

## *The Bodhi Stand*



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To Professor Ngui Kuan Sang, his first contact with the Dharma Realm Buddhist Association was almost incidental. His wife, Mei Liu, passed to him some Buddhist literature published by the Buddhist Text Translation Society. He was very impressed by what he read, and that eventually led to his obtaining more BTTS material.

Of that experience he relates:

And so, the Wonderful Door of Mahayana Buddhism was opened for me. At that first meaningful contact I had ever had with the Mahayana Teachings, I felt very strongly and deeply that this was what I had been looking for, and at that moment I was being given an indepth panorama of this very lofty Dharma, which I have found to be compelling, revealing, and above all, practical.

For the first time, I was able to have a more realistic perception of the world around us -- natural as well as man-made. Some time after that first exposure to the Dharma, a strong feeling developed in me that my theoretical studies of the BTTS publications would not be complete unless I had the opportunity to meet the Venerable Master in person. I discussed this with my wife, and together we tried to find a plan whereby we could visit the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. Soon thereafter, I was pleasantly surprised with a Fulbright Scholarship to teach at Stanford University in California; it was as if the Master knew our thoughts and blessed our wish. Thus the road to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas was paved for my family and me.

The true teachings of the Mahayana are universal truths--scientific and logical, based on cause and effect. Therefore, no matter where we are, these truths prevail. The Dharma has had a strong influence on us and we find it can be applied to everything we do throughout our daily lives. We sincerely hope that we have further opportunities to learn more of the Mahayana Teachings and be more mindful of Universal Truths.