ABSTRACT

Yinshun (1906 - ), a contemporary religious philosopher in China, has gained a reputable status in the field of Buddhism studies. His ideas of "This Worldly Buddhism" ever since being introduced in 1941 has been widely recognized among Taiwanese Buddhists.

This thesis is categorized under 6 segments, illustrating an indept study of Yinshun's Buddhism concepts which inclusive of; the origin of thoughts, the segregation of Buddhism, the perception of Buddhism, the pilgrimage, the Buddha practices and the ideas of "Pure Land In This World". Each segment is being discussed and commented separately.

Yinshun's "This Worldly Buddhism" is derived from the ideology of the "Humanistic Buddhism". He based on the historical evidence of the Human Buddha as the benchmarking dissolved into the mankind Buddhism teaching. At the same time, it emphasized on the empowerment of human's nature to actualize the Human Bodhisattva path. This leads to the practices of "Pure Land in This World" and completes the circle of the holy Buddhism concept.

Lastly, the thesis is also documented the criticism towards Chinese traditional Buddhism practices and others' comments and view points in Yinshun's "This Worldly Buddhism". With this it enhances the truth value of "This Worldly Buddhism" and gives an holistic views of Yinshun's philosophy.