

The Bodhi Mirror

Thich Thien Huyen



Dharma Master Thich Thien Huyen, "the Wholesome Mystery," was born in 1956 at Go Cong, South Viet Nam. His parents were fervent Buddhist disciples who knew how to exhort their children to do good. When he was 12 years old, he followed the example of two of his older brothers and also decided to leave home.

In 1978, he received the Bhikshu Precepts and two years later, 1980 he entered the Enlightened Being Buddhist Academy, at Hochiminh city. Dharma Master Thich Thien Huyen was very diligent in his studies. He attended many sutra courses and precept studies.

In 1982, Dharma Master Thich Huyen was appointed abbot of Tinh Quang Temple, a small temple in Hochiminh city. He worked diligently at refurbishing the temple. He says, "A major responsibility of all left-home people is to carry on the Buddha's work, and bring true benefit to all living beings. What I like most is helping to create the best possible environment for left-home people so they can pursue their cultivation."

In March 1984, Dharma Master Thich Huyen escaped Vietnam by boat with the hope that he could find a way place where he can practice and propagate the Buddhadharma. At the present time Dharma Master Thich Huyen is staying at the Buddhist Council for Rescuing and Resettlement of Refugees in Talmage, California. He has been deeply moved to encounter the proper Dharma at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. He has never seen such a Way Place like this before.

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