古代帝王佛詩選—宋太宗

Selected Buddhist Poems by Ancient Chinese Emperors —Emperor Taizong of the Song Dynasty



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《緣識》

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秋鏁煙嵐日未曦,道情欲話老僧期。

旋烹茶竈心先喜,摇撼松風睡思遲。

鶴唳九霄堪入畫,雲平三界化無私。

真宗象教非虚説,對境成空是我師。

註:

《御製緣識》五卷,共三百一十八首詩。

松風:形容煎茶時水沸騰的聲音。

九霄:指高空。

三界:即欲界、色界、無色界。

象教:指佛教。

Conditioned Consciousness (Scroll 2: Poem No.46)

The autumn air was shrouded in mist before the break of dawn; Cherishing sentiments for the Way, I looked forward to meeting the old monk for a chat.

As soon as the tea started brewing on the stove, I was really pleased; Shaking and whistling, the "wind in the pines" kept my drowsiness at bay.

The cranes crying out from the Ninth Heaven were a picturesque sight; If only the clouds could bring peace to the Triple Realm by transforming into acts of selflessness.

True doctrines of the Image Teachings in Buddhism are not fallacies; He who realizes the emptiness of states is my Master!



The *Imperially Composed Conditioned*Consciousness poems comprise a total of 318 pieces in 5 scrolls.

"Wind in the pines" is a metaphor that describes the sound of boiling water when brewing tea.

"Ninth Heaven" is a metaphor meaning "high up in the sky".

"Triple Realm" is a collective term for the Desire Realm, the Form Realm and the Formless Realm.

"Image Teachings" refers to the Buddhist teachings.

