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<http://www.godchecker.com/pantheon/chinese-mythology.php?deity=LAN-CAIHE>

Also known as LAN-CAI-HE, LAN-ZAIHE, LAN-T'SAI-HO

LAN-CAIHE: One of the EIGHT-IMMORTALS. As eccentric as they come, he's a total oddball.

LAN-CAIHE was originally a busker, beggar and herb seller. He was also very effeminate, and usually drunk. (He or she may even have been a female transvestite.)

His or her fortune changed dramatically after helping a beggar (whom rumor suggests may have been LI-TIEGUAL in disguise). LAN-CAIHE washed his boils and sores, nursed the crippled beggar back to health, and was rewarded with immortality.

With a bizarre dress sense, LAN-CAIHE wears only one boot, and a belt made of wood. In the summer he wraps up warm with a thick coat, but this is discarded in the winter in preference for sleeping semi-naked in the snow.

This all begins to make sense when you realise he (or she) is the patron deity of the impoverished.

Cool

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Posted by [Bladedancer](#) on Mon, 22 May 2006 13:03:09 GMT

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Yeah, the Eight Immortals are very cool. They are not the only Immortals, but they are very active. They also happen to be the Trans Immortal as well, hence the obvious reason for being included in the Chou stories. More Taosim and stuff is in the works. To the Mountain has a lot of it.

Godchecker is a good site. A nice friendly source for all things diety.
