

“The Secret of the Golden Flower”

Wilhelm remarks: the text describes the production of a golden flower “which grows out of an inner detachment from entanglement with all things, [i.e., which] is eternal.” (17)

Excerpts from the text:

“The Golden Flower is the light.” “It is the true energy of the transcendent One.” (21)

Meditation consists in setting the light in circulation “in order to make manifest the release of heaven.” (24) The important thing is to collect the light inside oneself. (33) This leads to the budding of the Golden Flower. (49) Then one can mingle with the world and yet remain in harmony with the light. (53)

“The circulation of the light is the inclusive term. The further the work advances, the more does the Golden Flower bloom.” (54) “When the rotating light shines toward what is within ... the Golden Flower shines concentratedly.” (55)

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