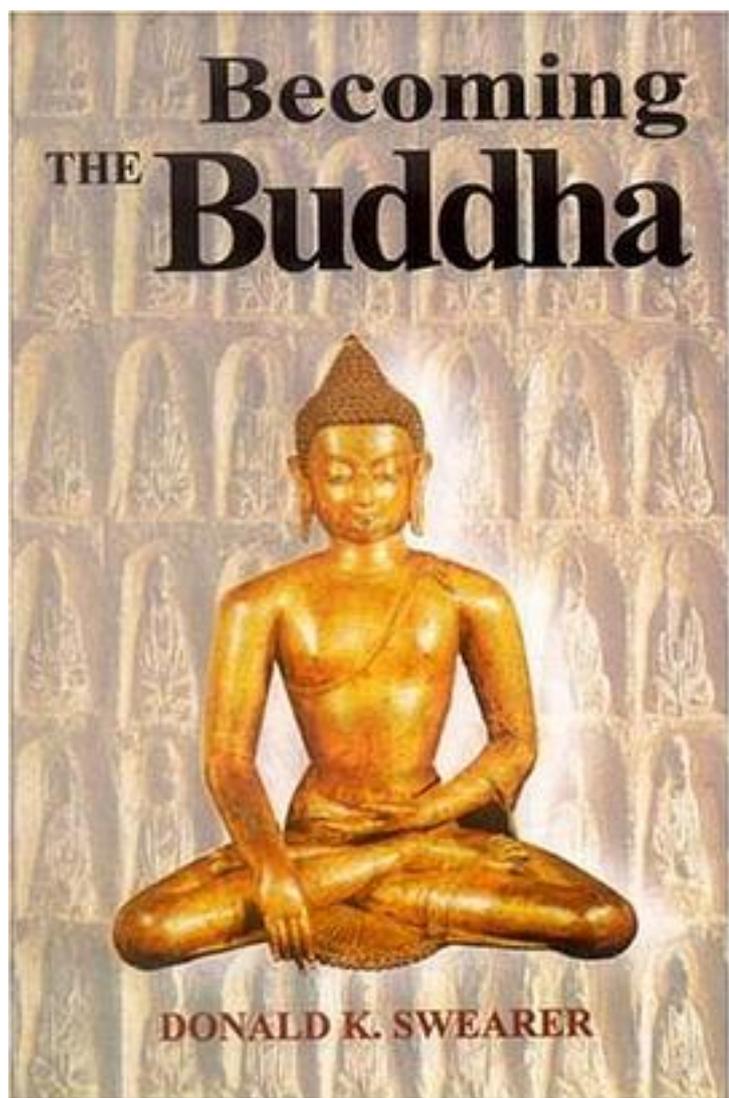


Becoming the Buddha



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Becoming the Buddha is the first book-length study of a key ritual of Buddhist practice in Asia: the consecration of a Buddha image or "new Buddha," a ceremony by which the Buddha becomes present or alive. Through a richly detailed, accessible exploration of this ritual in northern Thailand, an exploration that stands apart from standard text-based or anthropological approaches, Donald Swearer makes a major contribution to our understanding of the Buddha image, its role in Buddhist devotional life, and its relationship to the veneration of Buddha relics. Blending ethnography, analysis, and Buddhist texts related to this mimetic reenactment of the night of the Buddha's enlightenment, he demonstrates that the image becomes the Buddha's surrogate by being invested with the Buddha's story and charged with the extraordinary power of Buddhahood. The process by which this transformation occurs through chant, sermon, meditation, and the presence of charismatic monks is at the heart of this book.

Known as "opening the eyes of the Buddha," image consecration traditions throughout Buddhist Asia share much in common. Within the cultural context of northern Thailand, *Becoming the Buddha* illuminates scriptural accounts of the making of the first Buddha image; looks at debates over the ritual's historical origin, at Buddhological insights achieved, and at the hermeneutics of absence and presence; and provides a thematic comparison of several Buddhist traditions.

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评论

作者其实还是经文本位的，有一些仪式的描写和分析会被用到，也很有意思；比较Gombrich的斯里兰卡研究，估计我的写作重点还是要放在“护身符”和relic的关系上

东南亚佛像研究必读之书（地位约等于集前人之大成的里程碑）。虽然以对泰北的consecration ritual的田野研究作为论述主题，但事实上整本书花费了大量笔墨在文本翻译、解析以及理论探讨上。

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书评

“成佛”，很有意思的題目，不過發現是講佛教開光儀式的。書倒不怎麼樣，不過引發很多關於方法的討論。 | A Danger of Interpretation The central purpose of Buddha image consecration ritual is to “actualize the presence of the Buddha”. Before addressing the mo...

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