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SOLD - Large Side Table with Wan Carving

SHANXI PROVINCE, LATE C19TH/EARLY C20TH

DIMENSIONS: W:224.5 D:41 H:91.5 (cm)

REFERENCE: T302

With its classical presence, this altar table adapts well to modern interiors. An unusual feature is the auspicious swastika "wan" carvings which in Buddhist society represents the footprint of the Buddha.

Complementing the wan are the fortuitous ruyi sceptre carvings. The wan are carved, almost hidden, on the panels between the legs, while the wish fulfilling ruyi is a larger, more dramatic panel carving.

An apron is decorated with large carved fortuitous cloud spandrels with scalloped beaded edges, creating great elegance while supporting the fine single plank surface. Further decoration is present in the everted flanges and finely carved mouldings on the front legs. Traces of original lacquer are evident.

This style of table, with everted flanges and carved side panels, is also known as an "altar table" used in households for ancestor worship; this name can be misleading as these tables were usually multifunctional and used additionally for non religious purposes. The form of table can be traced to some of China's earliest extant furniture, with the upturned or everted ends similar to those of ritual offering tables dating to the Zhou Dynasty (1046-256 BC).

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