THE GOD OF COMPASSION

The Bodhisatva Avalokiteśvara, the most popular deity of China, seated cross-legged on a lotus base, holding the ends of lotus stalks in both his hands, buds and foliage being close to his arms. A book and a holy-water flask rest on the lotuses atop. The image of his spiritual father Amitābha is represented in his coronet, both in front and back. Gold-lacquered bronze, face painted in colors.

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