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(New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Art Gallery, 1992), 288, ill. Alan Priest, Chinese sculpture of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1994), p. 17. Bulletin of Yale University Art Gallery (2013): 40, Figure 2 PICRYL is the largest resource for public images, documents, music and videos (content). PICRYL makes the world's public media available anywhere, anytime, on any device. Get Archive LLC seeks to provide information that it has content copyright status and identify other terms that may apply to the use of content, but Get Archive LLC cannot offer any guarantee or assurance that all relevant information has been provided, or that the information is correct in any case. Get Archive LLC does not charge a permit fee for using any content in PICRYL and cannot grant or deny permission to use content. If you have specific questions or information about content, website and apps, please contact us. 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Examples of painting as well as sculptures have been discovered in China, Korea and Japan for centuries. This article goes on to explore the shape of the water-moon Guanyin at the beginning of Ming exploring its artistic qualities, patronage, as well as the cult water-moon Guanyin of the late imperial China. In 1971, Cornelius Chang published a dissertation on the paintings of the water moon Guanyin. He studied the cults of Guanyin, studying native scriptures and marvel stories, and specifically analyzing the iconography of the water moon Guanyin through four of the earliest paintings in Dun Huang, which Stein had discovered between 1906 and 1908. Approaching the question of artistic domestication, Chang argued that the simplicity of Guanyin's expression had a complaint to followers of the Chan sect of Asian Buddhism, so that the development of the style took place. Other fascinating writings by Chinese Guanyin mainly explore the translation of avalokitesvara from India and Central Asia to China as a compassionate deity, the popularity of Guanyin at all levels of society, the various manifestations of deity and the daily worship of Bodhisattvas in China. However, critical analysis of the water-moon Guanyin late imperial China is missing. If several religions flourished, it is necessary to explore the popular deity. Imagery Water-Moon Although the water-moon Guanyin is usually seen in East Asia, there is no scripture related to deity. This means deity is widely popular without reference to Buddhist doctrines. Chunfang Yu suggested that the name water-moon Guanyin may take a variant of the name Thousand-handed due to the close relationship between the water-moon Guanyin and the Thousand-handed Guanyin since the image first was painted within the vast painting of the Thousand-armed Guanyin at Dun Huang, and Water-moon Guanyin is closely related to the vows of thousand-handed Guanyin (Yu 2001:234). What's more, the creation of a water-moon may be another case of China's domesticity of the Tantric Thousand-handed Guanyin (Yu 2001: 242) to make foreign entrenched imagery of China. Another big influence on creating Water-moon imagery was the creativity of artists. In a Buddhist context, the moon and water are one of the ten metaphors often mentioned in Buddhist sutras, which illustrates the emptiness of the world in true nature. But Guanyin and the metaphor had no connection to each other in the scriptures. These were Chinese artists and craftsmen who combined the idea of deity and metaphorical. John Kieschnick explained the bold creativity of Chinese Buddhist images of independent, living beings, not figures described in Buddhist scriptures (Kieschnick 2003: 69). Chinese artists then created imagery largely based on indigenous concepts of wise, retired gentlemen and immortals as well as Chinese (Yu 2001: 239). Buddhism Ming in China's Ming Dynasty, the re-creation of political and social institutions native in the past encouraged Confucianism to be the country's ideology. Although some emperors are in favour of Buddhism, as the artistic traditions of India continue to be acknowledged, given strong ties before Ming China between the Mongolian Yuan Court and Tibet (Leidy 2010:146) [1], the remnant of imperial patronage did not support Buddhist monuments at national level (Karetsky 2002: 27). Enthusiasm for the cult of religion in general and money in support of Buddhism and Daoism received criticism from Confucians (Weidner 1994: 52). However, Buddhism continues to be important in the lives of Ming people and society as daily help. Religion had become more utilitarian towards the faithful who practiced it. Important rituals concerned the desires of happiness, health, fertility and the Buddhist temple, which were held for secular purposes in ceremonies. 