

# The Heavenly Man The Remarkable True Story Of Chinese Christian

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the history of the true jesus church a pentecostal church founded in beijing in 1917 reveals dynamic interaction between charismatic experience and organizational processes believers lived experiences provide grassroots perspective on developments in china s modern history including transnational exchange gender roles models for legitimate governance clandestine culture and church state relations

among the assumptions interrogated in this volume edited by anthony e clark is if christianity should most accurately be identified as chinese when it displays vestiges of chinese cultural aesthetics or whether chinese christianity is more indigenous when it is allowed to form its own theological framework in other words can theological uniqueness also function as a legitimate chinese christian cultural expression in the formation of its own ecclesial identity also central to what is explored in this book is how missionary influences consciously or unconsciously introduced seeds of independence into the cultural ethos of china s christian community chinese girls who pushed the limits of proper behaviour for example added to the larger sense of confidence as china s christians began to resist the model of christianity they had inherited from foreign missionaries contributors are robert e carbonneau cp christie chui shan chow amanda c r clark lydia gerber joseph w ho joseph tse hei lee audrey seah jean paul wiest and xiaoxin wu

overseas chinese christians in contemporary china explores how diasporic chinese understandings of what it means to be chinese are changing in post 1978 china ethnographically it focuses on overseas chinese christian business people residing in shanghai hyper mobile well educated and financially secure these elites adopt a long term view of their time in the country this study examines how these elites put christianity to work mediating their hopes fears and obligations in order to illuminate the ways in which this overseas chinese experience departs from existing academic models of diasporic chinese as either bridge builders or pragmatic capitalists by focusing on religion this study offers novel insights into how overseas chinese are making a place for themselves in a globalising china

what is the state of christianity in china some scholars say that china is invulnerable to religion in contrast others say that past efforts of missionaries have failed writing off those converted as nothing more than rice christians or cynical souls who had frequented the missions for the benefits they provided some wonder if the cultural revolution extinguished any chances of christianity in china rodney stark and xiuhua wang offer a different perspective arguing that christianity is alive well and on the rise stark approaches the topic from an extensive research background in christianity and chinese history and wang provides an inside look at christianity and its place in her home country of china both authors cover the history of religion in china disproving older theories concerning the number of christians and the kinds of christians that have emerged in the past 155 years stark and wang claim that when just considering the visible christians those not part of underground churches thousands of chinese are still converted to christianity daily and forty new churches are opening each week a star in the east draws on two major

national surveys to sketch a close up of religion in china a reliable estimate is that by 2007 there were approximately 60 million christians in china if the current growth rate were to hold until 2030 there would be more christians in china about 295 million than in any other nation this trend has significant implications not just for china but for the greater world order it is probable that chinese christianity will splinter into denominations likely leading to the same political social and economic ramifications seen in the west today whether you re new to studying christianity in china or whether this has been your area of interest for years a star in the east provides a reliable thought provoking and engaging account of the resilience of the christian faith in china and the implications it has for the future

christians in the city of hong kong tells the story of a multi faceted constantly evolving christianity in a vibrant metropolis that has always been china s gateway to the wider world having served in hong kong for over 25 years in contexts from prison ministry to theological education tobias brandner offers an interplay of local and global perspectives assessing the growth variation and present course of hong kong s diverse christian communities these range from spiritually progressive christians to conservative evangelicals and pentecostals christians at the grassroots and at the higher echelons of wealth and power social and educational ministries of christians and their impact on society and finally the important role of hong kong christians in their outreach to mainland china tracing how christianity has extended into all parts of society including arts politics and academia brandner presents key theological insights into the dynamics of a community at the cultural intersection of china and the west

this volume explores chinese christianity or chinese christianities in a variety of forms and expressions including those from outside the geopolitical boundaries of mainland china advancing a multi disciplinary approach to the study of chinese churches the essays collected here engage many historical sociological cultural and theological contingencies the collection includes historical discussions of the early 20th century encounters of protestant and catholic missionaries in china and the rise of christianity among malaysian chinese and british chinese communities essays examine the thinking of k h ting or ding guangxun often remembered for his leadership in the three self patriotic movement in the 1980s 90s by revisiting his earlier theology and approach to the bible in the 1930s 50s these retrospectives give way to contemporary explorations into how chinese churches negotiate their urban identities amidst the complexities of globalization in chengdu and shanghai as well as in vancouver canada taken as a whole this collection offers close examinations into various aspects of chinese christianity s complex picture helping readers to recognize the many shades and colors of the global chinese church

