

The opposite page shows the first hall of judgment. The King is called Tsing Kwang Mang. His office is to govern the affairs of life & death, virtue & vice. His throne is said to be in the middle of the Great Ocean. Good men appearing before him are rewarded by being returned to life with honours & felicity. Bad men are conveyed from his judgment - hall to the second hall to receive punishment. In this hall a large mirror is placed wherein the departed spirit may see the evil of its former life reflected. It is here depicted as having been guilty of slaying men, in token of this being regarded as one of the greatest of crimes. -



This record bill of judgment is presided over by  
Joo-Kang Wang, whose office is situated in Kades, below  
the great Southern Sea. It contains a brazen pillar &  
an icy pond, and other places for the infliction of cruel  
punishments.



This third hell is presided over by Soong-Te-Wang. He  
rules in Hades beneath the Great South-East Sea. His  
punishments consist in making his victims blind, laying  
on the Cangue, a wooden board on the back &c. —



This fourth hall is governed by Moo-Kwan-Loang. He rules in Hades under the Great-East-Sea. His punishments consist in grinding a pounding his victims, weighing their merits, drowning &c.



The fifth Hell is presided over by Yeh. do. Wang. He sits  
-down in Hades under the North East great Sea. The punishments  
here inflicted consist of a furnace of oil, cutting of the body  
in twain &c. At the right of the temple there is an observatory,  
whence the departed spirit may see the soil of his previous life.



The sixth hall is presided over by <sup>Pien</sup>~~Wan~~-ching-Mang, who reigns  
in Hades directly under the Great-North-Star. He inflicts constraint in grinding & flaying the body &c. Luan-  
-yin Poo-sah appears in the corner for the deliverance of  
the sufferers she is said to ~~pour~~<sup>sprinkle</sup> clean water upon them,  
which relieves them <sup>of pain</sup>, alike in this world & the next.



The seventh Hall is governed by Pai-Shan-Wang, who rules  
in Kadsu under the North Great Sea. He punishes the  
of him cruel in dividing the tongue, disembowelling &c.



The eighth hell is ruled by Ping-tung-Kang, who rules in  
Hades under the Great Western Ocean. He inflicts punishments  
such as <sup>being</sup> eaten by dogs, being placed on the hill of knives, being  
stabbed by a three-pronged helmet &c.



The South Hall is governed by Eos-the-Mary King situated in  
Heaven under the South-Door. His punishments consist  
of the hill of fire, sawing &c.



The tenth Hall is ruled by Chuan-lun-Mang. He governs the Eastern World. In front of the Hall there are golden bridges of gold, silver, gems, stone, wood & other fragile material, to afford means of transit for the departed spirit into the other world. There is an old woman called Mang-Po, who gives to the spirit in course of transition the cup of oblivion, by which he is made to forget the events of his previous state, and passes on in the line of transmigration - some to a higher & some to a lower stage in the scale of being.

