



Healing Masters: Asian Religious Traditions and Their Views on the Root of Disease

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The core of this Special Issue, with the objective of encouraging cross-disciplinary contributions, mostly from specialists focusing on Buddhism, Daoism, and Shamanism, and their mutual interactions. In terms of time scope, contributions dealing with the early sources of these traditions are encouraged, although articles highlighting compelling evidence of such cross-pollination up to the early twentieth century will also be considered. Regarding the broad geographical scope identified as "Asia", contributions focusing on any area in Central Asia, South Asia, or East Asia are welcome, as long as they clearly focus on religious traditions and healing doctrines and practices. We also want to keep addressing the question of the "root" of disease, either in relation to specific illnesses or in relation to the philosophical distinction between health and sickness, which is often blurred.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to re-examine the canvas on which various Asian religious traditions painted their own therapeutic approaches, paying particular attention to the idea of "healing masters" who showed the way and vowed to eliminate all forms of disease.





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