



The Earliest Years of Christianity in China

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
bēi	碑	a stele or stone tablet or monument.
Bēilín Bówùguǎn	碑林博物馆	The Forest of Monuments Museum in Xian
Cháng'ān	长安	Capital of Tang Dynasty China (present day Xian)
Dorgan	多尔衮	Prince Regent during the reign of the Shunzhi Emperor
Dàdū	大都	Great Capital...other name for Khanbaliq
Dàqín	大秦	Rome
Dàqín Jǐngjiào liúxíng Zhōngguó bēi	大秦景教流行中国碑	"A Monument Commemorating the Propagation of the Dàqín Luminous Religion of China" or "The Story of the Coming of the Religion of Light from the West to China."
Dù Rúhuì	杜如晦	Chancellor under Taizong, colleague of Fang Xuanling
Dōngzhèngjiào	东正教	Eastern Orthodox "The religion of Eastern Truth"
Fáng Xuánlíng	房玄龄	Chancellor under Taizong
Fùpíng County Shaanxi	陕西富平县	Northeast of Xian, the place where the stone came from that the Nestorian Stele was made from. Also the ancestral home of President Xi Jinping.
Huáng Cháo Uprising	黄巢起义	Uprising lasting 881-884, weakened the Tang Dynasty.
Hàn Wǔdì	汉武帝	Western Han emperor from 141-87 BCE
Hóngwǔ Emperor	洪武帝	Zhu Yuanzhang, who came from humble beginnings and founded a dynasty.
jiào	教	religion or teaching
Jīdū	基督	Christ

Jīdūjiào	基督教	Protestantism
Jǐngjiào	景教	Nestorian Christianity
Jǐngjiào bēi	景教碑	The Nestorian Stele (or Tablet)
Jǐngjìng	景淨	Christian monk who wrote the story of Alopen on the Nestorian Stele
Khanbaliq	汗八里	Capital of Yuan Dynasty China. Present day Beijing
Kāngxī	康熙	Successor to Shunzhi, the longest reigning Chinese emperor 1661-1722
Luō Guànzōng	罗贯中	Author of the classic novel "Romance of the Three Kingdoms"
Lǐ Shì mǐn	李世民	2nd son of Li Yuan, the Tang founder
Lǐ Zhī zǎo	李之藻	Along with Xu Guangqi and Yang Tingyun, he was one of the Three Pillars of Catholicism in China.
Quánzhōu	泉州	Another ancient port city in Fujian
Shùnzhì	顺治	1st Qing Emperor to rule over China 1643-1661
Tiānzhǔjiào	天主教	Roman Catholicism "The religion of the Lord of Heaven"
Táng Tàizōng	唐太宗	Taizong Emperor, formerly known as Li Shimin
Táng Wǔzōng	唐武宗	Tang Emperor from 840-846
Xiàmén	厦门	Ancient port city in Fujian
Xú Guāngqǐ	徐光启	Also known as Paul Hsu, a colleague of Matteo Ricci
Xīn Jiào	新教	the New religion
Xiān	西安	Capital of Shaanxi province, location of ancient of Chang'an
Xiān Wénchāng Gate	西安文昌门	One of the ancient gates of Xian
Yáng Tíngyún	杨廷筠	One of the Three Pillars of Catholicism in China
Yōngzhèng	雍正	Successor to the Kangxi Emperor

Zhōu Gōng	周公	Duke of Zhou
Zhū Yuánzhāng	朱元璋	Ming Dynasty founder, also known as the Hongwu Emperor – reigned 1368-1398
Āluóběn	阿罗本	Nestorian monk who visited Chang'an in 635 CE