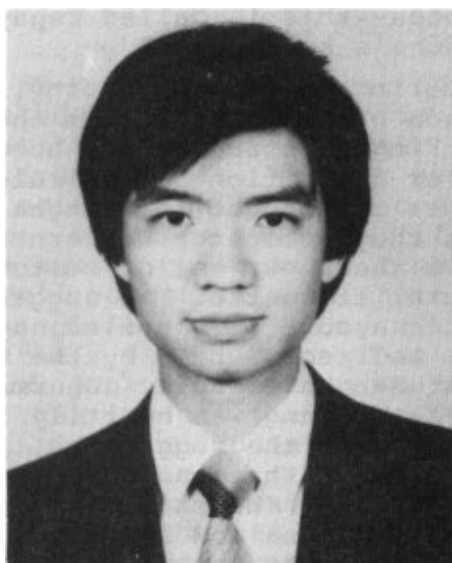


## *The Bodhi Stand*



### *Introducing Upasaka Wing Yeung*

When Layman Wing Yeung was one month old, his mother took him to the Gwan Yin Temple across the street from their house and told him that she had made him a "godson" of Gwan Yin Bodhisattva. As a child, when he walked by the temple he would bow a few times outside.

However, he was sent to a Christian elementary school. After three years he transferred to a public elementary school, and from then on he didn't have any religious education at all.

Growing up was difficult, he felt, for he had no spiritual guidance. He went to different churches but found no gratification.

When he was in New York, he came across an article about Gold Mountain Monastery in San Francisco in a Buddhist magazine from Taiwan. He saw the picture of the Venerable Master and his disciples and was very impressed; but there was no address.

As a medical doctor and a psychiatrist, he found that medicine and psychotherapy were not the answers for most human suffering. "The Buddha is the Medicine King, and the Buddhadharma is the ultimate medicine," he concluded.

Later he met Mrs. Chi-wah Chow in the hospital where they both worked. She told him about the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas and a forthcoming tenth anniversary celebration there. So in July 1986, he accompanied her to Talmage, California.

When he arrived at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, he was impressed by the tranquility and the purity of the place. "When I saw the Venerable Master, I was struck by his awesome presence and virtuous appearance. I fell to my knees and bowed."

The Master gave instructions and lectured on the Nirvana Sutra. The Sangha and the lay people seemed very disciplined to Upasaka Yeung. The Master's great vision of seeing the importance of providing proper education for the children was particularly impressive to him. He was pleased to learn that there

is an elementary school, a high school and a university in the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. Both he and Mrs. Chow moved by all that they saw, decided to take refuge with the Triple Jewel on July 4, 1986 and follow the Venerable Master.

However, he had to go back to New York and was unable to study under the Master immediately. When he discovered that San Francisco General Hospital had an opening for an Attending Psychiatrist, he decided to take the position. He moved to San Francisco in August 1987. "I am very happy to have made that move and to have more opportunities to study the Buddhadharmā under the Venerable Master. I plan to spend more time at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas."

Last year, Dr. Yeung taught Sunday School for the children at Gold Mountain Monastery. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Committee for Compiling and Revising the Chinese Version of the Master's Biography.