

Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsu Yun

by the Venerable Master Hua

#154. Hearing the Teachings, Standing in Awe, and Bowing

Li inquired, "But why are there monks who are not good?"

"There are both sagely and common members of the Sangha," the Master answered. "One cannot see one or two who are worthless and then discredit the rest because of them. One cannot revile Confucius because there are one or two rotten scholars. You, sir, are a commander of soldiers, and although your military discipline is strict, your troops are individuals. Do you expect that all of them be as intelligent and forthright as you? The ocean does not reject a single fish or shrimp, and therein lies its greatness."

The gatha says:

In the sealike nature of the Buddhadharma
nothing is excluded.

The Sangha propagates the Sagely
Teachings, its workings infinite.

As the Provincial Commander heard the
doctrines, he stood in reverence and awe.
He respectfully bowed, stood up erect, then
bowed again.

REPENTANCE BEFORE THE TEN THOUSAND BUDDHAS

APRIL 30 to MAY 23, 1988

You need not fear you have faults. Rather, you
need only fear that you will not change.

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