

堪笑我心如此頑
如鄙不識亦不知
去思去慮人何
所能百吃百會

Truly laughable is my mind—stubborn, ignoble;
No sense, no knowledge; no thoughts, no worries.
Good for nothing in this world.

—One Who Only Knows How to Eat

上人墨寶

Venerable Master Hua's Calligraphy

上人的願力

有人問上人：老和尚的願力？

宣公上人答：中國的佛教一般都保守，我願意把佛教的經典譯成英文。天主教、耶穌教為什麼這麼普遍？就因為他們把聖經翻譯成各國語文。佛教如果把經典都翻譯成外國語文，也不會輸於天主教、耶穌教。在萬佛城，我願意把各種宗教融合在一起，我預備所造的廟宇，每個宗教都可以來舉行他自己的宗教儀式。我相信把他們包容下來，互相的門戶之見會少一點。

Venerable Master Hua's Vow

Someone asked the Master: What is the Master's vow?

The Master answered: Buddhism in China has always been very conservative. However, I want to translate the Buddhist canon into English. Why are Catholicism and Protestantism so widespread? It's because the Bible has been translated into the languages of different countries. If all the Buddhist Sutras are translated into foreign languages, Buddhism will not fall behind Catholicism and Protestantism. At the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, I hope to bring all religions together in harmony, and allow each of them to hold their religious ceremonies in the temple. I believe that if we can encompass and accept them all, it will lessen the biases and discrimination among them.