

Vishnu & Garuda (Indonesia) 436#

ASHLEY BALDON

From lava, living earth
You were freed. Carved,
In sharp relief and majesty
You wield weapons
of man made strength
balanced by natures'
flower and shell.
Now the roughness of your skin
Is worn smooth by time.
But time does not belie
The power
of your shadowed eye...



CHRISTINE JORDAN

Seat of Power

Padmasana, legs
intertwined, easy
pose it's called,
but not for me.
From the foundation
of the *word*
Garuda survives
the fire, a kind of
Eastern Phoenix, fooled
by the Maidens into
giving up his power
way back when.

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