

Chapter 1 : Book Review: The Hand of Compassion | GGM

The Hand of Compassion is a compelling and powerful read, a terrific book filled with moving narratives of risk, loss, and sadness, and at the same time, the rescuers' affirmation that all human beings deserve the right to decent treatment. It is an analysis that takes social and political theory out of the text and places the reader in the.

Names in other Asian languages[edit] "Kannon" redirects here. For the Sunn O album, see Kannon album. This rendition was used for an earlier spelling of the well-known camera manufacturer Canon Inc. In Korean , Guanyin is called Gwan-eum Hangul: In Hmong , the name is Kab Yeeb. In these same countries, the variant Guanzizai "Lord of Contemplation" and its equivalents are also used, such as in the Heart Sutra , among other sources. This chapter is devoted to Avalokitesvara, describing him as a compassionate bodhisattva who hears the cries of sentient beings, and who works tirelessly to help those who call upon his name. As a result, Avalokiteshwara is often considered the most beloved Buddhist Divinity and is venerated in many important temples including Shitennoji , the first official temple of Japan, Sensoji , the oldest temple of Tokyo, Kiyomizu-dera and Sanjusangendo which are the two most visited temples in Kyoto. Although this depiction still exists in the Far East, Guanyin is more often depicted as a woman in modern times. Additionally, some people believe that Guanyin is androgynous or perhaps without gender. Chapter 25 consists of both a prose and a verse section. Japan, 12th century Representations of the bodhisattva in China prior to the Song dynasty " were masculine in appearance. Images which later displayed attributes of both genders are believed to be in accordance with the Lotus Sutra, where Avalokitesvara has the supernatural power of assuming any form required to relieve suffering, and also has the power to grant children. Because this bodhisattva is considered the personification of compassion and kindness, a mother goddess and patron of mothers and seamen, the representation in China was further interpreted in an all-female form around the 12th century. In the modern period, Guanyin is most often represented as a beautiful, white-robed woman, a depiction which derives from the earlier Pandaravasini form. He is usually depicted looking or glancing down, symbolising that Guanyin continues to watch over the world. In China, Guanyin is generally portrayed as a young woman donned in a flowing white robe and usually wearing necklaces symbolic of Indian or Chinese royalty. In her left hand is a jar containing pure water, and the right holds a willow branch. There are also regional variations of Guanyin depictions. In Fujian , for example, a popular depiction of Guanyin is as a maiden dressed in Tang hanfu carrying a fish basket. A popular image of Guanyin as both Guanyin of the South Sea and Guanyin with a Fish Basket can be seen in late 16th-century Chinese encyclopedias and in prints that accompany the novel Golden Lotus. In Chinese art, Guanyin is often depicted either alone, standing atop a dragon, accompanied by a white cockatoo and flanked by two children or two warriors. The two children are her acolytes who came to her when she was meditating at Mount Putuo. The two warriors are the historical general Guan Yu from the late Han dynasty and the bodhisattva Skanda , who appears in the Chinese classical novel Fengshen Yanyi. The Buddhist tradition also displays Guanyin, or other buddhas and bodhisattvas, flanked with the above-mentioned warriors, but as bodhisattvas who protect the temple and the faith itself. It is now located in the History Museum in Hanoi. The Sutra also states that "it is easier to count all the leaves of every tree of every forest and all the grains of sand in the universe than to count the blessings and power of Avalokiteshwara". This version of Avalokiteshwara with a thousand arms depicting the power of all Gods also shows various Buddhas in the crown depicting the wisdom of all Buddhas. It is called Senju Kannon in Japan and statues of this nature can be found at the popular Sanjusangendo temple of Kyoto. After struggling to comprehend the needs of so many, her head split into eleven pieces. Many Himalayan versions of the tale include eight arms with which Avalokitesvara skillfully upholds the dharma , each possessing its own particular implement, while more Chinese-specific versions give varying accounts of this number. In China, it is said that fishermen used to pray to her to ensure safe voyages. The story is usually ascribed to the research of the Buddhist monk Jiang Zhiqi during the 11th century. The story is likely to have its origin in Taoism. The king asked his daughter what were the three misfortunes that the marriage should ease. Miaoshan explained that the first misfortune the marriage should ease was the suffering people endure as they age. The second

