, without a mind.  
The Bodhisattvas have the wisdom to transform living beings.

The five turbidities are not turbid, but because of afflictions and other things they have a name. The eight sufferings are not suffering. Break attachments and you will naturally become liberated. With the three minds there are thorns in every step. When the five desires are emptied, every place has lotuses. Don't fight, don't be greedy, don't seek or harbor selfishness or self benefit. Furthermore, be honest and don't lie. After a long time when your skill is full, your nature will naturally become true. All humane ones, do you understand? Always bear this in mind. Don't forget and don't force yourself. Kick down heaven and earth. Break the riddle. At this time the thousand things and the ten thousand matters will be complete. The Land of Ultimate Bliss is in sight. What need is there to seek outside?

*Spoken by the Venerable Master Hua at Gold wheel Monastery, Los Angeles April 28, 1985*