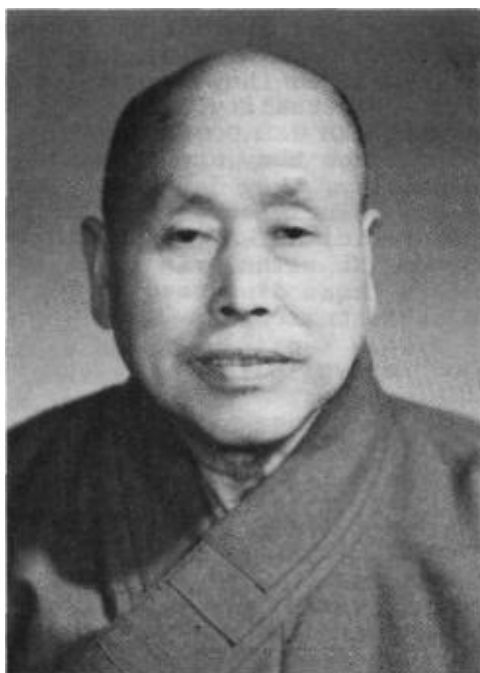


## *The Bodhi Mirror*



*Dharma Master Ming Yang*

Dharma Master Ming Yang, born in 1916, left the home-life as a young boy in 1927, and received his full ordination in 1930 at Tyan Tung Monastery under the Venerable Master Yuan Ying. For many years, he drew near to the Great Master Yuan Ying, and was involved in editing and proofing the manuscripts of the Master's lecture series on the Shurangama Sutra, as well as other sutras. From that training, Dharma Master Ming Yang gained a thorough understanding of the Great Vehicle Sutras.

At present, Dharma Master Ming Yang is the Abbot of Lung Hwa (Dragon Flower) Monastery, and Yuan Ming (Perfect and Bright) Lecture Hall, at Shanghai. He is Vice President of the Shanghai Buddhist Association, and Vice-Director of the Shanghai Buddhist Institute. He is also a member of the Standing Committee of the China Buddhist Association.

This summer (July 1987), the Dharma Master was leader of a delegation from China, which was invited to preside over a Water, Land, and Air Ceremony at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. Dharma Master Ming Yang has a busy schedule. He is the Abbot of one of the busiest temples in Shanghai, and he also has to attend to the myriad chores in the Buddhist Association, including receiving guests and devotees pouring in from all over the country, as well as from overseas. However, the Dharma Master still adheres faithfully to his own practices. Every day he recites the Shurangama Mantra as his regular Dharma of cultivation.

When the Chinese delegation, comprising of over one hundred monks and lay protectors, arrived at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, the Dharma Master gave an address to the welcoming party, an excerpt of which follows:

This is a very auspicious and unusual occasion. The Chinese delegation has come from ten thousand miles away to preside over one of the most magnificent Buddhist ceremonies yet to be held in America. I believe this is an unprecedented event in the history of Buddhism in the

West. The members of the delegation from Lung Hwa Monastery in Shanghai, and Gwang Ji Monastery in Beijing, feel deeply honored to represent our country on this occasion. We are struck by the sincerity of the devotees here, and all the work you have done in preparing for such a Dharma assembly. This event marks a further step in the development of International Buddhism, where Buddhist representatives from different countries will unite and learn from one another.

In commemoration of the Water, Land, and Air Ceremony, the Dharma Master composed the following two verses:

At Wonderful Enlightenment Mountain, the bells and drums resound.  
From the ranges of Talmage, lofty sangha members emerge.  
The Venerable Master Du Lwun has utmost compassion.  
Shramana Hsuan Hua moves us with the power of his profound vows .  
The gates of bestowal are flung open, to initiate a Water, Land, Air Ceremony.  
A Dharma Assembly of great giving, benefits the myriad beings.  
People everywhere rejoice at the promise of world peace.  
May all countries thrive, increasing in blessings and lifespan.

妙覺山前鐘鼓聲 達摩嶺畔出高僧  
度輪長老悲心切 宣化沙門愿力深  
大施門開興水陸 無遮會啟利群生  
世界和平人民喜 國運昌隆福壽增

Eminent monks arrive in America, tying up sublime conditions.  
Old and new friends strengthen their bond of brotherhood.  
We have traveled across the ocean, to propagate the sagely teaching.  
A great peng bird soars through the sky, bringing pure and resonant sounds.  
At Tathagata Monastery, a Dharma Assembly convenes.  
Merit and virtue perfected, light up the pages of history.  
These splendid endeavors brighten up the present era.

高僧赴美結良因 舊友新知格外親  
遠涉重洋弘聖教 鵬飛萬里播梵音  
如來寺裏法筵啟 萬佛城中佛事興  
功德圓成光史冊 千秋偉業耀當今