1. Sitting Avalokitesvara (Water-moon Guanyin), dated 1385. Thanks to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. The water-moon Guanyin statue of the Metropolitan Museum of Art Metropolitan statue of Water-moon Avalokitesvara (Figure 1) presents a sculpture of Guanyin made of wood rarely yet very well preserved. Since the twelfth century in China, stone sculptures have fallen with the rise of large-scale pieces of wood. The wood sculptures were carved from one block of wood and the same tree species was used for additional pieces such as hands, hands, toes, headdresses and drapery (Leidy 2010: 38). This piece is 30.25 inches long, with a soft and slightly oval face, triple rolls of meat around the neck and delicate body proportions. Deity carries a trilateral crown of a high chignon open on top of the crown. The flower-petal-shaped niche is a headdress, which is a common helmet of Water-moon Guanyin. The Avalokitesvara is identified as sitting Buddha Amitabha in front of the diadem. Long thin strokes are applied to delineate eyebrows and eyes, which often give the deity a meditated and calm appearance, but in this case the face shows a prohibitive appearance, not feminine at all. Deity represents a sense of dignity through thin lips and a fleshy ear lobe. The sedentary shape of the chest, ears and wrists is decorated with jewels. A voluminous necklace, long garment, shoulders over the shoulders and belt consists of square spots reflecting the continuation of the Chinese tradition. Abnormally, the figure is not a nimbus resembling moon corresponding to the name of the water-moon. 2. Avalokitesvara. Tapandigh, West Bengal, India. Track period. Bengali National Archaeological Museum, Calcutta. Several features of this statue illustrate awareness of Indian traditions in the northeastern Pala kingdom. Some people claimed that around the ninth century, Buddhist centered exchanges between China and India ended due to Buddhism in India. However, due to the patronage of the rulers of the Buddhist Pala [3], the Buddhist interactions remained. With the transmission of Tibet, Chinese Buddhist art got a lot of influence on Pala art. Foreign craftsmen and artists came to Yuan Court and equipped with imported styles and techniques in China. The most famous person is Anige (1243-1306), who was from Nepal, who was an important director of the court. The number of Bodhisattva Avalokitesvara, which is about 111 at the beginning of the 12th century, shows different details under the tracks (Figure 2). Stylized angle transitions between body parts (Huntington 2006: 392), oval face, high cheekbones, protruding breasts and handbag mouth are considered Pala traditions. Many of the features of Indian sculptures are reflected in the Metropolitan's Water-Moon statue. It has a plump oval face that differs from a piece of other works square in the face of Chinese tradition. The two parts of the chest are slightly protruding and draw viewers' attention to the masculine quality. In addition, the emphasis on the lines of clothing belongs to the Indian tradition, since the Chinese style often focuses on the linear body. The deity sits on the runway in a royal with simple relaxed shoulders, a pose that was a new pose suitable for Guanyin imported Indian art. Posture worked in India in the fourth century and popularized the ninth and tenth (Karetsky 2004: 30). The royal light-up shows a sitting Guanyin with his left foot, which is horizontally bent and bent to the knee. The left hand is lost and the right hand is lying on the right knee, holding part of the deity fabric (scarf). The costume is not in a modern way, but in casual mode. Posture causes folds of cloth to accumulate around the torso. A few stones appear in the lower part of the sculpture, like objects with sharp peaks. This representation is understood to portray Avalokitesvara's Pure Land, Potataka, not only a sacred place seen in the scriptures, but was related to a specific geographic location (Chang 1971: 76) believed to be located somewhere in the Indian Ocean (Leidy 2010: 116). In China, Potataka Mountain had to be identified as Mount Putuo, one of the islands off the coast of Zhejiang Province. The statue was originally painted (Leidy 2010: 148). What now seems to be white skinned, subtle red or orange dots spreading over. 3. Letter Water-moon Guanyin. Thanks to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. A letter is written on the inner surface of the wood cover used to close the small low chamber (Figure 3). The black-ink label on wood gives a date in the eighteenth year of the Hongwu era (1385), which makes the prominent rendering of Bodhisattva safely dated. The chamber was used to consecrate and revive consistency. Another earlier during his time in Hebei province, there is also a cavity and a label for the same purpose, indicating that the use of judicial colleges may have been normal in Buddhist practice. In addition, the inscription says information about the creation, dedication, patron, and specific names of the water-moon piece. The inscription reads: the 100th 谨发虔辛与谨发虔虔发虔细刊冯并待认冯孝刊 请路德-2016, which was 100,000. The 100,000-year-old son of Al, who was 三位 a member of the European Parliament and the United States, was a member of 为愿 the European Parliament and the United States of America. 