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Conventions

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Key passages from the original sources are provided in Chinese characters without pinyin romanization.

Introduction

XUN LIU AND VINCENT GOOSSAERT

We dedicate the present volume to the memory of Monica Esposito (1962-2011), a dear friend and well-respected colleague of our community. The sad news of Monica's passing in Kyoto reached us just as we were completing the editing of the present volume for final submission to the press in March 2011. In our fast-expanding field of Quanzhen Daoist studies and Chinese religion over the last twenty years, Monica is one of the few leading figures whose scholarship written in Chinese, Japanese, English, Italian, and French not only covers various aspects of Daoist modern history but has also helped shape the scholarly discourse and debates in the field. She was a much respected and loved member of the group that met at a conference in Berkeley in the fall of 2007, and her paper at the conference helped advance and deepen our discussion and understanding of the various dimensions of Quanzhen Daoism and its connections to Chinese society. She worked diligently with us to bring forth this volume to readers. Thus, on this happy occasion of its publication, it is only fitting and proper that we as coeditors and authors honor in loving memory Monica Esposito.

Quanzhen Daoism appeared around 1170 in North China under the Jürchen Jin 金 empire (1115–1234), as one among a number of new Daoist movements founded by charismatic leaders teaching self-cultivation techniques, healing arts, and other rituals.¹ The Quanzhen was founded by Wang Zhe 王嚞 (*hao* Chongyang 重陽; 1113–1170), but the movement gained rapid development and expansion under the leadership of his disciples, notably Qiu Chuji 邱處機 (*hao* Changchun 長春; 1148–1227), who reorganized it into a centralized ascetic order with himself as patriarch.

¹ Good introductions to the early history of Quanzhen include Chen Yuan, *Nan Song chu Hebei xin Daojiao kao*; Goossaert and Katz, "Special Section"; Komjathy, *Cultivating Perfection*; Marsone, "Accounts."

It was recognized as an independent order both by the state and by other Daoists. Quanzhen rose to fame when the Mongol emperor Genghis Khan summoned Qiu for an audience in 1223 and granted him extensive privileges and a leading role in supervising Daoist affairs in North China. Ever since, Qiu has been hailed for his successful plea for the Mongol emperor to stop the alleged slaughter of millions of Chinese living in North China; so were his disciples for attenuating the impact of the Mongol invasion and safeguarding Chinese culture in the traumatic decades of the Mongol conquest of North China in the early thirteenth century. Under the leadership of Qiu and his successors, Quanzhen built up a large network composed of major monasteries that served as training centers and thousands of smaller temples throughout the region. This network later expanded to South China during the thirteenth century. During the Jin and Yuan periods (1260-1368), except for a few setbacks, the newly established Quanzhen Daoism not only developed close ties with the Jürchen and Mongol courts, but its extensive monastic network also became intimately woven into the fabric of the Jin and Yuan societies, patronized by both the elite and the commoners.² To this day, it remains a nationwide religious institution, even though its presence is unevenly distributed throughout China.

Official recognition of Quanzhen Daoism, and a distinction between the Quanzhen and Zhengvi Daoist orders, continued to be sanctioned under the governments of the Ming, the Qing, the Republic, and the People's Republic. Its fortunes waned and waxed under the various regimes. During the Ming, Quanzhen institutions were largely under Zhengyi supervision, but they did maintain their distinct network of temples and lineages in discrete places where they continued to be part of the social and cultural landscape, attracting royal patrons, literati clients, and commoners as their followers (as shown in the chapters by Richard Wang and Paul van Enckevort herein). Beginning around the middle of the seventeenth century, Quanzhen underwent a process of revival (and, arguably, reinvention) and built a new independent network of large monasteries and small temples. Throughout the Qing, this network of temples constituted a significant component of the Chinese religious, social, and cultural landscape. During the turbulent political and social upheavals of the twentieth century, Quanzhen Daoism, together with Zhengyi Daoist organizations, had to adapt to the new challenges of the times. With the Zhengyi Daoists, Quanzhen Daoists evolved to form national Daoist organizations, culminating in the establishment of the Daojiao xiehui 道教協會, the National

² Yao Tao-chung, "Ch'üan-chen"; Zheng Suchun, *Quanzhenjiao*; Yao Congwu, "Yuan Qiu Chuji nianpu"; Hachiya Kunio, *Kin-Gen jidai no dōkyō*; Goossaert, "La création du taoïsme moderne."

ONE

Quanzhen, What Quanzhen?

