

Butsugen Butsumo zo (Image of Butsugen Butsumo)

Butsugen Butsumo (Sanskrit: Buddhalocana) is a bodhisattva regarded as the mother of all Buddhas past, present, and future. She is depicted sitting on a lotus, wearing a white robe and lion-head crown. At the top is a poem written by Myoe (1173–1232). Myoe, who lost his parents when he was a boy, came to think of Butsugen Butsumo as a mother figure. At the age of 24, kneeling before an image of Butsugen Butsumo, he cut off part of his right ear in a display of devotion to Buddhist teachings.