

Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsu Yun

by Tripitaka Master Hua

164. Two Geese, Mindful of the Buddha, Go Off to Rebirth

The Master was eighty-one in 1920, and Governor T'ang invited him to stay in Hua T'ing (Flower Pavilion) Monastery. Later, T'ang went to Hong Kong. One day Chang Ch'ou Hsien brought a pair of geese, one male and one female, to be set free at Yun Ch'i (Cloud Abode) Monastery. He requested the Master speak the refuges for them. The geese lowered their heads and quietly listened, and after the Precepts were explained, they appeared happy. They followed along with the assembly during the ceremonies, Sutra recitation, and circumambulating of the Buddha for three years, at which time the female goose walked around the Buddhas to the right three times, stood up straight and left her body. It was not long after that the male followed along. At death, their feathers did not wilt, but remained fresh. The geese were placed in small wooden boxes, and buried.

The gatha says:

Every single living being has the
Buddha nature.
In hundreds of thousands of different
samadhis they are certified to
enlightenment.
The source of the ten thousand things is but a
single substance.
There is no self in the three phases of time--
complete self-mastery.

1989 Upcoming Events:

March 24 (Eve.)- 31 (Eve.):

One Week of Recitation of Gwan Yin
Bodhisattva's name.

March 26 Sunday (Actual Day):

Celebration of Gwan Yin Bodhisattva's
Birthday

April 19 (Eve.)- May 13/14 (Eve.)

Ten Thousand Buddhas Jewelled Repentance

May 7 :

Celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday.



傳畫尚和老雲虛

取鶴念佛往生
庚申八十一歲唐督請公
住華亭寺唐卦漢塔拙
仙以雌雄二鶴送雲棲寺
放生預說皈依偈首靜聽
祝戒畢作喜狀隨人上殿
補任統佛又是三年雌鶴
於佛前若統三匝屹立既
去不久雄者亦然毛羽不
萎威以木盒葬之一塚
宣化偈曰
一切眾生有佛性百
千三昧證菩提萬物
原秉本一體三界空
私任自道