

The Bodhi Mirror



Dharma Master Giac Luong

Dharma Master Giac Luong ("Limitless Enlightenment") was born October 11, 1935, at Binh Dinh Province, in Central Vietnam. Born into an orthodox Buddhist family, he took refuge with the Triple Jewel at the age of ten, under the Venerable Master Bich Lien. In 1959, he received the ten Shramanera Precepts and studied Theravadan Buddhism with Dharma Master Giac An ("Peaceful Enlightenment") until 1962. In 1966, Dharma Master Giac Luong received the full Two Hundred Fifty Bhikshu Precepts. Subsequently he practiced as a Theravavadan monk in many different monasteries throughout central Viet Nam. In 1970 he was appointed Abbot of one of those monasteries, in which capacity he served for the sake of propagating the Buddhadharma.

Dharma Master Giac Luong left Vietnam in a small boat along with eighteen other people. The ocean was rough and stormy, and their little boat was tossed around in the sea, but at the end of six days they landed safely in the Philippines. No one else in the boat but Dharma Master Giac Luong knew that their safe arrival was due to the compassionate rescue of Gwan Shr Yin Bodhisattva.

Dharma Master Giac Luong lived among the refugees in the Palawan Refugee Camp in the Philippines for one year. During that time he oversaw the building of a Buddhist Temple for the Camp. He also fashioned the ninety-six foot statue of Gwan Shr Yin Bodhisattva that graces that temple.

In July, 1981, Dharma Master Giac Luong was resettled in the United States, sponsored by Venerable Master Giac Nhien. His causes and conditions then brought him to San Jose, California, where he discovered strong affinities with the Buddhist lay community living there, and they requested him to stay. He consented and established "Dharma Condition Way Place" following the same Theravadin Buddhist tradition in which he had been trained.

Presently Dharma Master Giac Luong lectures on the Dharma every Monday at 1:30 p.m., at Gold Mountain Sagely Monastery, in Chinatown, San Francisco.