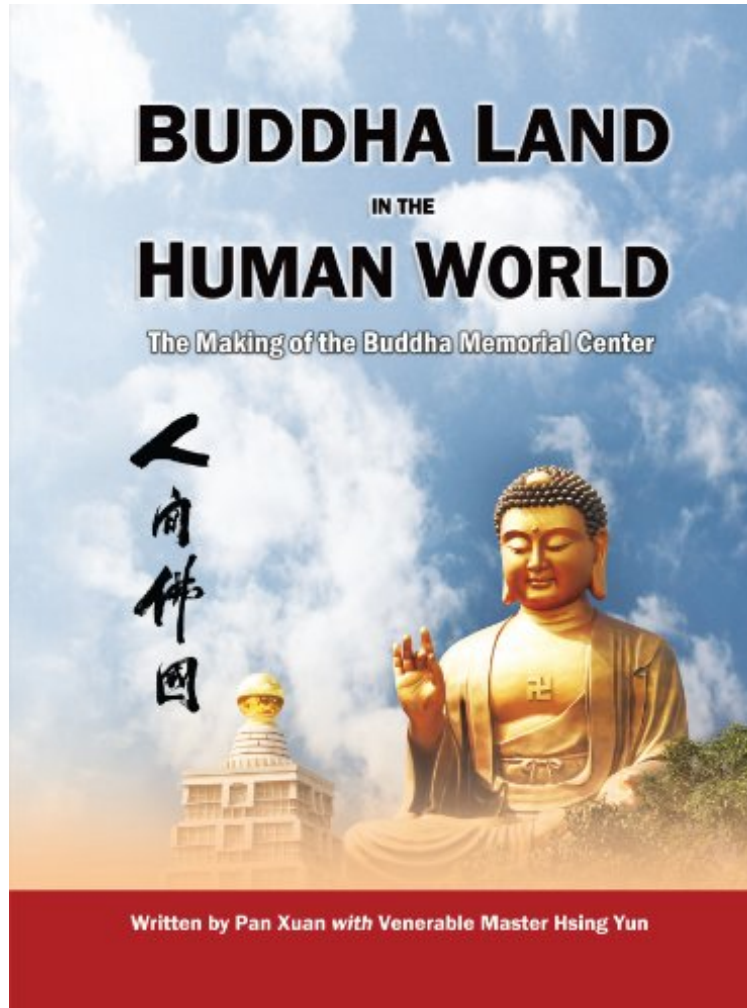


## Buddha Land in the Human World

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**Pan Xuan, Venerable Master Hsing Yun : Buddha Land in the Human World** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Buddha Land in the Human World:

1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A story best left untold By Jeff Gilbert Buddha Land in the Human World tells the unnecessary tale of Grand Master Hsing Yun's opulent vision to build a massive Buddhist complex in which to house various Buddhist treasures, monastics and world headquarters for his order heavily devoted to disseminating Buddhism throughout the world. The book is a hodgepodge of stories about the exaggerated hardships Master Hsing Yun faced while working towards the project, the experience of visiting the particular sites in the complex (because what could be better than an exhaustive telling of what its like to visit a place that still exists) and Dharma-like tidbits. Relive the 'difficult' trials that Master Hsing Yun had to face such as a bus full of negative nancys when surveying what would become the future site of the Buddha Memorial Center. I wonder how he dealt with those

guys criticizing the site for being rocky and full of harsh vegetation (hurtles that have ended the ambitions of many an engineer). Master Hsing Yun's ability not to listen to a bus full of people who didn't know what they were talking about did shine through in this part however. There are some particularly odd displays at the center. Things like a baseball signed by the Taiwanese president. Even more odd than these however are the interactive displays that allow you to pick up barrels of water to give you the experience of what its like to carry barrels of water around. Or the old aforementioned bus filled with silhouettes telling the story of those storied nay sayers. Various treasures like the buddhas tooth and a remake of a golden robe from korea are housed at the complex in a permanent display. I'm sure if anyone counted how many of the Buddhas teeth we have lying around we would have a full set and then some. From the book one can easily get the sense of a very cult like supreme reverence of anything to do with the Grand Master. Of course this is more so a cultural aspect than perhaps say a religious one but a retranslation would well be in order for this reason alone. The book is by and large a wasted endeavor much like the memorial center of which it tells. The money invested into such lofty projects would be better served on a myriad of socially responsible efforts.

Twenty-six hundred years ago, the Buddha walked the earth, transforming it forever with the compassion of his conduct and the wisdom of his teachings. Buddha Land in the Human World chronicles the construction of the Buddha Memorial Center, a complex built to honor this great sage. Beautiful landscapes, interactive museum exhibits, and breathtaking shrines surround the central artifact, previously locked away from the public eye for centuries: the Buddha's tooth relic. Learn the origin, vision, and the stories of the thousands of people who worked together to create this bastion of Buddhist learning.