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## **Kuan Yin The Chinese Transformation Of Avalokitesvara:**

?? Chün-fang Yü, 2001 Yu presents a groundbreaking comprehensive study of one of the most popular and important deities in the Buddhist pantheon one who changed gender as he she was imported into China from India Yu explores this dramatic transformation of the male Indian bodhisattva Avalokitesvara into the female Chinese Kuan yin from a relatively minor figure in the Buddha's retinue to a universal savior and one of the most popular deities in Chinese religion

*Kuan-yin : the Chinese Transformation of Avalokitesvara* Chu+~n-fang Yu~, 2001      Review of "Kuan-yin: The Chinese Transformation of Avalokitesvara" by Chün-fang Yü John Kieschnick, 2002      *Discovering World Religions at 24 Frames Per Second* Julien R. Fielding, 2008-09-26 Traditionally university students have gained access to world religions by reading primary texts *Discovering World Religions at 24 Frames Per Second* takes students beyond the written page offering an exploration of the same religious traditions through the study of feature films The many definitions of religion are examined along with its various components including doctrine myth ethics ritual and symbol Specific religious traditions including Hinduism Sikhism Zoroastrianism Buddhism Confucianism Daoism popular religion and Shinto are examined Biographical sketches of directors whose films tend to focus on a particular religious tradition are also included such as Zhang Yimou Hayao Miyazaki Deepa Mehta and Akira Kurosawa *Discovering World Religions at 24 Frames Per Second* is unique in the area of religion and film studies in that it isn't just a collection of essays Instead it provides the introductory student with the necessary background information on the various religions before looking at how their ideas can be understood not through texts but through the cinematic medium To keep the conversation fresh most of the films used in the book were made within the last decade Furthermore examples range from popular mainstream fare such as *Star Wars* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy to lesser known foreign films such as *The Wooden Man's Bride* and *The Great Yokai War* Several films with a cult like following are also discussed including *Fight Club* *Princess Mononoke* *Spirited Away* and *Jacob's Ladder* This book is also unique in that instead of drawing upon the Judeo Christian tradition it draws from Eastern traditions      **Chinese and Tibetan Esoteric Buddhism**, 2017-03-27 Bringing together leading authorities in the fields of Chinese and Tibetan Studies alike *Chinese and Tibetan Esoteric Buddhism* engages cutting edge research on the fertile tradition of Esoteric Buddhism also known as Tantric Buddhism This state of the art volume unfolds the sweeping impact of esoteric Buddhism on Tibetan and Chinese cultures and the movement's role in forging distinct political ethnical and religious identities across Asia at large Deciphering the oftentimes bewildering richness of esoteric Buddhism this broadly conceived work exposes the common ground it shares with other Buddhist schools as well as its intersection with non Buddhist faiths As such the book is a major contribution to the study of Asian religions and cultures Contributors are Yael Bentor Ester Bianchi Megan Bryson Jacob P Dalton Hou Chong Hou Haoran Eran Laish Li Ling Lin Pei ying L Jianfu Ma De Dan Martin Charles D Orzech Meir Shahr Robert H Sharf Shen Weirong Henrik H S rensen and Yang Fuxue and Zhang Haijuan      Gendering Chinese Religion

Jinhua Jia,Xiaofei Kang,Ping Yao,2014-07-31 A gender critical consideration of women and religion in Chinese traditions from medieval to modern times Gendering Chinese Religion marks the emergence of a subfield on women gender and religion in China studies Ranging from the medieval period to the present day this volume departs from the conventional and often male centered categorization of Chinese religions into Confucianism Buddhism Daoism and popular religion It makes two compelling arguments First Chinese women have deployed specific religious ideas and rituals to empower themselves in various social contexts Second gendered perceptions and representations of Chinese religions have been indispensable to the historical and contemporary construction of social and political power The contributors use innovative ways of discovering and applying a rich variety of sources many previously ignored by scholars While each of the chapters in this interdisciplinary work represents a distinct perspective together they form a coherent dialogue about the historical importance intellectual possibilities and methodological protocols of this new subfield Asian American Religious Cultures Jonathan H. X. Lee,Fumitaka Matsuoka,Edmond Yee,Ronald Y. Nakasone,2015-09-01 A resource ideal for students as well as general readers this two volume encyclopedia examines the diversity of the Asian American and Pacific Islander spiritual experience Despite constituting a fairly small proportion of the U S population roughly 5 percent Asian Americans are a widely diverse group with equally heterogeneous religious beliefs and traditions This encyclopedia provides a single source for authoritative information on the Asian American and Pacific Islander religious experience addressing South Asian Americans such as Indian Americans and Pakistani Americans East Asian Americans including Chinese Americans Japanese Americans and Korean Americans and Southeast Asian Americans whose ethnicities include Filipino Americans Thai Americans and Vietnamese Americans Pacific Islanders include Hawaiians Samoans Marshallese Tongan and Chamorro The coverage includes not only traditional eastern belief systems and traditions such as Buddhism Confucianism and Hinduism as well as Micronesian and Polynesian religious traditions in the United States but also the culture and religious rituals of Asian American Christians **Buddhism and Tales of the Supernatural in Early Medieval China** Zhenjun Zhang,2014-08-21 This book demonstrates the historical changes in early medieval China as seen in the tales of the supernatural thematic transformation from traditional demonic retribution to Karmic retribution from indigenous Chinese netherworld to Buddhist concepts of hell and from the traditional Chinese savior to a new savior Buddha It also examines Buddhist imagery and the flourish of new motifs in the fantastic dreamworld and their relationship with Buddhism This study relates the Youming lu to the development of popular Chinese Buddhist beliefs attempting to single out ideas that differ from the beliefs found in Buddhist scriptures as well as miraculous tales written especially to promote Buddhism Text, Performance, and Gender in Chinese Literature and Music Maghiel van Crevel,Michel Hockx,Tian Yuan Tan,2009-11-27 Wilt Idema is one of the world s leading scholars and translators of Chinese literature with research interests ranging from classical poetry to premodern fiction performance literature and women s writing His oeuvre is exceptional in its inclusiveness and its ability to let different