Late Imperial Daoist Clerical Identities in Lay Perspective

VINCENT GOOSSAERT

Virtually all studies on late imperial and modern Daoism (including mine¹) begin with a blanket statement that Daoists were divided between two orders (or schools, or sects),² namely, Quanzhen \pm and Zhengyi \mathbb{E} $-/\mathbb{Z}$. But were they?

There is no denying that the Quanzhen and Zhengyi institutions—primarily ordination systems—were very real and important. If we work, as scholars of Daoism usually do, with internal sources, that is, books written by Quanzhen or Zhengyi Daoists to describe or prescribe themselves, then the bipartition is plainly in evidence. But, how would a late imperial layperson have described Daoism? Would s/he have begun with that bipartition? Would s/he have deemed it important? Would s/he have even been aware of it? This chapter questions the importance and relevance of the category "Quanzhen" for those late imperial (focusing on the mid and late Qing) persons who were not Daoists but dealt with Daoists, as

¹ See, e.g., Goossaert, "Quanzhen Clergy," for a description of Quanzhen clerical identity primarily based on internal (Daoist) sources.

² I favor "order" as a way to translate Quanzhen Daoists' understanding of Quanzhen, but I keep the cumbersome "order/sect/school" phrasing here so as to leave the meaning of the Quanzhen category totally open for interpretation.

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TWO

The Invention of a Quanzhen Canon

The Wondrous Fate of the Daozang jiyao

MONICA ESPOSITO⁺

While working in these recent years on an international project about the *Daozang jiyao* 道藏輯要, or *Essentials of the Daoist Canon*, I was struck to see how scholars of the past and present have constructed theories about this last "Daoist Canon" of the Qing dynasty (Jiaqing era, 1796–1820).¹ Interestingly, these theories are mostly unsupported by available textual materials. The *Daozang jiyao* lends itself to multiple interpretations, but even basic data are disputed. Today, scholars are still confused about its editorship, the number of its editions, and the texts this collection contains.² Recently the *Daozang jiyao* has also acquired a specific identity as a "Quanzhen Canon," but this is only the last phase of what I call its "wondrous fate."

¹ This study has been done in the framework of the Daozang Jiyao Project (www.daozangjiyao.org) supported by the CCKF (Chiang-Ching Kuo Foundation, Taiwan) and Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). An abridged and simplified version of this study was published in Chinese: Esposito, "Yibu Quanzhen Daozang." I am grateful to Susan Naquin and Raoul Birnbaum, both discussants at the 2007 conference in Berkeley, for having pointed out the necessity of defining the term "canon" for the *Daozang jiyao*, and to Terry Kleeman for his comments on my paper recognizing that it was the first time that the continuity of the Quanzhen identity was questioned in the domain of modern Quanzhen studies. My thanks also go to Xun Liu for his precious comments and suggestions in editing this chapter, to Vincent Goossaert for his help in refining it, and to my husband Urs App for reading earlier drafts of it and making me aware of the studies of Robert Sharf and William Bodiford on Japanese Zen lineages that offer interesting parallels with Quanzhen history and its identity.

² See Esposito, "Daozang jiyao ji qi bianzuan de lishi." Thanks to the permission of Professor Liao Hongchang 廖宏昌, this paper is available on the website of the Daozang Jiyao Project.

THREE

A Late Qing Blossoming of the Seven Lotus

Hagiographic Novels about the Qizhen 七真

VINCENT DURAND-DASTÈS

Quanzhen 全真 teachings have played a significant role in the history of Chinese vernacular novels, or *tongsu xiaoshuo* 通俗小說. The most illustrious example is the importance of Quanzhen themes in the sixteenth-century masterwork *Xiyouji* 西遊記,¹ long attributed to Quanzhen Patriarch Qiu Changchun 丘長春 himself,² and later even commentated as a Quanzhen scripture by Qing dynasty Daoists such as Liu Yiming 劉一明 (1734-ca. 1820).³ Besides, Quanzhen Daoists, as studied by Vincent Goossaert in this volume, are alluded to, or directly appear, in a significant number of Ming and Qing vernacular novels. However, Wang Chongyang and his disciples, the Qizhen 七真, or "Seven Perfected," hardly appeared as a group until late in the history of vernacular literature. Though it cannot be ruled out that a Ming novella about them existed, it was only at the end of the Qing dynasty that the Qizhen were chosen as the subject of several extant vernacular hagiographies.