吉祥合家乐安... 洪武十八年上月.. Although some of the characters could not be recognized, it provides useful information to viewers: the sculpture was carved in 1385 under the direction of Weina, an administrative member of a dedicated society with a lower status, or Karmadana[2] in Sanskrit called Xin Zhongwen. The inhabitants of the village of Dong'an supported the construction of this Vee-Moon sculpture for road guarding. The inscription also mentions Feng Xiaozhong, woodcarver-in-place, and his son's work on the sculpture piece with great care. Also, the water-moon Guanyin is not a single installation, but one of the three deities. What a group of three deities looks like keeps the unknown. A letter containing an exact date to make an attached shape is rarely found in China. However, due to the changed concept of time, it is not surprising that such information is found in late imperialist China. In the Ming Dynasty, the reign of the title of many species of objects makes time manifest and visual (Clunas 2007: 21). Objects related to the cultural court, along with the reign of the characters, was a novelty of the Ming period..... Only during the reign of Ming, which was so wide and spread, attached to things, to material objects. (Clunas 2007: 24) When saving objects, it is possible to handle and make time that is meaningful to individuals. Not just intellectuals, but anyone who lives in Ming would have a clear political time, a year into his emperor's reign. A new sense of time was used by people to tape objects and events, so it is reasonable to assume that this practice would have a prominent impact on the Buddhist community when it comes to taking pictures and works of art. Thus, the Buddhist statue bearing the inscription with detailed information represents the visual presence of the imperial time ming in China. For Buddhist laity, one of their sacred tasks is to donate money and material to the monastic community and get good karma and better rebirth as compensation. Make people always believe that an invisible moral order existed in the universe and good deeds would lead to great perks. In this case, hoping that everything is safe on the roads, the villagers donated the money and supported the producing of the holy figures, Water-moon Guanyin, the most compassionate deity. In addition, Chinese put groups before statues and other Buddhist objects are not just symbols of the holiday, but sacred themselves (Kieschnick 2003: 25). The people of Dong'an built statues of the deities and believed that the objects carried the holy power, your roads and your crosses. In order to mentally and physically protect the villagers, the faithful used the Water-moon Guanyin as a fierce, warrior-like deity that determined the visual appearance of the deity. The statue depicts Guanyin as a masculine and heroic deity, not a female representation that is at odds with the trend of transforming Guanyin as a feminine figure in China. Guanyin is widely known as a woman in China, and sexual transformation only happened in China, as Chunfang Yu noted. The unique situation led scientists to look for reasons of Chinese religion and culture. First, some scholars like Kobayashi Taichiro believe as a new, incoming religion, Buddhism must change indigenous culture, so the transformation of deity was the result of a mixture of Buddhism and Chinese goddess worship (Yu 2001: 408), which happened between the Tang and the Song Dynasty. Secondly, many scientists are discussing the transition to the feminine Guanyin from different perspectives. Jean James has agreed that the first Chinese personal deity is a goddess, so it is natural that a foreign entrenched god will change the beginning of the culture. However, Yu argued that the relationship between Guanyin and native Chinese goddesses is negative because there were no powerful and popular goddesses around like those in India and Tibet. In addition to the strong cult in China was the male imperial state cult, the female cult would survive precisely because female goddesses did not worship the territorial cult as male gods, and the female deity was the saviour of society who could not control the hierarchy. In addition to the discussions mentioned above, the argument among Chinese scientists is that the quality of compassion is a virtue of the mother in the context of Chinese culture (Yu 2001: 414), the idea that Buddhist tradition does not. 4. Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara (Guanyin), dated 1282. Wood (willow) pigment traces; the construction of one wooden block. Thanks to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. 5. Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara (Guanyin), Qing Dynasty (1644–1911), Qianlong period (1736–1795), lead brass pigment, lost waxed. Thanks to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Based on artistic style, many examples of Guanyin do not allow me to come to the conclusion that the deity is completely transformed into a goddess. The opening of a sculpture of wood secure date 1282 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (Figure 4) shows a number of features related to the Indian tradition: Hair rendering, higher cheekbones, a subtle shift in her posture and a masculine hint on her open chest and arms can distinguish sculpture from a typical feminine figure. A piece of Guanyin qing dynasty made of brass also met does not provide feminine features either (Figure 5). Deity stands three times bent posture, which is usually seen in images of the track within. The Commission has and his hairs are in the wild different from bodhisattva avalokitesvara images produced about the same time, which bear a sense of peace and mother virtue. Similarly, the Met's water-moon piece shows that Guanyin's transformation from male to female had not stopped early ming by then. Specifically, According to Yu, the transformation took place separately and individually in different regions with its own distinctive identity (Yu 2001: 447). In addition to the sculptures, the Guanyin cult of water moon was reflected in Kaimitse's paintings. Many literati were devout Buddhists while carefully faking their Confucian persona (Weidner 1994: 69). Ding Yunpeng (1547-?) [4] dedicated to Buddhism under the influence of his mother. His Buddhist paintings are characterized by fine, fluent, richly modulated contour strokes in sometimes archaic and beautiful colors. In 1618, Guanyin's 16-form album was created (Figure 6). The watermoon Guanyin is depicted as a youthful female figure. What's interesting is some of the other Guanyins in this album have identified male figures in the mustache. Ding's painting tends to show a vivid and expressive feeling received by literal painters. With an emphasis on heavy and coarser lines, a slender body and a flowing cloth make the deity of the celestial spirit. 6th Sixteen Forms Guanyin: Album 16 Pages No.14. 7. Surangama Sutra twenty-five great Deity: album of 25 pages (circa 1617-1620). Wu Bin's painting[5] has the same work as Ding Yunpeng. Guanyin's painting is an album of 25 great deities (Figure 7), which was completed around 1617-1620. Amid the fantastic landscape, rushing water, bamboo and rocks, the water-moon Guanyin sits calmly and looking down. This number is not earthly because of the long face, long robes and cloud pedal. Guanyin, bamboo, rocks and waves are painted in a fine row at odds with the line Ding Yunpeng employed on his Guanyin album. On the other hand, Wu Bin's Guanyin, with some eccentric qualities, is clearly an artist's imagination, not a religious tradition. Finally, I would like to say that, as a favorite theme of Chinese art, Guanyin became a feminine deity in many ways and in many regions, but the transformation was never over. People of the late imperial Chinese still worshipped the male images of Guanyin as I have mentioned in previous paragraphs. The water-moon Guanyin was considered an indigenous creation introduced and developed in China under the influence of Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism and other religions. During China's history, images of the water-moon Guanyin gradually undergo changes. The wood sculpture 1385 I studied is a typical Chinese accent as well as Indian or Indo-Himalayan traditions. In the late imperial times, people worshipped water-moon Guanyin for utilitarian purposes. There was no discrimination on the basis of wish or status because they deity as a savior to help all in difficulty. Notes: [1] The only Ming emperor to return to the Buddhist religion entirely was Zhu Houcong (r. 1521-1567), who was a Taoist. Karmadana is the word of Sanskrit, which means organising events or explaining the rules. Karmadana is a master whose task is to ensure that all things are done in accordance with Dharma, according to the rules established by the Sakyamuni Buddha. Things that are not carried out according to Buddha's rules do not meet Karmadana standards. [3] From the eighth and twelfth centuries, the east region of the South Asian continent was under the rule of the Pala Dynasty, which was notable for the prosperity of Buddhist art. According to the literature, Ding was still unclear in 1628. [5] The details of Wu Bin's early painting study are still unclear, but it is possible that he had already begun his studies in his hometown. Bibliography: Blofeld, John. 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