

# *Not Killing and Liberating the Living*

## *An Official Who Died of Cruelty*

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In the book *Garden of Dharma, Forest of Pearls*, it is said, "During the Tang Dynasty, there was a man by the name of Lu Syau-Cheng who was from the Young district. During the Jen Gwan years, he served as a low ranking official of Sy Chwan county."

Syau was impatient and had a cruel nature. He was often oppressive. Before Syau was inaugurated, there was a beehive with thousands of bees on a tree in the south part of the official residence. When Syau-Cheng took office and moved in, he sent someone to move the beehive away. However, before the bees had a chance to fly away from the tree, Syau-Cheng grew furious, and so he poured boiling water on the bees to kill them all.

One day in May of the next year, while Syau-Cheng was taking a nap, a bee suddenly stung his tongue. Syau-Cheng's tongue swelled up so badly that it filled his mouth. He died a few days later.

