

A Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsü Yün
By Venerable Master Hua

173. Establishing an Academy for Intensive Vinaya Study

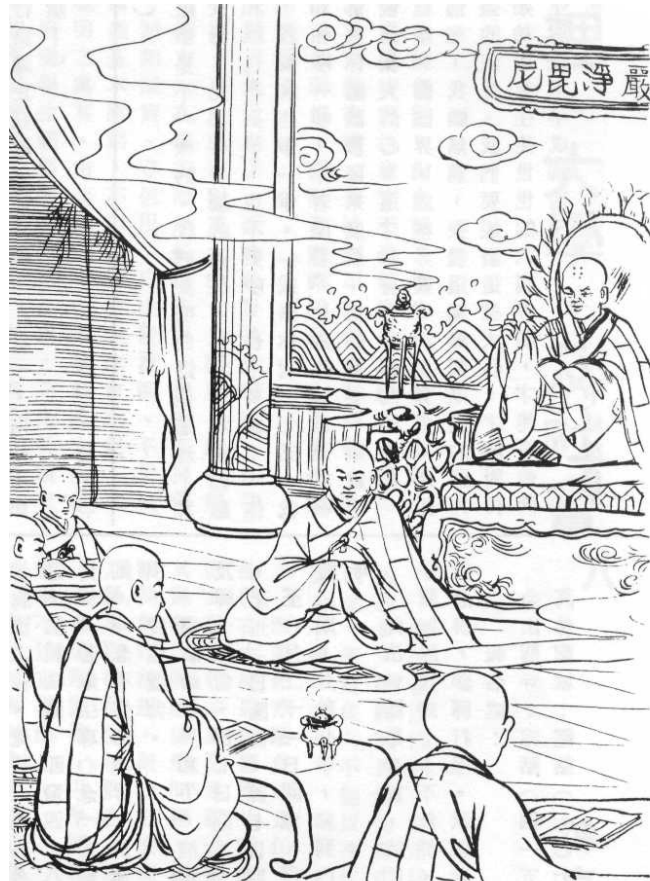
The Master was ninety-two in 1931, and was esteemed as the leader of the Ch'an School of Buddhism. He taught that the method of attaining the One lay in the "special transmission outside the teaching; direct pointing to the heart; seeing the nature and becoming a Buddha; a method which is not dependent on language, but which is the mind-to-mind transmission." Moreover, because the Sangha in these Dharma-ending times did not lay emphasis on the moral code, the Master organized a Vinaya Academy to educate young Buddhists in accord with the Proper Dharma. Vinaya Master Tz'u Chou (Compassionate Boat) was invited to be the senior lecturer. Some sixty to seventy monks enrolled.

The gatha says:

He promoted the Pratimoksha and developed Sangha talent, And students from the ten directions returning home, arrived.

The Venerable Tz'u was chosen as chief-lecturing Vinaya Master.

He clearly explained the Shila Code, that is, the Vajra Precepts.



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年九十一歲。公為宗門
泰斗。提倡向上一法。教外
別傳。直指人心。見性成佛。
不立文字。以心印心之法。
復以末法僧伽。不重戒律
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