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TIBETAN SILVER, CORAL AND BROCADED SILK PENDANT 'DHARMACAKRA' 19TH CENTURY

A FINE TIBETAN SILVER, CORAL AND BROCADED SILK PENDANT 'DHARMACAKRA'

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SIZE: 30CM LONG – 11¾ INS LONG

SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO 4. ITEM NO.130, FOR ANOTHER TIBETAN DHARMACAKRA

LITERATURE

'THIS CENTER OF HEAVEN
THIS CORE OF EARTH
THIS HEART OF THE WORLD
FENCED AROUND BY SNOWY MOUNTAINS
THE HEADLAND OF ALL RIVERS
WHERE PEAKS ARE HIGH AND THE LAND IS PURE
A COUNTRY SO GOOD
WHERE MEN ARE BORN AS SAGES AND HEROES
AND ACT ACCORDING TO GOOD LAWS'
9TH CENTURY AD

HAVING THE 'GOOD LAWS' OF BUDDHISM AND PROTECTED BY THE WORLD'S TALLEST MOUNTAINS AND DRAWING ONLY WHAT THEY NEEDED FROM THE NEIGHBOURING CIVILISATIONS OF INDIA & CHINA, THE TIBETANS DEVELOPED A UNIQUE SOCIETY, PHILOSOPHY AND ART WHICH HAVE LONG INSPIRED FASCINATION AND DEEP RESPECT.

THIS DHARNACAKRA IS MADE OF HAND-HAMMERED SILVER AND DECORATED WITH THE FACE OF A DHARNAPALA, A FIERCE PROTECTOR OF THE BUDDHIST FAITH. THESE PENDANT JEWELS ARE SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATIONS OF THE BUDDHA AND HIS DOCTRINE AND ARE OFTEN PRESENTED TO AN IANA, A TEACHER OR SPIRITUAL GUIDE FROM A STUDENT WHO WISHES TO APPLY FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

