

Pyohun (表訓)

Monk of the late Shilla period.

One of Ŭisang's ten major disciples. Founded Pyohunsa in 670 A.D. (tenth year of King Munmu) with fellow disciple, Nūngin. In 751 A.D. (the tenth year of King Kyōngdōk) after the construction of Pulguksa he became the temple's head priest. Due to his closeness with Heaven, King Kyōngdōk requested he ask the Powers of Heaven to send the king a son. However, the reply received was that the powers of heaven would send a son, but that his birth would be perilous for the country. Still, the king would only be satisfied by the birth of a royal heir. Sometime later, Queen Manwōl born a son who later became King Hyekong. When the boy was eight years old, King Kyōngdōk died and he was raised to the throne. However, because he was so young, his mother became a regent dowager, throwing the government into turmoil. Brigands sprung up in all parts of the country and the government was too busy dealing with them to have thought for any other concerns. Later, Pyohun was inshrined at Hūngnyunsa as one of the ten saints of Shilla. It is said by some that Pyowōn's *Dialogue on the Secret Meaning of the Flower Garland Sutra* (華嚴經 文義要決問答 *Hwaōmgyōng Munūiyogyōlmundap*) is really the work of Pyohun.