Meditative Poems By Korean Monks

Meditative Poems-Jaihun Kim 2002 This work is a chronological anthology of Korean Zen poetry spanning the 6th through 20th centuries. In his introduction the translator distinguishes Zen from other forms of Buddhism and places it in its historical context. These intuitive poems chronicle the spiritual search as well as the awakening of each Zen Master.

The Temple of Words-Han Yongun and others 2017 The Temple of Words: An Anthology of Modern Korean Buddhist Poetry is a collection of one hundred and thirty-two Buddhist poems by fifteen poets, including Seon monks. This volume, which is composed of highly praised poetry in modern Korean literature, offers an opportunity to appreciate the aesthetic world of Buddhism that is embedded in sentiments of the modern intellectuals. The majority of the poems (120 pieces) in this book are written by monastics, monks and nuns. The list of the monks and the number of their poems included in this collection are as follows: Gyeongheo 9 poems, Yongseong 6 poems, Hanyeong 14 poems, Guha 1 poem, Man’gong 8 poems, Hanam 5 poems, Manhae 48 poems, Hyobong 3 poems, Gyeongbong 11 poems, and Iryeop 14 poems. The other poets include O Sangsun 1 poem, Shin Seokjeong 3 poems, Gir Daljin 3 poems, Seo Jeongju 2 poems, and Jo Jihun 4 poems. Manhae’s “Nim ui Chimmuk” (My Love’s Silence), Seo Jeongju’s “Gukha yeop eseo” (Beside a Chrysanthemum), and Jo Jihun’s “Seungmu” (Monk’s Dance) are widely known to the general public in Korea. The monastic poetry represents the unconventional features of Seon and their insights attained by the traditional practice of meditative contemplation. The other poetry by the secular Buddhist writers also attempts to express the subtle truth of Buddhism in the Korean script (Han-geul), thereby making a great contribution in causing the masses to know the Buddhist way of thinking and feeling, and leading them to empathize with the religion. The Temple of Words: An Anthology of Modern Korean Buddhist Poetry helps us to understand the “colors” of the modern Korean Buddhist intellectuals’ lyrical sensitivity and the “codes” in which they were communicating with the public.


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The Gyeongheo Collection-Prose and Poetry by the Restorer of Korean Seon-Gyeongheo 2016 The Gyeongheo Collection is a collection of dharma talks and other literary works by Gyeongheo Seong’u (1849/1857-1912), one of the representative Korean Seon masters of modern times. Gyeongheo was tonsured at the age of nine, and he studied Buddhist doctrine on the one hand and promoted Ganha Seon practice on the other. Geongheo also established a meditation practice society. In his later years Gyeongheo dedicated himself to the edification of the common people in the northern area of the Korean peninsula. Among his prominent disciples are Hyeowol (1861-1937), Man’gong (1871-1946), and Han’am (1876-1951). The Gyeongheo Collection is a significant work in that it enables us to see the process of evolution and transformation of Seon tradition during the period of modernization. This work consists of dharma talks, prefaces, records, letters, accounts of conduct, eulogies offered up to portraits of famous monks, hundreds of Seon verses (in both five character and seven character formats), and so forth. Among the poems written in regulated verses with five logographs per line, “How to Be a Monk” is a guide book of practice for monks and nuns. “The Pure Regulations” includes the rules and regulations of the Seon monastic community. The verses also contain unconventional features of Seon teaching. “The Song of the Way to Enlightenment” is the verse written on Gyeongheo’s attainment of the state of enlightenment. Besides, The Gyeongheo Collection contains essays on various topics, such as the exhaustive realization within one’s mind required in Ganha Seon practice, the adoption of Pure Land thought, the importance of monastic precepts and the Pure Rules, societies and movements focused on meditation, the synthesis of practice and doctrine, the edification of the masses and songs such as “Sŏn meditation” (Chamseon gok) introducing the daily life of Seon, the establishment of Seon monastic community and education, and so on. The base script for The Gyeongheo Collection is Han’am’s hand-copied edition (1931), which also includes a brief biography of Gyeongheo written by Han’am himself. For the translation, this script was compared to the printed edition published in 1943 by Jung’ang Seonwoen, which is prefaced by Han Yongun [Gyeongheo (1879-1944), the prominent Korean monk and writer.

