

Coming of Age — Asian Art Museum Scavenger Hunt

Find the following works of art in the Asian Art Museum. Each work of art will show a being of some kind. Figure out whether that being is human or divine. If they are human, are they ordinary humans, or are they somehow divine? If they are gods or goddesses or deities, how divine are they? (Some gods and goddesses are a lot like humans, some deities are so divine we humans can barely know them.) Most of the works of art have labels that will tell you something about the beings shown in the art.

Rate each being on a “divinity scale,” from Completely Human through Perfect God/Goddess:

1/ Completely Human — 2 — 3/Divine Human — 4 — 5/Human-like God/Goddess — 6 — 7/Perfect God/Goddess

Buddhism

___ Statue of Buddha from India

___ Statue of Buddha from China

___ A painting of Buddha

Where does Buddha fit on the divinity scale?

1/ Completely Human — 2 — 3/Divine Human — 4 — 5/Human-like God/Goddess — 6 — 7/Perfect God/Goddess

Jainism

___ Statue of a Jain Elder

Where do the Jain Elders fit on the divinity scale?

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Hinduism

___ A work of art showing Vishnu

Where does he fit on the divinity scale?

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___ A work of art showing Lakshmi

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___ A work of art showing Rama, the hero of the Ramayan

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___ A work of art showing Ganesha, the elephant-headed deity

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Sikhism

___ A work of art showing Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism

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Zoroastrianism

___ A work of art showing Ahura Mazda, the supreme deity

Where does Ahura Mazda fit on the divinity scale?

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Chinese religions

___ A work of art showing a female Chinese deity, such as the Moon Goddess or the Dipper Mother

Where does she fit on the divinity scale?

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___ A work of art showing the eight Taoist immortals

Where do they fit on the divinity scale?

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Islam

___ A Koran

Note that Islamic artists never make works of art showing Allah, the deity of Islam.

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But where would Allah fit on the divinity scale?

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Other religious traditions

___ A work of art showing a deity from the Philippines

Where does this deity fit on the divinity scale?

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