

Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsu Yun

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165. Saving a Drowning Girl and Rescuing Two Families

In 1921, the Master's eighty-second year, Ku P'in Chen was the governor of Yunnan Province. During that year a flood, a drought, and a diphtheria epidemic followed in close succession, and all progress was slowed considerably. One day, when the Master was resting under a tree on his way back from the city, he found and opened a package. It contained gold and jade bracelets and a watch, as well as eight thousand Yunnan dollars and over ten thousand dollars in French francs among other things. Closing the package he waited for the owner to come and claim it. But since it was late, he decided to return the next day. Upon reaching the lake, the Master saved a girl who had cast herself into the water. The girl later revealed that her name was Chu, and that she had married an army commander named Sun. Because she had been mistreated, she had fled with her valuables and belongings. The Master converted the families of both the husband and wife, transmitting to them both the Refuges and Precepts.

The gatha says:

Having lost her money, she wanted to commit
suicide,
But luckily encountered a live Bodhisattva.
Who pulled her out of the sea of suffering.
Then Sun and Chu together offered flowers.



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Gwan Shr Yin Bodhisattva's Name

傳畫尚和老雲虛

救溺女度二姓
辛酉八十二歲。顧品珍督
滇。湯早疫疾喉病頻。一
切暫緩進行。一日公赴
滇。回憩樹下。拾一包裏
開視。金玉釧珠錄等。滇
幣八千。法幣萬餘。復包。
俟人取。已晚。暫回至海。
有女枝海極救之。詢乃
朱姓。嫁孫師長。以受氣
故。携款逃而然。公化雙
方家皈依受戒。
宣化偈曰。失金款自
報。恰遇活菩薩。拯救離
苦海。孫朱共獻花。