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Wu-t'ai Shan 五臺
山 during the Early ChinDynasty 金
朝：The Testimony of Chu Pien 朱弁

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Summary

During the years 1127 to 1143, the Sung scholar, ambassador, and patriot Chu Pien 朱弁 (觀 如居士， d. 1144 — the great-uncle of Chu Hsi 朱熹) was held captive in Ta-t'ung 大同

by the Jurchen rulers of the Chin 金 Dynasty. Shortly before the end of his captivity he wrote an essay entitled T'ai-shan jui-ying chi 臺山瑞應記 in which he described and commented on a series of visions of Mañjuśrī witnessed at Wu-t'ai Shan by members of a Chin military force. Not long after this essay was written it was appended to the Hsu ch'ing-liang chuan 續清涼傳, Chang Shang-ying's 張商英 (號: 無盡居士 1043~1122) account of his miracle—filed pilgrimages to Wu-t'ai Shan some decades earlier (in 1088~1090). This article takes Chu Pien's essay as a focus for the discussion of two related topics:

First, the condition of Buddhism in the Wu-t'ai Shan region from the tenth century through the middle of the