the church as safe haven conceptualizes the rise of chinese christianity as a new civilizational paradigm that encouraged individuals and communities to construct a sacred order for empowerment in modern china once christianity enrooted itself in chinese society as an indigenous religion local congregations acquired much autonomy which enabled new religious institutions to take charge of community governance our contributors draw on newly released archival sources as well as on fieldwork observations investigating what christianity meant to chinese believers how native actors built their churches and faith based associations within the pre existing social networks and how they appropriated christian resources in response to the fast changing world this book reconstructs the narratives of ordinary christians and places everyday faith experience at the center contributors are christie chui shan chow lydia gerber melissa inouye diana junio david jong hyuk kang lars peter laamann joseph tse hei lee george kam wah mak john r stanley r g tiedemann man shun yeung

this book details the great unreported story of the chinese giant its enormously rapid conversion to christianity and what this change means to the global balance of power

it has been widely recognized that christianity is the fastest growing religion in one of the last communist run countries of the world the people s republic of china yet it would be a mistake to describe chinese christianity as merely a clandestine faith or as hoped by the communist party of china a privatized religion alexander chow argues that christians in mainland china have been constructing a more intentional public theology to engage the chinese state and society since the end of the cultural revolution 1966 76 chinese public theology recalls the events which have led to this transformation and examines the developments of christianity across three generations of chinese intellectuals from the state sanctioned protestant church the secular academy and the growing urban renaissance in calvinism moreover chow shows how each of these generations have provided different theological responses to the same sociopolitical moments of the last three decades this study illustrates how a growing understanding of chinese public theology has been developed through a subconscious intermingling of christian and confucian understandings of public intellectualism these factors result in a contextually unique understanding of public theology but also one which is faced by contextual limitations as well with this in mind chow draws from the eastern orthodox doctrine of theosis and the chinese traditional teaching of the unity of heaven and humanity tian ren heyi to offer a way forward in the construction of a chinese public theology

salt and light presents the life stories of outstanding chinese christians who as early modernizers promoted china's nation building and moral progress in the early twentieth century lively anecdotes and photographs highlight the strong character of ten pioneers in the modern professions of education medicine journalism and diplomacy these professionals were motivated by faith to introduce practical social reforms and build up china's civil society they modeled and promoted virtues essential to social progress during the golden age of chinese protestantism their stories touch on themes important in today's global era patterns of cooperation between foreign and chinese partners the contributions to china of western educated professionals christianity's role in furthering east west understanding and exchanges and the transnational nature of modern chinese christianity the editors and authors articulate the importance of recovering china's christian heritage as part of world christianity

christianity first came to china by way of the silk road in the seventh century and ever since this great and enduring civilization in the heart of asia has been home to brothers and sisters of christ christians in china a d 600 to 2000 chronicles the lives of the chinese faithful who through the centuries have been both accepted and rejected by their own countrymen it explores the unique religious and political situations in which chinese christians catholic and protestant have struggled to live their faith and give witness to christ this major work covers each of the historic periods in china with a focus on the development of christianity and its cultural interaction in each period it shows the evolution of christianity as it occurred within the people's republic of china while telling the stories of various christians throughout chinese history the author addresses a few key questions how did the church develop over many centuries in a culture so different from the west how do christians in china give witness to their faith how do they contribute to the life of the universal church the answer to such questions provides a meaningful historical background to the broad approach of pope benedict xvi in his letter to the catholics in china issued on june 30 2007 illustrated

christianity in china has a history dating back to the tang dynasty 618 907 ce when allopen the first nestorian missionary arrived there in 635 in the late sixteenth century matteo ricci together with other jesuit missionaries commenced the catholic missions to china protestant christianity in china began with robert morrison of london missionary society who first set foot in canton in 1807 over the centuries the western missionaries and chinese believers were engaged in the enterprise of the translation publication and distribution of a large corpus of christian literature in chinese while the extensive distribution of chinese publications facilitated the propagation of christianity the christian messages have been subtly re

presented re appropriated and transformed by these works of chinese christian literature this special issue entitled christian literature in chinese contexts examines the multifarious dimensions of the production translation circulation and reception of christian literature with christian and literature in their broadest sense against the cultural and sociopolitical contexts from the tang period to modern china the eight articles in this volume cover a variety of intriguing topics including the literary translation endeavors of western missionaries in chinese the indigenous works of the chinese christians the interaction between the christian and chinese literary traditions chinese reception of the bible and numerous other relevant concepts

an account of how god took a young half starved boy from a poor village in henan province and used him to spread the gospel in the face of unrelenting persecution jacket

