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The Landscapes of Chou Cheng Spiritual Vitality in Painting

Landscape painting is the object of Chou Ch'eng's obsession. This is related to the process of his upbringing. As a child he used to be a naughty boy at the foot of mountains and among streams. Later he often accompanied his father traversing hill and dale in search of coal. As an adult he roamed the mountains without cease and established a sort of contact with the spirits of the mountains. Hence we can say, 'He has hills and valleys in his breast' (something traditionally said of masters of landscape painting.)

When talking of his passion for landscapes, Chou Ch'eng would mention that it was his highschool art teacher, Mr. Yang Ch'ien-chung, who initiated him in its finer appreciation. He was further encouraged by his teacher of Chinese classical literature, Mr. Chiang Chaosheng, who appreciated him and enabled him to plunge into the field of guo hua, Chinese traditional painting. Later, he entered National Normal University, and became an official disciple of Mr. Chiang's 'Ling-ou kuan'. He took the tzu Ch'un-po and spent most of his time with his teacher, and was treated as a member of the Chiang family.

Chiang Chao-sheng was strict and demanding as a teacher. He stressed the importance of Chinese studies, was generous and proper toward people, resolute and straightforward in dealing with affairs, and thoroughly attentive in his teaching. Everytime Ch'un-po heard Master Chiang admonish, 'You're painting too fast!' he would start a painting all over again. In this way, he made great advances in his painting.

Looking at Ch'un-po's painting today, there is warmth and moisture in the surfaces; the painting is elegant, bright, pure and unfettered; mountain ranges interlock. His brushwork is clean and abbreviated, resembling that on bronzes and ancient stone stelae. It is of a rare quality. The reasons for this may be listed below:

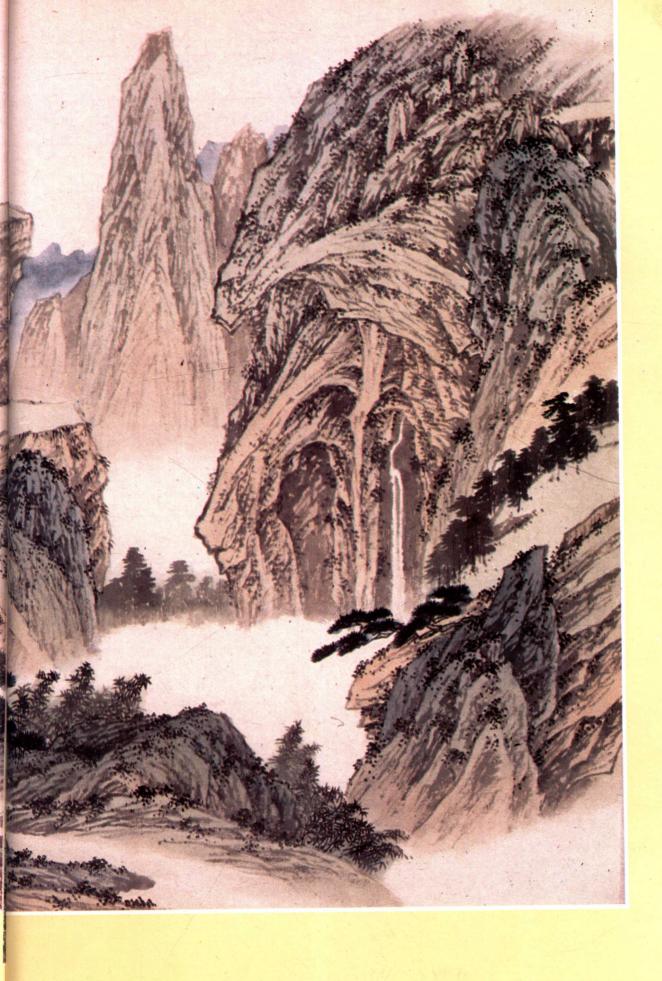
1. Orderly copying process. He began copying the ancients from the more recent, Ming masters (chiefly Shen

Chou, Wen Cheng-ming, T'ang Yin), and progressed toward Yuan masters (especially Wu Chen and Huang Kung-wang), and then onto the Sung masters (mostly Fan K'uan). As for masters of the late-Ming, the Ch'ing and present eras, he closely followed Shih-t'ao, Shi-ch'i, and the contemporary master Huang Chun-pi.

- 2. Access to famous masters. He had access to the paintings and calligraphies in the National Palace Museum and to the less readily visible ancient treasures of the Paiyun-t'ang collection of Kung-chün-weng. He grapsed the spirit of empirical practice in life-drawing from the master of bird-and-flower painting, Lin Yü-shan. He gleaned the cultivation in traditional scholarship of the master of the Hsiang-po-lou collection, Ma Chin-feng.
- 3. Effective nurturing of traditions. He learned to be able to read the ancient books assigned by Master Chiang Chao-sheng, loved to roam in the countryside, profoundly knew that 'guidelines in literature are those in painting'. He understands the 'visage of mountains', 'method (of rendering) trees', loves 'cloudy woods', distinguishes between 'smoke' and 'vapour', understands the 'emotions of willows', the 'nature of bamboo', and excelles in the 'writing of inscriptions'.
- 4. Attainment in techniques. With over twenty years' immersion, he has mastered 'brush techniques', 'ink wash', 'fine detailed scenery', establishing himself as one who has 'prodigious craft up his sleeve.'

Emotion saturates Ch'un-po's brushwork, fills his compositions and stirs the heart of viewers. His work is not hampered by antiquity, it is pure, beautiful, elegant and refined, with a quiet and joyful air, and exudes a particular flavour of 'literati painting'. Other than painting 'mountains' and 'waters', he also renders the 'character of mountains'. The so-called 'pure mountains, bright waters, calm breezes and beautiful sun' all emerge from his paintings. He often says landscape paintings are filled with spirit, and don't lose to the spirit of mountains.

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