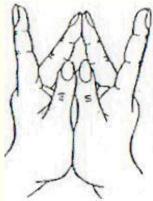
True Buddha Dharma-character Treasury - Golden Mother of the Jade Pond

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[Golden Mother Mudra:]





Interlace the fingers of both hands inwards; place the middle fingers upright touching and point the index fingers apart. Touch the thumbs lightly against the middle fingers (hold the mudra in front of your chest.)

【Golden Mother Seed Syllable:】



Hum (white in color)

[Golden Mother Mantra:]

「Om ∘ jin-mu-sid-dhi ∘ hum ∘ 」

【Golden Mother Dharmalakṣaṇa Brief Introduction】

Golden Mother of the Jade Pond wears a phoenix crown. In her left hand she holds a celestial peach (or Ruyi). In her right hand she holds a heavenly dust-whisk. She has the appearance of a beautiful heavenly being and exquisite young girl. She rides on a nine-phoenix carriage in a dignified manner with a smile on her face. She looks upon all sentient beings with compassion.

<u>Living Buddha Lian-sheng Sheng-yen Lu</u> Dharma Talk - Golden Mother Background and Key Cultivation Formula



"The Great Primordial Golden Queen Mother of the Jade Pond of the West (Golden Mother of the Jade Pond)" is one of the three principal deities of Living Buddha Lian-sheng Sheng-yen Lu, the root lineage guru of the "True Buddha School." She was also the first principal deity with whom he attained spiritual union. In earlier days she opened his "deva-eye" and has been the eminent divine spirit supporting him behind the scenes.

In the caves of Dunhuang, "Shakyamuni Buddha, Queen Mother of the West (Golden Mother of the Jade Pond) and Padmakumara" appear side by side, symbolizing that the three are of equal importance. It proves that the predestined relationship between Living Buddha Liansheng (Padmakumara) and Golden Mother of the Jade Pond is so intimate that it is inseparable. Therefore, Grand Master Lu most venerates the "Great Celestial Golden Mother of the Jade Pond," and states that "Golden Mother of the Jade Pond" is the Queen of Immortals, Immortal Queen.

"Golden Mother of the Jade Pond" is one of the Five Elders within the Taoist School. She guards west like a mother taking care of all living souls.

The "Five Elders" of the Taoist School are Huang Lao reigning over center, the earth of the five elements; Mu Gong Shang Sheng, east, wood; Golden Mother of the Jade Pond, west, metal; Huo De, south, fire; and Shui Jiun or Shui De, north, water.

The "Five Elders" are equal to the "Five Directions Buddhas." Therefore, the level of Golden Mother of the Jade Pond is very high, equivalent to that of a Buddha.

In Chinese religion, from the beginning, the most ancient Daluo golden immortal is "Golden Mother of the Jade Pond." She is the greatest celestial venerable deity and the only one who transcends all heavenly deities, surpasses every limit, and possesses the greatest dharma power with infinite might.

Jade Pond Golden Mother is the ultimate, supreme immortal. In the "Legends of the Immortals," Golden Mother of the Jade Pond is ranked first among the Immortal Celestial Beings.

It is recorded in Taoist books that Saint Xuanxuan Shangren transmitted the dharma to the "Heavenly Deity of East Mu Gong Shang Sheng." Later "Mu Gong" transmitted the dharma to Golden Mother of the Jade Pond. "Mu Gong" is also known as "King of East." Golden Mother of the Jade Pond is known as "Queen Mother of West."

In Taoism, "Queen Mother of West" is considered to be the mother of sentient beings. All spirits originally emanated from her.

According to the Taoist School, Golden Mother of the Jade Pond is the Xian Tian Yi Qi (The Primordial Qi):

Xian Tian Yi Qi - the dharma body,

Golden Mother of the Jade Pond - the enjoyment body,

Gou Hui - the emanation body.

Taoist immortal cultivation can be compared to the Three Realms of Buddhism as follows:

Realm of Desire - Realm of Earth Immortals

Realm of Form-Realm of Heaven Immortals

Realm of Formlessness - Realm of Golden Immortals.

Chinese Buddhism was formed from the mutual interaction between Buddhism transmitted into China and native Taoism. In Vajrayana Buddhism for example, the "Highest Yoga Tantra" and "Inner Cultivation" of Tibetan Vajrayana are very similar to the "qi" practice of "Dan Ding" within the Taoist school. Although Buddhism and Taoism differ in approach, they reach the same results.

Passages in the "Golden Mother of the Jade Pond's Sutra of Universal Deliverance, Retrieval of Perfection, Liberation Through Stillness and Wisdom" state that: Cultivation of the Tao - strengthening the fundamental basis and returning to the original nature. The key formula is - to retrieve vital and spirit energies through the same areas where they have dissipated. When the body and mind rest in stillness - wisdom is engendered. When the six forms of externally directed consciousness are transcended - one gains a clear understanding of the five aggregates that constitute a personality. Jing, qi, and shen (the essence of life, vital energy, and spirit) - have to circulate, ascending and descending freely.

