

News From the Dharma Realm

Letter From a Malaysian Disciple

Master,

There is something I must tell You.. My 19 year old niece* who has been a strict Christian for the past few years attended your last Dharma lecture in Kuala Lumpur because her mother urged her to go.

After the talk, the sound of the 'evening chanting' and 'Shih Fu's image' kept recurring and pounding in her mind.. She was torn between Christianity and Buddhism.. but she did not tell anyone how she felt. A few days later she confessed to her mother in tears.

She went through a pleasant change and is now a very serious buddhist.

She has committed to memory the Great Compassion Mantra and is presently trying to learn the Shurangama Mantra.

This wonderful occurrence reminds me of the inconceivability of one of

Shih Fu's many great vows, which is;

".. I vow that all living beings who see my face or even hear my voice will fix their thoughts on Bodhi and quickly accomplish the Buddha-way .."

The Compassionate and Unseen Ways in which Shih Fu constantly teaches and rescues living beings moves and touches me most deeply.

Respectfully written by,
liung soo hoong.
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* My niece's name is Lim Ming Luan and she has only one regret, that she has not taken refuge under Shih Fu yet.