

Pictorial Biography of Ven. Master Hsu Yun

Composed by Venerable Master Hua

Bows in Gratitude to Wen Chi, Then Descends #76

After having payed his respects on each peak of Wu T'ai Mountain, the Master's vow was now complete. Joy filled his heart. During his pilgrimage, he seldom took the time to enjoy the scenery. On the 10th day of the 7th lunar month, on his way down the mountain, he again bowed in gratitude to Manjushri Bodhisattva, and took formal leave. From Hua Yen Peak, the Master walked north. He turned and gazed at the enormous sanctuary of Ch'ing Liang Mountain.¹ Manjushri then emitted light rays which reflected off 10,000 years of accumulated snow on the cold, craggy peaks.

The Gatha says:

Bowing in thanks to the Bodhisattva he descended from Ch'ing Liang
Mt.

He gazed back up at the holy places- his steps were a bit unsure.
Shih Ch'iao and Heng Suo Mountains² are naturally miraculous.
The temples and halls which hang over their cliffs
Were built to teach the worthy.

1 Another name for Wu T'ai Mountain.

2 Two peaks of Wu T'ai Mountain.