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OLD CRACKS TO PANELS

QING DYNASTY – 18TH CENTURY

SIZE: 9.5CM HIGH, 9CM WIDE – 3¾ INS HIGH, 3 INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THE PEOPLE OF ANCIENT CHINA WERE FOND OF MAKING LOVE. THEY SAW IT AS A WAY OF HARMONISING THE ENERGIES OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND THUS OF CONTINUING NATURE'S CYCLE OF CREATION. SO LOVE BECAME AN ART, THE ART OF LIVING, AND VERY EARLY ON CHINESE TREATISES APPEARED IN WHICH SEXUAL POSITIONS AND TECHNIQUES WERE DESCRIBED IN PRACTICAL TERMS AND WITH A WEALTH OF DETAIL. IT WAS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF CHINESE RELIGION AND THE TAOISTS COMBINED SEXUAL PRACTICES WITH THEIR TECHNIQUES OF MEDITATION.