

# Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsu Yun

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## #147. One Thought Of Compassion And A Pair Of Letters

The Master was seventy-one in 1910. Because of the prohibition of selling monastery property, and the arrival of the Tripitaka on the mountain, the Sangha gradually came to honor the moral Precept Dharmas again. The Master continued to promote education for young monks. Viceroy Li and his whole family took refuge, and monks and others still in jail were released. In the summer, the Master received two letters from home, forwarded from Ku Shan ("Drum Mountain"). In the snap of a finger, fifty years had passed. The Master wrote a poem, which reads, in part:

In this lifetime, I have tried to  
purify my karma,  
So that no other affairs hang in  
my mind.

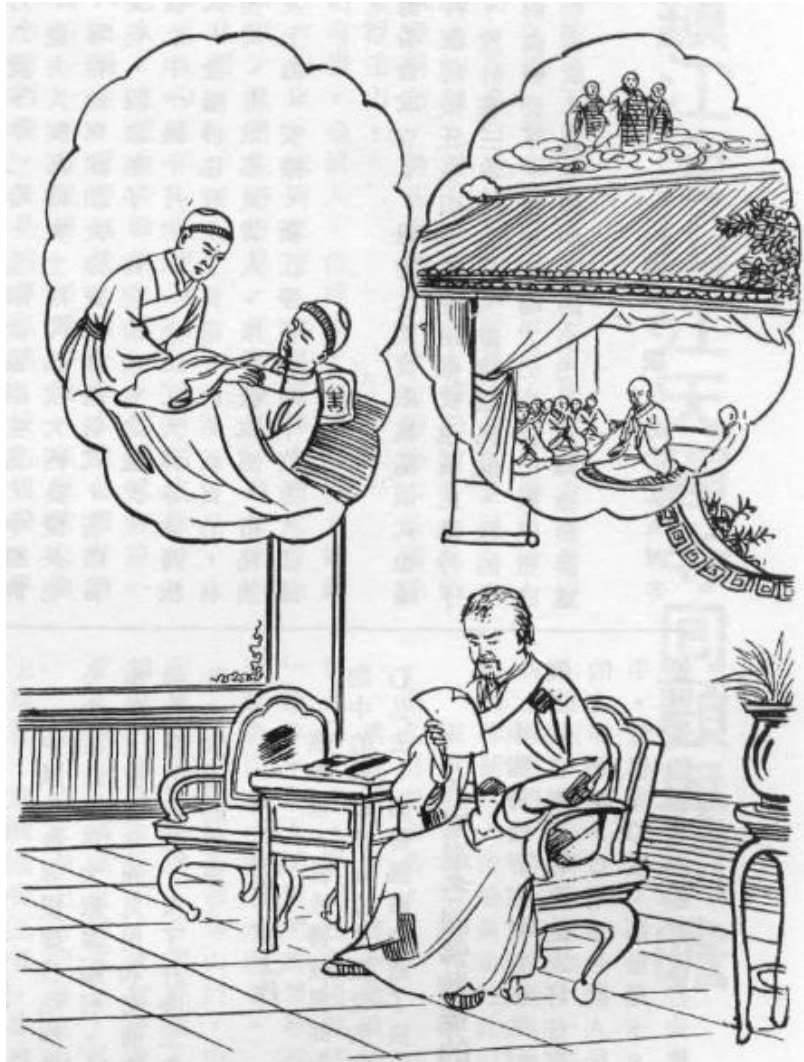
The gatha says:

With a single thought of  
compassion, Ten Thousand  
Buddhas smile.

The Six Perfections completed is  
the source of many Sages.

All nine grades of lotus flowers  
usher in "Wonderful Purity,"

As the wheel-like brightness of  
the full moon shines down on  
the Master's mountain.



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一念慈悲兩封書  
庚戌七十一歲自前  
年禁提寺產及藏經  
回山僧伽漸遵戒法  
提倡青年教育李帥  
家眷皈依放禁僧持  
罪囚夏故山轉家信  
兩封彈指五十年有  
詩云。祇此一生清白  
業云々之句。  
宣化偈曰  
一念慈悲萬佛歡。六  
度備成衆聖源。九品  
蓮花迎妙淨。滿輪明  
月照公岩。