This chapter will focus on the late Qing revival of vernacular hagiographies through hagiographic novels about Quanzhen's patriarchs. One common feature of these hagiographies is that they are not canonical texts: they often take some liberty with the scriptural "truth," and, in doing so, have sometimes stirred up anger within religious circles. However, as representatives of the *tongsu xiaoshuo* genre, with its long didactic tradition,

¹ Liu Ts'un-yan, "Quanzhenjiao he xiaoshuo *Xiyouji*." For recent readings of the *Xiyouji* as an inner alchemy (*neidan* 內舟) allegory, see Wang Guoguang, *Xiyouji bielun*; Wang Gang, "*Xiyouji*." For a good summary of the interpretation and reception of the *Xiyouji* throughout history, see Wang Ping, "Lun *Xiyouji* yuanzhi."

² Widmer, "Hsi-yu Cheng-tao shu."

³ Yu, "Liu I-Ming on How to Read the Hsi-yu chi."

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Globalizing Daoism at Huashan

Quanzhen Monks, Danwei Politics, and International Dream Trippers

DAVID A. PALMER

Introduction

What happens when groups of Western Daoists go back to the "roots" of Daoism in China and meet with "real" Chinese Daoists? Does the encounter change them? Does it change the Chinese Daoists? This chapter is part of a study of a moment in the globalization of Daoism: a moment in which, having expanded to the West through the emigration of masters, a Daoism adapted to Western values and culture returns to China, bringing the process full circle. This is the moment when Daoism becomes truly "global"—after its outward dissemination and acculturation in various countries, in which the link between the indigenous "root" and the foreign "seed" becomes increasingly tenuous with the passage of time and divergent trajectories in China and abroad, a new stage begins in which a more mature Westernized Daoism returns to China, not only to connect with its roots, but also to bring something new to its ancestral soil. How does the mother respond to her long-lost child, who returns with the assertiveness and brimming self-confidence of a grown youth?

This chapter is part of a joint research project conducted with Elijah Siegler—see Siegler and Palmer, *Dream Trippers*. In addition to Siegler's contributions ("Chinese Traditions"; "Back to the Pristine"; "Daoism beyond Modernity"), other essays compare the construction of sacred space by Chinese and American pilgrims and spiritual tourists to Huashan (Palmer, "Transnational Sacralities"), and the constructions of body, self, and subjectivity by Chinese and American meditators at the mountain (Palmer, "Care of the Self"). The financial support of the London School of Economics and Political Science and the French Centre for Research on Contemporary China is gratefully acknowledged. My thanks are extended to Michael Winn, Fan Guangchun, and Daoist Masters Hu, Hao and Wen (pseudonyms) for their invaluable collaboration with this project.

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Quanzhen and Longmen Identities in the Works of Wu Shouyang

PAUL G. G. VAN ENCKEVORT

The best known Quanzhen author of the end of the Ming dynasty is Wu Shouyang 伍守陽 (1574–1644?; *hao* Chongxuzi 沖虛子, "Master Who Pervades the Void"), who explicitly claimed to be a lineage holder of the Longmen branch of Quanzhen. Wu's importance can be seen from the continuous republications of his works up to today and their inclusion in the *Daozang jiyao* 道藏輯要 and many other collectanea. Yet, although he is often quoted as an influential Quanzhen writer on self-cultivation theory, his identity as a "Quanzhen Daoist" has not been much explored. In this chapter, I will make use of the writings by him and attributed to him to explore how Daoist identity and Quanzhen identity are defined, used, and appropriated in various social and intellectual contexts.

Specifically, in this chapter I will examine how the Longmen branch and the Quanzhen tradition are represented in Wu's writings. In the first part, we will look at how Wu uses the various names for the Quanzhen tradition—"Quanzhen 全真," "Northern lineage" (Beizong 北宗), and "Golden Lotus orthodox lineage" (Jinlian zhengzong 金蓮正宗)—as well as how he uses the name "Longmen 龍門." In the second part, we will look at how Wu presents the early figures of the Quanzhen school in his works by examining some passages that concern Wang Chongyang 王重 陽 (1113–1170) and Qiu Changchun 邱長春 (1148–1227). In the third part, we will look at some passages in Wu's works that discuss various aspects

This chapter presents part of my Ph.D. research project on Wu Shouyang and his legacy that is being conducted at the Leiden Institute of Area Studies under the guidance of Barend ter Haar. I thank Vincent Goossaert and Xun Liu for their many useful comments on earlier drafts of this chapter.