in the late 1970s when mao s cultural revolution ushered in china s reform era religion played a small role in the changes the country was undergoing there were few symbols of religious observance and the practice of religion seemed a forgotten art yet by the new millennium china s government reported that more than 200 million religious believers worshiped in 85 000 authorized venues and estimates by outside observers continue to rise the numbers tell the story buddhists as in the past are most numerous with more than 100 million adherents muslims number 18 million with the majority concentrated in the northwest region of xinjiang by 2000 china s catholic population had swelled from 3 million in 1949 to more than 12 million surpassing the number of catholics in ireland protestantism in china has grown at an even faster pace during the same period multiplying from 1 million to at least 30 million followers china now has the world s second largest evangelical christian population behind only the united states in addition a host of religious and quasi spiritual groups and sects has also sprouted up in virtually every corner of chinese society religion s dramatic revival in post mao china has generated tensions between the ruling communist party state and china s increasingly diverse population of religious adherents such tensions are rooted in centuries old governing practices and reflect the pressures of rapid modernization the state s response has been a mixture of accommodation and repression with the aim of preserving monopoly control over religious organization its inability to do so effectively has led to cycles of persecution of religious groups that resist the party s efforts american concern over official acts of religious persecution has become a leading issue in u s policy toward china the passage of the 1998 international religious freedom act which institutionalized concern over religious freedom abroad in u s foreign policy cemented this issue as an item on the agenda of u s china relations god and caesar in china

examines china's religion policy the history and growth of catholic and protestant churches in china and the implications of church state friction for relations between the united states and china concluding with recommendations for u.s. policy contributors include jason kindopp george washington university daniel h. bays calvin college mickey spiegel human rights watch chan kim kwong hong kong christian council jean paul wiest chinese university of hong kong richard madsen university of california san diego xu yihua fudan university liu peng chinese academy of social sciences and carol lee hamrin george mason university

as the third volume of a three volume set on the indigenization of christianity in modern china this book analyzes the endeavors of christianity in adapting to the changing social environment between the late 1920s and the end of the twentieth century over the course of its growth in modern china christianity has faced many twists and turns in attempting to embed itself in chinese society and indigenous culture this three volume set delineates the genesis and trajectory of christianity's indigenization in china over the course of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries highlighting the actions of chinese christians and the relationship between the development of christianity in china and modern chinese history chapters in this volume focus on the late 1920s the 1930s and the period before and after the founding of the people's republic of china the author discusses key transitions in indigenizing christianity including efforts to bring the religion to rural regions devotions to anti-japanese national salvation discussions on the coexistence of communism and christianity and the church's adaptation to accommodate chinese society after 1949 the book will appeal to scholars and students interested in the history of christianity in china and modern chinese history

the first half of the twenty-first century promises to be a time of great change for the christian church in the people's republic of china the situation is complex and fluid and the information gap between those on the inside and those outside of china is still significant though shrinking the inscrutably chinese church moves readers nearer to the chinese christian experience as nathan faries helps foreign readers to see with greater clarity just how chinese christians view their government and themselves in relation to those ruling powers there still exists a measure of inscrutability about china and its complex relationship with religion that must be explained to the outsider it is this gap in understanding between insider points of view within china and those outsiders seeking knowledge about the christian faith in china that faries seeks to close

can christian identity and national identity be reconciled for christians in china this question is particularly fraught while sinicization offers the indigenous church one path forward it fails to provide a tenable solution for believers unwilling to submit their love of god under love of country dr jue wang explores an alternative roadmap for chinese christian identity in the writings of zhang yijing the editor of true light a chinese baptist publication zhang was also a chinese patriot confucian and life long proponent of science and reason utilizing the lens of identity studies dr wang examines zhang s process of reconciling faith and culture in his quest to be both authentically christian and authentically chinese this study offers a fascinating glimpse into the modern history of the chinese church while uncovering the significance of an often overlooked chinese christian apologist zhang s example offers encouragement and hope for believers around the world seeking to integrate social cultural and national identities under the lordship of christ

my name is zhang rongliang and i am an unashamed follower of jesus christ it is considered quite dangerous to reveal the contents of this book but these are stories that need to be told for god s glory and for the encouragement of the church so begins this extraordinary first person account by the prominent leader of one of the largest underground churches in china a former communist party member zhang took a stand for christ and was targeted for prison work camps and torture all the while helping to build a network of millions of faithful believers spanning the time of mao s regime to today zhang testifies of god s supernatural movements of the sacrifice of countless christians who loved and served christ regardless of the cost and of the exciting new vision among believers in china to reach not only the chinese but the entire world with the gospel

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