

SA427757

A Japanese Triptych Print with Gods of Fortune Featured.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA427757****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 44 cm (17.3")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

An unusual Japanese print featuring the Gods of Fortune probably on rice paper in original wood frame by Kings Road Shop in London. Dimensions : 82 cms wide 44 cms deep Japanese God and Goddess God Izanagi and Goddess Izanami were married to each other. Izanami could give birth to anything. One day she created the island of Japan. Izanami died when she gave birth to the god of fire from deadly burns during labor. By then she had given birth to 14 islands and 35 gods. God Izanagi was desperate about the loss of his beloved companion and went down to the underworld to search for Izanami. He also found her. Izanami told Izanagi to wait for her. But he should not turn his head and try to look at her until she would be back. Guess what - of course, the guy did not do what his wife told him and followed her instead. In the palace of the underworld he found her in an appalling condition. Terrified, God Izanagi ran away and blocked the entrance to the underworld with a huge rock so that his wife could not follow him. The story has a striking similarity to the old Greek legend of Orpheus and Eurydice. Do both legends have a common root or did the Greek story, that is a...

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