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A Large Gilt Copper Alloy Figure of Manjushri, Sino-Tibetan, 19th century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1119651****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Description

A Large Gilt Copper Alloy Figure of Manjushri, Sino-Tibetan, 19th century Height 37cm (14.56 in.) Heavy Beautifully cast having wonderful, rich original patina. POSSIBLY QING DYNASTY, 18TH CENTURY PROVENANCE UK PRIVATE COLLECTION 1950's Seated in the diamond attitude (vajrasana) is Manjushri, the Bodhisattva of Wisdom, who is depicted cutting away ignorance signified by the sword raised overhead. In his left hand, he pinches his forefinger and thumb in the gesture of teaching (vitarka mudra), stressing his own role as a dispenser of all Buddhist knowledge. As demonstrated by this figure, the Manchu rulers of the Qing dynasty (1644-1911) presented themselves as the living avatars of Manjushri and thus, sought to emulate their Yuan and early Ming predecessors as the inherited rulers of China, Mongolia, and Tibet. This stimulated the creation of Buddhist images during the 17th and 18th centuries in China, where images like the present work were made for one of the many Buddhist temples. To compare with other Qing examples depicting the bodhisattva of wisdom, see one in the Brooklyn Museum of Art (34.799), as well as another published in von Schroeder, Indo-Tibetan Bronzes,...

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