

Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsu Yun

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#120: The Lion Cavern at Jya Wu Tai Mountain

In the tenth lunar month, the Master climbed the Chung Nan Mountains to live in the wilds and stayed at the Lion Cavern of Jya Wu Tai Mountain. The area was remote and still, and to avoid the annoyance of visitors, the Master changed his name to Hsu Yun (Empty Cloud). Since there was no water on the mountain, he melted snow to drink and gathered wild plants to eat. In the vicinity, Dharma Master Ben Chang (original Brilliance) was living on Pwo Shr (Broken Rock) Mountain. Dharma Master Myau Lyan (Wonderful Lotus) was dwelling at the Gwan Di Temple. Dharma Master Dau Ming (Bright Way) was staying in Wu Hwa (Five Flower) Cave. Also, Dharma Masters Myau Ywan (Wonderfully Complete), Syou Ywan (Complete Cultivation) and Ching Shan (Blue Mountain), lived on different parts of the mountain in back.

The Gatha says:

Ten thousand miles away, sequestered in
Jung Nan, are the Worthy Sages,
While several hundreds of thousands of
bhikshus in Chang An gathered
together.

The Master changed his name and took up
residence in the Lion Cavern.

With single-minded concentration he
practiced austerities and dhyana.

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