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## "GOLDEN DRAGON" IMPERIAL SILK ROBE

**\$2,280**

c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Silk • Collection #BTA030

W: 34.0" D: 0.5" H: 41.0"

Exquisite embroidery creates a fantastical backdrop for the mystical dragons that adorn this 19th-century Chinese robe. Depicted with great detail and fancy, golden dragons twist and twirl their way across the garment, through a celestial realm of otherworldly swirls, ruyi-shaped clouds, and ribbon-clad scholars' objects. Each dragon soars towards an auspicious flaming pearl, a motif representing the pursuit of power, rank and success. Stitched against a field of pale yellow silk, the robe's gold, green and blue imagery represents the splendors of the heavenly realm. Continued...



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Created during the Qing Dynasty when rules on apparel were strictly followed, this lovely silk garment would have been immediately recognized as belonging to a person of great status and rank.

Robe has multiple areas with significant wear.

