

The Bodhi Mirror



Dharma Master Jing Hwei

Dharma Master Jing Hwei (淨慧 "Pure Wisdom") was born in 1935 and received his full ordination in 1951 under the Venerable Master Hsu Yun at Great Enlightenment Monastery in Yun Men County, Canton Province. Thereafter, he pursued his studies at the Buddhist Academy at Beijing. From 1953-1956, he served as Vice-Prefect and then Prefect at Great Enlightenment Monastery. In 1954, he served as Secretary at True Suchness Monastery at Yun Ju Mountain. From 1981 to the present, he has been Chief Editor of "Dharma Sound Magazine," official Buddhist journal of the Chinese Buddhist Association, with its headquarters in Beijing. From 1982 to the present, he has been elected member of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Buddhist Association. In 1987, he was appointed Vice President of the newly-founded Chinese Buddhist Cultural Institute. The Dharma Master has written various works, such as *An Analysis of the Sixth Patriarch Sutra*; *Historical Account of the Major Events of the Chinese Buddhist Association for the Past Thirty Years*; and *Reflection on Sutra Study*, which have, among others of his works, been published.

Concerning the development of Buddhism, he has these comments,

In this Space Age, as our planet is going through a state of steady decline, the scope of Buddhism seems to be continually increasing. It is the responsibility of all Buddhists to propagate the traditions of their respective schools and bring forth the most excellent features of their own traditions.

Buddhism is a very practical teaching that can meet the needs of people from all over the world. We should steer the vehicle of Buddhism with a human touch, as a means to purify the mind and increase unity and mutual understanding. Moreover, the need to respect and cooperate with other religions is more urgent now than ever before. With mutual trust and support, all religions can work together to safeguard world peace.

Dharma Master Jing Hwei was one of the members of the delegation from China who came to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas for the Water, Land, and Air Dharma Assembly in July. In August, during the Conference for United World Religions held at the City, he delivered several eloquent and thoughtful presentations.