Being Local through Ritual

Quanzhen Appropriation of Zhengyi Liturgy in the Chongkan Daozang jiyao

MORI YURIA

When I visited the Qingyanggong 青羊宮 in Chengdu, Sichuan, in the autumn of 2005, I found three Daoist ritual manuals that I had never seen before: namely, the *Yayiji* 雅宜集, the *Xinxiang miaoyu* 心香妙語, and the *Lingbao wenjian* 靈寶文檢. These three ritual manuals were compiled by Quanzhen Daoists living in western Sichuan during the Qing dynasty (1644–1911). To my surprise, on the central column of each page there were Chinese characters standing for the title of the *Daozang jiyao* 道藏輯 要. It is well known that the Qingyanggong preserved the recarved printing blocks of the famed Qing Daoist collection at the Erxian'an 二仙菴 (a temple adjoining the Qingyanggong) before the Cultural Revolution. However, these three books are not included in the widely circulated version of the *Chongkan Daozang jiyao* 重刊道藏輯要 published by Xinwenfeng Press in 1986, nor recorded in the *Catalogue of the Newly Added Daoist Scriptures in the* Daozang jiyao (*Daozang jiyao xinzeng Daojing mulu* 道藏輯 要新增道經目錄) compiled by Weng Dujian 翁獨建.¹

Another surprising aspect of these three manuals is that they contain various documents related to ritual services for local communities. If we employ the Quanzhen $\pm \frac{1}{Z}$ /Zhengyi \mathbb{E}^{-} division, we might be able to

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¹ On the extra books added to the *Chongkan Daozang jiyao*, see also Zhao Zongcheng, "*Daozang jiyao* de bianzuan." The three ritual manuals are also not in his list of the books newly included in the *Chongkan Daozang jiyao* (pp. 462–463). Although he does not refer to our three books, he admits (p. 462, n. 1) that we cannot regard his list of titles as comprehensive because there is a difference between the number of books recorded in He Longxiang's *Catalogue of the Extra Books* and those recorded in the table of contents of the *zhengwen* $\mathbb{E}\chi$ of the *Chongkan Daozang jiyao*. The finding at the Qingyanggong proves that Zhao's observation was correct.

SEVEN

Quanzhen Daoism and Ritual Medicine:

A Study of "Thirteen Sections of Zhuyou Medicine from the Yellow Emperor Inscription"

FANG LING

Scholarship on Chinese medicine and Daoism has long recognized the close relationship between the two and the importance accorded by Daoists to medical practice, but it still suffers from misunderstanding and even prejudice. Many scholars continue to believe that *zhuyou* 祝由, the ritual practice of using talismans, incantations, and exorcistic rites to "conjure away the cause of illness," is the preserve of Zhengyi Daoists, whereas Quanzhen Daoists devoted themselves entirely to self-cultivation and only used drugs and inner alchemical methods in healing. Yet, it seems unlikely that the two Daoist orders' approaches to medical treatment can be so different. Although some scholars have drawn attention to how Yuan-period Quanzhen Daoists treated illnesses with ritual means, including conducting large *zhai* 齋 retreats and *jiao* 醮 communal rituals, and administering talismanic water (*fushui* 符水) to patients,¹ we still lack a comprehensive study on Quanzhen Daoist ritual medical practices. To what extent do Quanzhen Daoists use ritual healing, and *zhuyou* rites in particular?

This chapter analyzes the basic, and hitherto unstudied, manual for *zhuyou* healing: "Thirteen Sections of *Zhuyou* Medicine from the Yellow Emperor Inscription" ("Xuanyuan beiji yixue zhuyou shisanke 軒轅碑記 醫學祝由十三科"; hereafter "Thirteen Sections"), which is still circulated and used in modern times. I will show that this important text was disseminated by Quanzhen Daoists. Then, drawing on other sources such as stele inscriptions and Daoist genealogies, I will sketch out the use of

A version of this chapter was published as Fang Ling, "Quanzhendao yu Zhuyou."

¹ Zheng Suchun, *Quanzhenjiao yu Da Mengguguo dishi*, 101–104; Gai Jianmin, "Quanzhendao," 461–462.

EIGHT

A Local Longmen Lineage in Late Ming– Early Qing Yunnan

RICHARD G. WANG

Recent study of Ming-Qing Daoism has questioned the genealogies of the so-called Longmen orthodox lineage (Longmen zhengzong 龍門正宗) centered on the White Cloud Monastery (Baiyun Temple) in Beijing as described in such major Qing Daoist sources of Longmen history as the *Jin'gai xindeng* 金蓋心燈 (Transmission of the mind-lamp from Mount Jin'gai; 1821, rpt. 1876).¹ Traditional views hold that the Longmen lineage traces its origin to Qiu Chuji 丘處機 (1148–1227) and his disciple Zhao Daojian 趙道堅 (1163–1221). Monica Esposito has convincingly shown that the Longmen "orthodox lineage" was certainly created a posteriori at the end of the Ming.² In the late Ming, however, there emerged a movement in which there were "only some masters who claimed to be 'disciples of Qiu Chuji," and they already had a lineage name based on a "lineage verse" (*paishi* 派詩).³ Many other scholars have already shown that, outside the "Longmen orthodox lineage" established in the early Qing at the

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¹ On this issue, see Esposito, "The Longmen School," 621–698; Mori, "Zenshinkyō," 180–211; Zeng Zhaonan, "Longmenpai," 200–201; Wang Zhizhong, *Ming Qing Quanzhenjiao lungao*, 4–5, 72–73.

