Absorbing the Essence of Life

二年,是生命的春天。春 天,天地精華充塞,萬物 俱發,生機盎然;此時,宜播 種, 官栽培灌溉, 充分吸取天地 的養份,夏長秋收,指日可待。

四十多年前宣公上人,不遠千 里從東方到了西方,除了爲了將 佛陀的心印法門帶到西方外,爲 的也是要拯救迷失在嬉皮文化的 年輕一代。上人悲心切切,教導 年輕人認識真理,明白人生的意 義。是以,當時有許多西方的青 年,受其感動,嶄開新的人生; 今天,上人不在了,但在東西方 仍有許多年輕人受其感動,願意 在上人的德風下,找尋人生的真 諦。

秉承一九七○年上人一場深 具遠見的開示,二○○○年「法 界佛教青年會」在美國正式成 立。這期間雖隔三十年,但因當 年上人所帶領大多數是年輕人, 所以不需特別成立青年會。現在 則由當時的年輕人一 一現在的中 老年,來導引成立此會,以接引 現在的年輕人來學習佛法。數年 來,各地的佛青會紛紛成立,分 布美、亞地區。

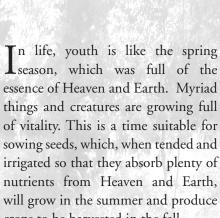
是什麼力量讓這些年輕人, 不受時空的局限,願意聆聽上人 的示誨,繼續上人的法音?「佛 法的力量!」佛法啓發人人本 具、個個不無的真心佛性。真心 一塵不染,至真、至善、至 美!透過上人的教誨,年輕人嚐 到原味的佛法, 啓開心靈最真、 最切的一扇門。就如同春臨大 地,天地的精華盡在其中,這些 年輕人也在生命的春天, 吸取生 命的精華——佛法。吸收了佛法

crops to be harvested in the fall.

More than forty years ago, Venerable Master Hsuan Hua, fearlessly traveled thousands of miles from the East to the West. Besides bringing the Mind-Seal Dharma Door to the West, he also intended to save the lost young generation swept up in the hippie culture. Venerable Master Hua was earnestly compassionate, teaching the young people to understand the genuine principles and the true meanings of life. Because of this, many young Westerners were moved

and started a new life. Today, the Venerable Master is no longer around but many youths in the East and West are still being influenced by him. They are willing to seek for the truth of life under the virtuous influence of the Venerable Master.

Therefore, carrying out the instructions from a visionary talk given by the Venerable Master in 1970, we have formally established the Dharma Realm Buddhist Youth (DRBY) in the United States. Although it has been thirty years, there was no need to establish DRBY since most of the Venerable Master's disciples were young people back then. Now, the youth of that time are people in the prime of life who are leading DRBY to guide young people to learn the Buddhadharma. Over the past years, DRBY has been established in various places in succession in America and Asia.



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