misfortune it should ease was the suffering people endure when they fall ill. The third misfortune it should ease was the suffering caused by death. If the marriage could not ease any of the above, then she would rather retire to a life of religion forever. When her father asked who could ease all the above, Miaoshan pointed out that a doctor was able to do all of these. Her father grew angry as he wanted her to marry a person of power and wealth, not a healer. He forced her into hard labour and reduced her food and drink but this did not cause her to yield. Every day she begged to be able to enter a temple and become a nun instead of marrying. Her father eventually allowed her to work in the temple, but asked the monks to give her the toughest chores in order to discourage her. The monks forced Miaoshan to work all day and all night while others slept in order to finish her work. However, she was such a good person that the animals living around the temple began to help her with her chores. Her father, seeing this, became so frustrated that he attempted to burn down the temple. Miaoshan put out the fire with her bare hands and suffered no burns. Now struck with fear, her father ordered her to be put to death. In one version of this legend, when Guanyin was executed, a supernatural tiger took her to one of the more hell-like realms of the dead. However, instead of being punished like the other spirits of the dead, Guanyin played music, and flowers blossomed around her. This completely surprised the hell guardian. The story says that Guanyin, by merely being in that Naraka hell, turned it into a paradise. A variant of the legend says that Miaoshan allowed herself to die at the hand of the executioner. He then tried a sword which likewise shattered. He tried to shoot Miaoshan down with arrows but they all veered off. Finally in desperation he used his hands. It is said that she voluntarily took on the massive karmic guilt the executioner generated for killing her, thus leaving him guiltless. It is because of this that she descended into the Hell-like realms. While there, she witnessed first-hand the suffering and horrors that the beings there must endure, and was overwhelmed with grief. Filled with compassion, she released all the good karma she had accumulated through her many lifetimes, thus freeing many suffering souls back into Heaven and Earth. In the process, that Hell-like realm became a paradise. It is said that Yama, the ruler of hell, sent her back to Earth to prevent the utter destruction of his realm, and that upon her return she appeared on Fragrant Mountain. Another tale says that Miaoshan never died, but was in fact transported by a supernatural tiger, [21] believed to be the Deity of the Place,[clarification needed] to Fragrant Mountain. No physician was able to cure him. Then a monk appeared saying that the jaundice could be cured by making a medicine out of the arm and eye of one without anger. The monk further suggested that such a person could be found on Fragrant Mountain. When asked, Miaoshan willingly offered up her eyes and arms. Miaozhuangyan was cured of his illness and went to the Fragrant Mountain to give thanks to the person. When he discovered that his own daughter had made the sacrifice, he begged for forgiveness. The story concludes with Miaoshan being transformed into the Thousand Armed Guanyin, and the king, queen and her two sisters building a temple on the mountain for her. She began her journey to a pure land and was about to cross over into heaven when she heard a cry of suffering from the world below. She turned around and saw the massive suffering endured by the people of the world. Filled with compassion, she returned to Earth, vowing never to leave till such time as all suffering has ended. After her return to Earth, Guanyin was said to have stayed for a few years on the island of Mount Putuo where she practised meditation and helped the sailors and fishermen who got stranded. Guanyin is frequently worshipped as patron of sailors and fishermen due to this. She is said to frequently becalm the sea when boats are threatened with rocks. Guanyin and Shancai[edit] Main article: Sudhana An Altar of Guanyin Worship. Legend has it that Shancai also called Sudhana in Sanskrit was a disabled boy from India who was very interested in studying the dharma. When he heard that there was a Buddhist teacher on the rocky island of Putuo he quickly journeyed there to learn. Upon arriving at the island, he managed to find Guanyin despite his severe disability. She conjured the illusion of three sword-wielding pirates running up the hill to attack her. Guanyin took off and dashed to the edge of a cliff, the three illusions still chasing her. Shancai, seeing that his teacher was in danger, hobbled uphill. Guanyin then jumped over the edge of the cliff, and soon after this the three bandits followed. Shancai, still wanting to save his teacher, managed to crawl his way over the cliff edge. Shancai fell down the cliff but was halted in midair by Guanyin, who now asked him to walk. Shancai found that he could walk normally and that he was no longer crippled. When he looked into a pool of water he also discovered that he now had a very handsome face. From that day forth, Guanyin taught Shancai the entire

dharma. The third son of one of the Dragon Kings was caught by a fisherman while swimming in the form of a fish. Being stuck on land, he was unable to transform back into his dragon form. His father, despite being a mighty Dragon King, was unable to do anything while his son was on land. Distressed, the son called out to all of Heaven and Earth. Hearing this cry, Guanyin quickly sent Shancai to recover the fish and gave him all the money she had. The fish at this point was about to be sold in the market. It was causing quite a stir as it was alive hours after being caught. This drew a much larger crowd than usual at the market.

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The Hand of Compassion has 12 ratings and 1 review. Joseph said: I did not finish this book, but it read through much of it in my recent glut on holocaust.

Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: At the end of the war Otto pictured on the left was interned in a camp for refusing to divorce his Jewish wife. You may know that at that time, nearly four million Germans lived in Czechoslovakia. Our family was not Sudeten German. The Sudeten Germans lived near the border, in the mountainous area of Sudeten, as these mountains are called. They were in Czechoslovakia since seven hundred years. They were not Teutonic. But my family came for the same reasons. We were called into Czechoslovakia with the industrial revolution. Both my grandfathers came as engineers and became entrepreneurs. And so we were second-generation immigrants. My grandfathers came around He was a wealthy industrialist in Holubrov. Did you speak German? German is my native language. At that time, Czech was the language of the servants. The Germans dominated at that time and I learned to speak Czech perfectly only when I was nineteen years old. Before that, I spoke bastardized Czech. But I was German. I had not only a German passport, I had a German education. My father was a professor in this German-speaking university. My father was a physician so this picture is of medicine challenging death. And as such, he operated on two archdukes. My father taught at the German University of Prague. We are descendants of the third oldest European university, founded in Prague in The first was Paris. And the third, also the first in Eastern Europe, was Prague. My mother was an heiress. Also a very great socialite, and we were mostly brought up by educators. I had a French governess. So my first language was German but I was taught French rather early. I was better at French. My third language was Czech. And I had to in many instances, later. But I consider my first language German. I was the oldest in the family. I have two sisters. One is ten years younger than I. The older one is Imme and she is two years younger than I. Her husband died and she went to Germany. She was expelled from Prague but under special conditions. She was expelled as a German. After the war, the Czechs expelled all the Germans. According to the law, they could not expel people who had fought against Nazis and who were hurt by the Nazis. I qualified on both counts. I had stayed in a concentration camp with the commander of the later Prague uprising in May There were terrible massacres of Germans going on. The Czechs had learned very well from the Germans [how to kill]. They even killed pregnant women. Through this friend, I got my sister out minutes before the ultimate happened, before she was killed. She was not harmed physically but emotionally, it was terrible. It was very ugly. And [because of this] my younger sister is in a mental institution permanently. I was able to get her out but it was too much. She was very sensitive. I will see both of them in August and September. They are both living in Germany now. Her rescue has a funny aspect. The guy who was the commander of this partisan unit, he was You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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