

# Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsu Yun

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## #129. Removing the Huge Rock at Bwo Yu (Bowl) Temple.

Entreated by various protectors of the Dharma to end his seclusion and explain Sutras, the Master took part in many Dharma assemblies around Yunnan Province. After that, General Li Fu Sying requested that the Master stay at Chung Sheng (Honoring Sages) Monastery. The Master replied, "I have made a vow to set up a place on Chicken Foot Mountain to receive traveling Sanghans." The General thereupon ordered Bin Chwan to make a search. He found Bwo Yu (Bowl) Temple as a possible site where visiting Sanghans could be accommodated, but to the right of the temple was a large rock measuring eight feet tall and six feet wide. Since it dominated the white tiger,<sup>1</sup> it was quite inauspicious. The Master prayed to the Sangharama Spirits and led a group of bhikshus in moving the rock away.

The gatha says:

Over a hundred hired workers could not budge the rock.

The Master prayed to the Dharma-protecting Spirits to lend their power. When the peculiar stone was moved away, everyone said, "How strange!" His abundant virtue evoked a response—miraculous indeed!

<sup>1</sup> A term used in geomancy; See #121



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公被各擅越懇請出  
崗講經法運遍鎮境  
李提督福興。留公住  
崇聖寺。公曰吾領在  
鷄山。開掛單接衆。遂  
令賓川辦理。覓得許  
孟庵。留單接衆。而門  
右有巨石。高怒覺寺  
主白布不詳。禱伽藍  
卒僧移去。  
宣化偈曰。拈三寶  
石難移。公祈護法助  
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