The Zen Monastic Experience-Robert E. Buswell Jr. 2020-08-04 Robert Buswell, a Buddhist scholar who spent five years as a Zen monk in Korea, draws on personal experience in this insightful account of day-to-day Zen monastic practice. In discussing the activities of the postulants, the meditation monks, the teachers and administrators, and the support monks of the monastery of Songgwang-sa, Buswell reveals a religious tradition that differs radically from the stereotype prevalent in the West. The author's treatment lucidly relates contemporary Zen practice to the historical development of the tradition and to Korean history more generally, and his portrayal of the life of modern Zen monks in Korea provides an innovative and provocative look at Zen from the inside.

From Ritual to Romance and Beyond-Manfred Schmeling 2011

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Traditions of Meditation in Chinese Buddhism - Peter N. Gregory 1986-11-01 - A veritable treasure trove.... Both demanding and tremendously rewarding.... The book is of high scholarly standard, but is clear, precise and a pleasure to read - and is certainly accessible to interested laymen. It cannot be recommended highly enough.

A History of Korean Literature - Peter H. Lee 2003-12-18 - This is a comprehensive narrative history of Korean literature. It provides a wealth of information for scholars, students and lovers of literature. Combining both history and criticism the study reflects the latest scholarship and offers a systematic account of the development of all genres. Consisting of twenty-five chapters, it covers twentieth-century poetry, fiction by women and the literature of North Korea. This is a major contribution to the field and a study that will stand for many years as the primary resource for studying Korean literature.

Magnolia and Lotus - Hyesim 2013-06-04 - Hyesim's poetry, written in the twelfth century became the archetypal in Korean Buddhist literature for more than five hundred years.

Pigmalion’s Reverie: a Korean’S Misreading of Major American and British Poetry - Kyu-myong Lee 2018-06-27 - Reading is not an unusual or unfamiliar thing. It must be the first condition of life. Though illiterate or literate, humans should read things, letters, incidents, and situations according to each level of recognition so that they can survive surroundings under the brutal principle of natural selection. Namely, reading must be a reaction for survival. By the way, there are many kinds of readings in the literary world: close reading that new criticism favored, authentic reading that modernism based on elitism pursued, and misreading, as suggested by Harold Bloom, that wayward postmodernism allows. Whichever reading we may choose, it would be innocent because any reading must linger on the level of the parable of Plato’s cave, in which humans could read the dim shadows of things reflected on the wall. In this sense, Blooms term is very honest rather than being postmodern or deconstructive. Thus, humans can’t read the existence of thing itself. What they can read at best is nothing but the indirect, misunderstood fruit through the medium of language according to F. Saussures linguistics. Frankly, humans were born to tell a lie about thing itself, which would be the truth or fate of human existence. Accordingly, however, meticulously we may read poems that would be better than misreading. Hence, my book has a naive aim that worldwide readers can freely read esoteric English poetry by famed poets regardless of these or those ways of reading, and the interpretations of English poetry don’t belong to those professional or authoritarian but to reading public. Furthermore, through reading this subjective criticism on English poetry, worldwide readers can feel interested in how a Korean is reading it. Thus, this book can dedicate itself to the dialectic convergence between the Eastern and the Western ideal.

Early Korean Literature - David McCann 2000-09-14 - Preeminent scholar and translator David R. McCann presents an anthology of his own translations of works ranging across the major genres and authors of Korean writing—stories, legends, poems, historical vignettes, and other works—and a set of critical essays on major themes. A brief history of traditional Korean literature orients the reader to the historical context of the writings, thus bringing into focus this rich literary tradition. The anthology of translations begins with the Samguk sagi, or History of the Three Kingdoms, written in 1145, and ends with “The Story of Master Hô,” written in the late 1700s. Three exploratory essays of particular subtlety and lucidity raise interpretive and comparative issues that provide a creative, sophisticated framework for approaching the selections.

Essays on Martial Arts and Meditation - Gavin Mitchell 2010-08-25 - Essays on martial arts and meditation attempting to provide as broad as possible an overview of the arts, and drawing from many unorthodox sources.

Koreana - Autumn 2013 (English) - The Korea Foundation 2013-11-20 - Koreana is a full-color quarterly on Korean culture and arts, including traditional heritage as well as modern and contemporary activities. Each issue includes in-depth coverage of a selected theme, followed by an array of articles on artists and artisans, historic and cultural landmarks, natural attractions, reviews of stage performances and exhibitions, literary pieces, and today’s lifestyles. Published since 1987, the magazine can also be accessed at (www.koreana.or.kr).


