



the holy celestial palace of 5000 soaring dragons

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Assembled form curved wood-parts
embedded in a spiral, very big & rare.



10 太極 the "Tai chi"

"The Amalgam"; not chaos.
Represents "Genesis" of Chinese
mythology. Swirling as it divides into
the Yin and the Yang.

where to find: Ceiling of the main hall.



6 陽鐘 the "Yang bell"

Symbolizes the beginning.

Taoist temple bells are more flared than
Buddhist temple bells therefore have
more of a ring. Symbolizes the Yang as
the sound lingers.

where to find: East tower.



7 陰鼓 the "Yin drum"

Symbolizes the end.

A large bass drum. Absorbs the energy
of the pounding and sounds with a low
thump therefore symbolizes as the Yin.
Same with temple wood blocks.

where to find: West tower.



麒麟・童子 Qilin with tong zi

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- Qilin are auspicious beasts
of Chinese mythology. Body
of a deer and head of a dragon.

- Tong zi are hermit boys. Here with
medicinal gourd bottle.

where to find: front hall, east fresco.

carved from a single stone



8 九龍網 "Nine dragon web"

Nine is an auspicious number as
explained earlier in #3.

Symbolizes the expanse and the
reach of the Divine.

"Dragon ball", symbolizes the power
granted by gods. Dragons are not gods.

where to find: inner courtyard.