

Handwritten Japanese calligraphy in cursive style (sōsho) on a vertical strip of aged paper. The characters are arranged vertically from top to bottom: 天 (Amen), 下 (Shimo), 子 (Ko), 不 (Fu), 格 (Kaku), 也 (Ya). The text reads "天下一子不格也" (Tenka ichi ko fu kaku ya), which translates to "The world is one child, not a grade either." This is a famous quote from the Japanese novel "The Tale of Genji".



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