

# STONE LANTERN

## JADE

"THE JEWEL THAT GRANTS ALL DESIRES IN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT."

ONE OF THE LOVELIEST AND MOST DURABLE OF ALL MINERALS, SO TOUGH IN ITS STRUCTURE THAT IT IS PRACTICALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE, YET RECEPTIVE AND RETENTIVE IN THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF THE SURE TOUCH OF THE ENGRAVING TOOL, JADE HAS BEEN A HUMAN TREASURE FOR GENERATIONS OF LIFE AND CENTURIES OF TIME THAT RECEED INTO THE DARKNESS PRECEDING THE DAWN OF HISTORY.

THERE IS SINGULAR APPROPRIATENESS IN THE FACT THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL AND LASTING PRODUCT OF THE EARTH SHOULD BE VITALLY INTERWOVEN WITH THE HISTORY OF THE GREATEST AND MOST CONTINUOUS CIVILIZATION EVER ACHIEVED BY MAN. WHEN JADE IS SPOKEN OF, ALL THE WORLD THINKS OF CHINA. AND BEHIND THE CHINESE PEOPLE LIE SIX THOUSAND YEARS OF ORGANIZED LIFE.

JADE COMES IN THREE MAIN CLASSES: NEPHRITE, JADEITE, AND CHLOROMELANITE. NEPHRITE COMES IN MANY SHADES OF GREEN, BLUE-GRAY AND REDDISH-GRAY, ALSO IN BEESWAX YELLOW, CONNABAR RED, SNOW WHITE, SPINACH GREEN FLOCKED WITH GOLD AND IN THE VERY RARE "MUTTON-FAT" TEXTURE WITH VERMILLION SPOTS. JADEITE IS MORE VIVID IN ITS COLORING THAN NEPHRITE, AND MORE TRANSLUCENT. IT IS FOUND IN AN EXQUISITE LAVENDAR AND IN BRIGHT APPLE-GREEN, AND IN THE BRILLIANT EMERALD GREEN SO HIGHLY PRIZED AND SO VALUABLE. THE BLACK JADE, CHLOROMELANITE, THE SOURCE OF WHICH REMAINS SOMETHING OF A MYSTERY SO FAR AS CHINA IS CONCERNED, HAS BEEN USED IN MANY CARVINGS WHICH ARE OF GREAT ANTIQUITY. IN HARDNESS, NEPHRITE RANKS AS 5½; JADEITE AS 6½ AND CHLOROMELANITE, 6½-7.

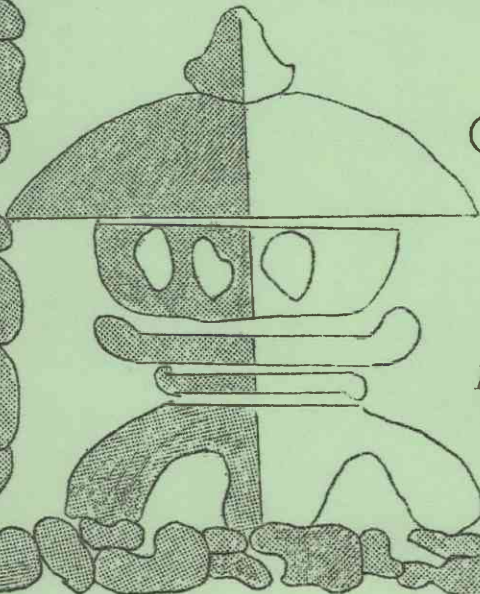
THE VARIED AND BEAUTIFUL COLORINGS OF JADE APPEALED STRONGLY TO THE ARTISTIC AND IMAGINATIVE MINDS OF THE ANCIENT ORIENTALS, AND CHINA'S ARTISANS THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES HAVE CONTINUED TO PRODUCE OBJECTS DECORATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL IN CHARACTER. JADE ORNAMENTS, WORN ON THE PERSON BRING GOOD HEALTH, BUT IF THEY TURN DULL OR SHOULD BREAK, THE WEARER WILL MEET WITH MISFORTUNE.

WHEN THERE IS AN IMPORTANT THING TO BE DONE, CHINESE WILL HOLD A PIECE OF JADE IN THE HAND AND RUB IT. THAT PROCEDURE IS BY NO MEANS CONFINED TO THE CHINESE, OF COURSE; AND IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD THE POTENCY OF THE JADE CHARM OR ORNAMENT TO PROTECT FROM EVIL AND MISFORTUNE IS A MATTER OF BELIEF AMAZINGLY DISSEMINATED.

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DAILY: 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.  
EVENING: 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY: 1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

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