The Princeton Handbook of World Poetries - Roland Greene 2016-11-15 - The Princeton Handbook of World Poetries—drawn from the latest edition of the acclaimed Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics—provides a comprehensive and authoritative survey of the history and practice of poetry in more than 100 major regional, national, and diasporic literatures and language traditions around the world.
Notes on Things Korean-Suzanne Crowder Han 2012-08-13 Notes on Things Korean offers an insightful look at the traditions and cultural heritage of the Korean people. A compilation of concise and informative notes on a wide range of topics, this book is for anyone interested in Korean life, thought, and culture. The notes, some illustrated with sketches and drawings, are presented alphabetically under such headings as Beliefs and Customs, Arts and Crafts, Music and Dance, Language and Letters, Historic Figures, Famous Places and Monuments, and Games and Sports. There are more than one hundred fifty entries which include, for example, descriptions of traditional arts, crafts, games, clothing, housing, and food, and explanations of customs and traditions and the significance of certain persons, places, and artifacts. Students of Korean studies, writers and translators should find this book very useful, especially the
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Introduction to Buddhist Meditation - Dr. Sarah Shaw 2009 First Published in 2008. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.


The Collected Works of Korean Buddhism - 2012

Korean Buddhist Nuns and Laywomen - Eunsu Cho 2012-01-01 Explores the roles of Korean Buddhist nuns and laywomen from the fourth century to the present. Uncovering hidden histories, this book focuses on Korean Buddhist nuns and laywomen from the fourth century to the present. Today, South Korea’s Buddhist nuns have a thriving monastic community under their own control, and they are well known as meditation teachers and social service providers. However, little is known of the women who preceded them. Using primary sources to reveal that which has been lost, forgotten, or willfully ignored, this work reveals various figures, milieu, and activities of female adherents, clerical and lay. Contributors consider examples from the early days of Buddhism in Korea during the Three Kingdoms and Unified Silla periods (first millennium CE); the Koryo period (982–1392), when Buddhism flourished as the state religion; the Choson period (1392–1910), when Buddhism was actively suppressed by the Neo-Confucian Court; and the contemporary resurgence of female monasticism that began in the latter part of the twentieth century. “...this work is a great success, and is an important first step in opening an area of research that will hopefully see continued expansion in the years to come.” — Journal of Buddhist Ethics

Religions of Korea in Practice - Robert E. Buswell Jr. 2018-06-05 Korea has one of the most diverse religious cultures in the world today, with a range and breadth of religious practice virtually unrivaled by any other country. This volume in the Princeton Readings in Religions series is the first anthology in any language, including Korean, to bring together a comprehensive set of original sources covering the whole gamut of religious activity in both premodern and contemporary Korea. The book’s thirty-two chapters help redress the dearth of source materials on Korean religions in Western languages. Coverage includes shamanic rituals for the dead and songs to quiet fussy newborns; Buddhist meditative practices and exorcisms; Confucian geomancy and ancestor rites; contemporary Catholic liturgy; Protestant devotional practices; internal alchemy training in new Korean religions; and North Korean Juche (“self-reliance”) ideology, an amalgam of Marxism and Neo-Confucian filial piety focused on worship of the “father,” Kim Il Sung. Religions of Korea in Practice provides substantial coverage of contemporary Korean religious practice, especially the various Christian denominations and new indigenous religions. Each chapter includes an extensive translation of original sources on Korean religious practice, accompanied by an introduction that frames the significance of the selections and offers suggestions for further reading. This book will help any reader gain a better appreciation of the rich complexity of Korea’s religious culture.

Poems from Korea - Peter H. Lee 2019-08-21 The Koreans, according to the Chinese chronicles, are ‘the people who enjoy singing and dancing’ and who regaled their gods with dance and song. Since then poetry has been an essential part of Korean life and has been regarded as the highest of the arts. In this first comprehensive anthology of Korean poetry in English, first published in 1974, Peter Lee has selected and translated a wide variety of poems ranging from the Silla Dynasty in 57 BC to the middle of the twentieth century. The poems chosen reflect not only the native Korean tradition, but also the great tradition of Chinese poetry. They often possess a deep lyrical quality, many are rich in religious overtones or derive their beauty from contemplation of nature and through many of the poems runs the feeling of the closeness of Korean life to the earth.

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