² Esposito, "The Longmen School," 622, 628, 640, 654, 657, 660, 671–674; "Daoism in the Qing," 628. See also de Bruyn, "Daoism in the Ming," 612; Zeng Zhaonan, "Longmenpai," 202; Chen Yaoting, "Quanzhen jiaopai," 11.

³ The late Ming Daoist Wu Shouyang was among the first to cite a genealogy poem connected to the Qiu Chuji school of Quanzhen Daoism. The genealogy poem runs, "Dao de tong xuan jing, zhen chang shou tai qing, yi yang lai fu ben, he jiao yong yuan ming 道德 通玄靜, 真常守太清, 一陽來復本, 合教永圓明." See Wu Shouyang, *Tianxian zhengli zhilun zengzhu*, 52a. For scholarly discussion of the formation of the Longmen genealogy, see also Esposito, "The Longmen School," 657, and Paul van Enckevort's chapter in this volume.

NINE

Quanzhen Daoism Proliferates Learning

The Xuanmiao Temple, Clerical Activism, and the Modern Reforms in Nanyang, 1880s–1940s

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As an important epicenter of Quanzhen Daoism, a crucial node of the Zhenwu pilgrimage circuits, and a major trade and distribution center on the upper Han River and in southwestern Henan, the city of Nanyang attracted merchants, pilgrims, and Daoist itinerants throughout the Ming and Qing periods. From the early eighteenth century onward, the Xuanmiao Temple, with the glistening yellow tiles of its soaring Shrine of the Dipper Mother (Doumuge 斗姆閣), was the city's most eye-catching landmark, along with the imposing Princely Mansion Mount (Wangfushan \pm 府山) built during the early fifteenth century by the Ming prince Zhu Jing 朱桱 (1388–1415) with the expensive Lake Tai lime rock in the center of the old city. Located just outside the city's northern wall (see figs. 1–4), the temple was first built during the Yuan period on the site of an old shrine in honor of Lord Laozi (Laojunmiao 老君廟) allegedly with roots dating back to the Han era. Towering above the massive city wall, the Daoist shrine and the surrounding monastic buildings could be seen from miles away on clear days. In 1906, the Daoist temple saw another impressive addition: an imposing gate tower erected at the entrance to the monastic compound.

The magnificent gate tower (*pailou* 牌樓) consisted of a large roofed tower framed by massive wooden posts buttressed by four sets of large foundation stones carved with images of dragons and phoenixes. The center plaque displayed the name of the monastery, "Xuanmiaoguan 玄妙觀," composed beautifully by Zhu Midi 朱彌鍗 (?-1523), the Ming prince in the famous Guan-ge style (*guange ti* 館閣體).¹ Below the center plaque was

¹ The original monastic name of "Xuanmiaoguan玄妙觀" was adopted at the founding

Temple and Household Daoists

Notes from North China

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In my recent book, *In Search of the Folk Daoists of North China*, I outline some types of Daoist ritual specialists and the rituals they perform in rural North China in modern times, on the basis of both my own fieldwork since 1986 and reports by Chinese scholars, mainly for Hebei, Shanxi, Shaanxi, and Gansu.¹ This work is based on witnessing ritual in performance, but our interviews reference living memory, back to Maoist and pre-Communist eras; for all the dramatic social changes of these periods, our notes suggest basic continuity with the late imperial era.

Published material on Daoist ritual in modern times (still a minor part of Daoist studies) is dominated by reports from South China—notably south Fujian and Taiwan. Of course, both "north" and "south" are crude delineations; even the ritual practices of south Fujian are magnificently diverse, as the pioneering work of Lagerwey, Dean, and their Chinese colleagues shows. By contrast, the growing body of work on religious behavior in North China has mainly revealed more vernacular practices such as "hosting,"² and the activities of temple committees, spirit mediums, and performing arts groups. All this tends to support the cliché that North China is (or has become) almost a tabula rasa for Daoist ritual practice among the folk. However, I have come to expect to find Daoists wherever

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² Chau, Miraculous Response.

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Abbreviations

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CK: Chongkan Daozang jiyao 重刊道藏輯要.

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