As long as you have attained spiritual union with Golden Mother of the Jade Pond, you will also be able to attain spiritual union with every deity spreading out from her, that is, all the deities by, above, below, to the right and to the left of Golden Mother of the Jade Pond. Jade Pond Golden Mother has said, "As long as one attains spiritual union with Jade Pond Golden Mother, that is equivalent to attaining spiritual union with Padmakumara and the Root Guru. The three are identical."

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There are several extremely significant passages contained in "Golden Mother of the Jade Pond's Sutra of Universal Deliverance, Retrieval of Perfection, Liberation Through Stillness and Wisdom." Regarding cultivation of jing, qi and shen the sutra states: "How is the fundamental basis strengthened? Mankind regards filial piety and fraternal love as the fundamental basis. In Taoism spiritual vitality and energy are regarded as the fundamental basis." In Confucianism, "mankind takes filial piety and brotherly love as the fundamental basis." In Taoism "Taoists take spiritual energy as the root; jing, qi and shen as the fundamental basis." Vajrayana takes "qi, channels and drops as the fundamental basis," which is the same thing as jing, qi and shen in Taoism.

According to the sutra, "Must first eliminate the six thieves. Their ears should not be influenced by sound. Their eyes should not be distracted by form. Their body should not be defiled by touch. Their mind should not attach to form." This is the meaning of "no-mind." "Their nose should not smell anything improper" means that one no longer haphazardly smells various smells. "Their mouth should not have greed for taste" means that one no longer eats just for the sake of eating and one is not greedy for delicious food. One must first eliminate the six thieves. As long as one has an obsession about something or is addicted to whatsoever, the thieves are residing in one's body and it will be impossible for one to meditate. "Form, feeling, conception, habitual action and consciousness, the five aggregates, becoming pure in themselves" is buddhism. Eliminating the "six thieves" is buddhism. Seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, touch, and mental consciousness are the six thieves. The five aggregates are form, feeling, conception, habitual action and consciousness. When one attains a clear understanding of the five aggregates, "The three essences, Jing, Qi, and Shen, are joined and vibrant from prolonged nourishment, ascending and descending freely. What difficulty is there in liberation? "This is qi. As long as the qi and channels are open and the drops radiate light, one attains the Tao naturally. Attaining buddhahood via qi, channnels and light drops in Vajrayana is the same as attaining Tao via jing, qi, and shen in Taoism.

"True Buddha School" <u>Living Buddha Lian-sheng Sheng-yen Lu</u> has personally transmitted many practices of "Golden Mother of the Jade Pond" such as "Principal Deity Practice of Golden Mother of the Jade Pond," "Eight Great Practices of Golden Mother of the Jade Pond," "Nine Turn Profound Skill," "Godly Soldiers Dispatch Practice," "Invite and Seize Wealth Practice," "Top Scorer God of Fate," "Water Offering," "Instant Wealth, " "Body Substitution," etc....

From the time <u>Living Buddha Lian Sheng</u> was 26 up until the present day, my faith has always been extraordinarily strong and firm. Contemporary buddhist circles have characterized me as unorthodox, an outsider and a heretic. Given the unusual nature of things, this is unavoidable. My divine sight, divine hearing, and my ability to understand my own inner mind are all derived from Jade Pond Golden Mother. At our temples we have buddhas and bodhisattva as well as vajra dharma protectors, but we also enshrine and worship Jade Pond Golden Mother. You will find that Jade Pond Golden Mother is enshrined not only at temples but also at many individual home altars. This is because Jade Pond Golden Mother is

transmitted by <u>Grand Master Lu</u>. I consider Jade Pond Golden Mother to be my own Root Guru as well as my own personal deity. Of the <u>root gurus</u> of <u>Grand Master Lu</u>, Jade Pond Golden Mother has always been the number one, and she is also my ultimate personal deity. Furthermore, in the True Buddha School we especially venerate Jade Pond Golden Mother, giving her our highest respect. Because of the guidance of Jade Pond Golden Mother I, <u>Grand Master Lu</u>, was elevated from ordinary life to save sentient beings. The first deity with whom I attained spiritual union was Jade Pond Golden Mother. From the time I was 26 up until the present day at the age of 70, all that I, <u>Grand Master Lu</u>, have was bestowed upon me by Jade Pond Golden Mother. It is because of this that I, <u>Grand Master Lu</u>, am so utterly grateful and thankful to Jade Pond Golden Mother.

!!Please be aware that before anyone can practice the above uncommon practices, it is advised and recommended that they <u>take refuge</u> and the respective empowerment; alternatively one must face inherent resulting cause and effect!!

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