

with a good-sized courtyard surrounding it, the outer walls of which are decorated with hideous, ill-executed frescoes of the various punishments in the Buddhist Hell, differing very little in character from those one so often sees depicted in Roman Catholic



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churches in Italy. The deepest and hottest hell, with the most gruesome fiends to poke the fire, is reserved for those who rob a Buddhist priest or plunder a Buddhist temple. The great relic, which is two inches long and one inch thick, is preserved in a gold and jewelled shrine, covered by a large silver bell in the centre of an octagonal tower with pointed roof.