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## To the memory of my parents

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#### Foreword

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風跡萬象,獨應無人之野;坐究八荒,不違天勵之藂。釋 迦垂跡之日,菩提臻之為極。自法傳東土,山水亦變玄音。 洪熙元年,歲在乙巳,釋寶成輯錄《釋氏源流》,刷板裝本 於南京;其鈎沉文字,出相四百,又熏好香十種,俾人凝玄 湛寂,於橫墨數尺間神思飛越。

然今日披圖幽對,目雖同應,心雖盤桓,而欲詳其原委, 序其本紀,洞達綢繆,周盡一體,不作臆必之論,則戛戛乎 其有三難:版本蕪亂,蕩滅徂落,補罅拾遺,條貫紆餘,一 難也;東海西海,書有留蹛,叩音寂寞,觸緒宣華,二難 也;挹其精神,漱其芬潤,示人以璞,施人無畏,三難也。

辛卯夏日,小雨初歇,天氣靜明,穗玲女士出示所撰釋氏源流考論,亟快讀一過。知其用力之穩,簡稽之深,俱思慮循通;宣贊風美,補助清化,其旨也。乃以罕傳鮮遇之本,萃而會之;雞林扶桑,圍於一書;落筆文簡義明,不尚奇華;唯在言期可用,有益他人,務裨學者,誠己欲立而立人,己欲達而達人之作也,亦西哲所謂"Character calls forth character"之意。至於議論沉潛,理入影跡,神侔化工,隨文而出,又豈論文而已矣;直見其雪封寒床,動心忍性,戒行精堅之志,未可概以論文繩之也。

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