historical periods genres and issues speak to one another and to make the riches of Chinese literature accessible to a wide range of readers In honor of his work this collection brings together new research by twenty two prominent scholars in a field of tremendous scope and diversity on topics including genre characteristics literary representations of social and political history gender and cultural identity music autobiography women s writing internet literature and more **The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Chinese Religions** Randall L. Nadeau,2012-03-12 Comprising the most up to date interdisciplinary research on the study of Chinese religious beliefs and cultural practices this volume explores the rich and complex religious and philosophical traditions that have developed and flourished in one of the world s oldest civilizations Covers the main Chinese traditions of Confucianism Taoism and Buddhism as well as Christianity and Islam Features a unique organizational structure with groups of readings focused on historical traditions based and topical elements of Chinese religion Explores a number of contemporary religious topics including gender nature asceticism material culture and gods and spirits Brings together a team of authors who are experts in their sub fields providing readers with the latest research in a rapidly growing discipline **A History of Uyghur Buddhism** Johan Elverskog,2024-06-18 Today most Uyghurs are Muslims For centuries however Uyghurs were Buddhists By around 1000 CE they like many of their neighbors had decisively turned toward the Dharma and a golden age of Uyghur Buddhism flourished under the Mongol empire Dwelling along the Silk Road in what is now northwestern China they stood at the center of Buddhist Eurasia linking far flung regions and traditions But as Muslim power grew Uyghur Buddhists converted to Islam rewriting their past and erasing their Buddhist history This book presents the first comprehensive history of Buddhism among the Uyghurs from the ninth to the seventeenth century Johan Elverskog traces how the Uyghurs forged their distinctive tradition considering a variety of social political cultural and religious contexts He argues that the religious history of the Uyghurs challenges conventional narratives of the meeting of Buddhism and Islam showing that conversion took place gradually and was driven by factors such as geopolitics climate change and technological innovation Elverskog also provides a nuanced understanding of lived Buddhism focusing on ritual practices and materiality as well as the religion s entanglements with economics politics and violence A groundbreaking history of Uyghur Buddhism this book makes a compelling case for the importance of the Uyghurs in shaping the course of both Buddhist and Asian history *The Making of a Savior Bodhisattva* Shi Zhiru,2007-08-14 In modern Chinese Buddhism Dizang is especially popular as the sovereign of the underworld Often represented as a monk wearing a royal crown Dizang helps the deceased faithful navigate the complex underworld bureaucracy avert the punitive terrors of hell and arrive at the happy realm of rebirth The author is concerned with the formative period of this important Buddhist deity before his underworldly aspect eclipses his connections to other religious expressions and at a time when the art mythology practices and texts of his cult were still replete with possibilities She begins by problematizing the reigning model of Dizang one that proposes an evolution of gradual sinicization and increasing vulgarization of a relatively unknown

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centuries A traditional approach to the study of East Asian Buddhist art revolves around the notion of an artistic relay India was regarded as the source of inspiration for China and China in turn influenced artistic production in the Korean peninsula and Japan While this narrative holds some truth it has the implicit baggage of assuming that art in the host country is only derivative and obscures a deep understanding of the complexity of transnational exchanges The essays in this volume aim to go beyond the conventional query of tracing origins and mapping exchanges in order to investigate the agency of the receivers with contextual case studies that can expand our understanding of artistic dialogues across cultures The volume is divided into three sections In Section I Transmission and Local Interpretations the three chapters by Jinchao Zhao Li kuei Chien and Hong Wu all address topics of transnational transmission of Buddhist imagery their figural styles and subsequent alterations or adaptations based on local preferences and interpretations Buddhism had important impacts on East Asian countries in the political dimension especially when the religion and certain Buddhist sutras and deities were believed to have state protecting properties The chapters by Dorothy C Wong Imann Lai and Clara Ma in Section II Buddhism and the State attend to the political aspect of Buddhism in visual representation Section III Iconography and Traditions includes chapters by Sakiko Takahashi Suijun Ra and Tamami Hamada that closely study the cross border transmission of and subtle variations in iconography and style of specific Buddhist deities notably deities of esoteric strands that include the Thousand Armed Avalokite vara Bodhisattva of Compassion

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