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Duncan Poupard

Leiden University Press, Netherlands 2023

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In these books, written in the naxi dongba script of southwest China, the events unfold on the page visually. This book offers a full translation of a central Naxi origin myth in a level of detail never before seen: readers are invited to delve into this unique script in both its original form and digital recreation, alongside historic and updated translations and an accompanying explanation of each individual graph.

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1976 / Qiliang He

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Minor Essays On Ferdinand Verbiest, S.J. (1623-1688) / Noël Golvers

Ferdinand Verbiest Institute, KU Leuven, Belgium. 2023

622p.

9789492768155

\$ 110.00 / null

1150 gm.

This book contains 23 essays, the result of Noël Golvers' research of the 35 years between the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of Verbiest's decease in 1988 and the celebration of the 400th anniversary of his birthday on 9 February 2023. They are focusing on 23 less studied aspects of his life and work and are complementing his previous editions of Verbiest's main Western publications, viz. his *Astronomia Europaea* (ed. 1991) and his astronomical corpus, including the 'Athenian texts' *Compendium Historicum and Mechanica* (with Efthymios Nicolaidis, 2009), his *Correspondence* (2017) and his *Postulata Vice-Provinciae Sinensis in Urbe proponenda* (2018), which delivered the main sources for the 23 essays.

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Honoring the Option for China:History of the Encounters Between the Catholic Church and China,From the 17th Century Until Today / Pieter Ackerman,Hugo Vanheeswijck (Eds.)

Ferdinand Verbiest Institute Of The University Of Leuven, Belgium 2023

444p.

9789492768148

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820 gm.

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Mad Rulers And Worthy Sons : A Translation And Analysis Of The Newly Excavated Zhouxun / Andrej Fech

Three Pines Press, USA 2023

230p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781931483728

\$ 43.95 / null

400 gm.

This book presents the first study and translation of the ancient text Zhouxun (Instructions of the Zhou). Lost early but mentioned in the history of the Han dynasty, a copy appeared recently and was published as part of the Peking University collection. The work is unique in its claim that ancient Chinese monarchs determined their succession based solely on the abilities of their heirs, disregarding ritually sanctioned criteria, such as primogeniture and the nobility of the maternal lineage.

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University Of Hawai'I Press 2023

xiv, 246p.

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420 gm.

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Tianxia In Comparative Perspectives : Alternative Models For A Possible Planetary Order / Roger T. Ames, Sor-Hoon Tan and Steven Y.H. Yang (ED)

University Of Hawaii Press, Honolulu, U.S.A 2023

382p.

Includes Index

9780824895174

\$ 68.00 / HB

720 gm.

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Embodying Xuanzang : The Postmortem Travels Of A Buddhist Pilgrim / Benjamin Brose

University Of Hawaii Press, Honolulu, U.S.A 2023

x, 226p.

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334p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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The Yellow Court Scripture: Volume One Text And Main Commentaries / Livia Kohn

Three Pines Press, Petersburg, U.S.A 2023

v, 254p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781931483735

\$ 36.00 / null

440 gm.

The Huangting jing (Yellow Court Scripture) is a central classic of Daoist meditation. It comes in two major versions, an "outer" and an "inner" text, that are both revealed by senior deities and written in lines of seven characters. Going back to the early middle period, with major commentaries from the Tang dynasty, they are rather mysterious and poetic in diction, presenting the human body in terms of energies and spirits, towers and chambers. Without giving specific instructions, they suggest visualization, energy circulation, and alignment with the celestial bodies to maintain and control these internal powers in order to enhance life, increase longevity, and reach for immortality.

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