

Daoism: “Live simply in nature”



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CHAPTER 1

*"The tao that can be told is not the eternal Tao
The name that can be named is not the eternal Name.*

The unnameable is the eternally real.

Naming is the origin of all particular things.

Free from desire, you realize the Tao.

Caught in desire, you see only the parts.

Yet mystery and manifestations arise from it.

This source is called the Unborn.

Darkness within darkness. The gate to the mystery.

GOOD TRAVELER
has **no**
FIXED PLANS,
and is
not intent on
arriving.

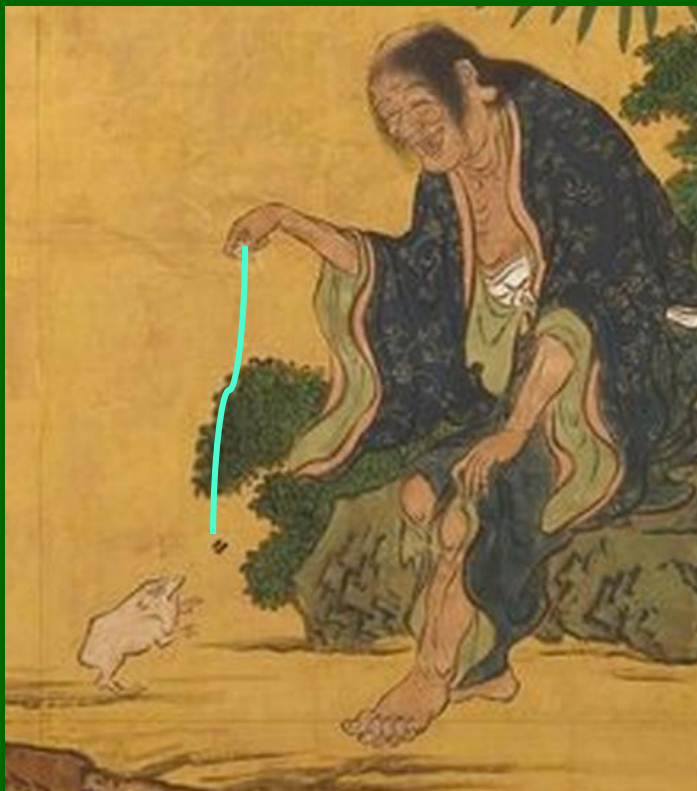


Japan, *Eight Daoist Immortals*, 17th c. (sliding doors in audience hall)



Detail, *Eight Daoist Immortals*

Liu Hai playing with his three-legged toad beneath a pine tree



China, *Hill Censer (Bo-shan-lu)*, 1st-2nd c. CE, 2001.5.3a,b



*Celestial Worthy of Primordial
Beginning, 15th-16th c., 2003.66*



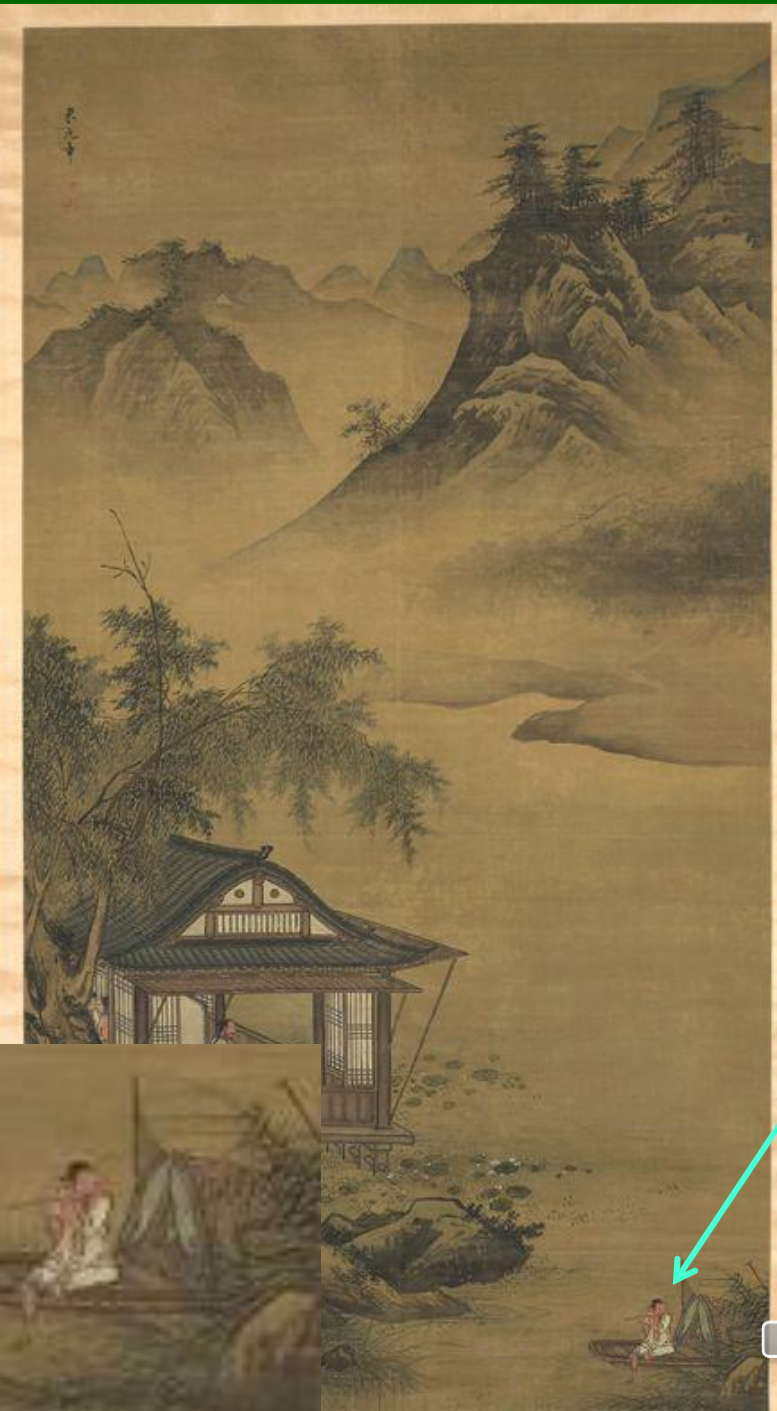
Daoist Stele of Five Deities, 722, 2003.30



Benediction Scene, 8th c., 99.174.3



Liu Jun, *Zhou Dunyi Gazing Out Over Lotus*, c. 1500, 98.217



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