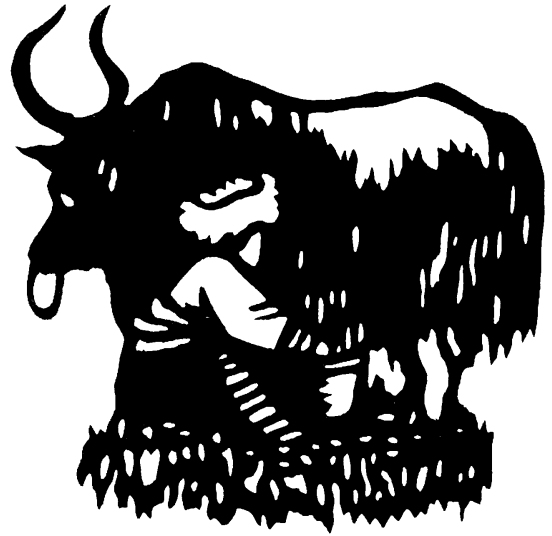


REVIEW OF
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Outline of contents

In the four issues of 1980, 19 out of 77 articles dealt with Christianity, while in the two issues of 1981, 9 out of 29 articles dealt with Christianity.

In the first issue of 1980 the editor sets out the purpose and the contents of the periodical. He writes that it is a periodical which makes use of translated resource materials regarding the three great world religions' history, philosophy and culture. Its purpose is to reflect the actual situation of research on world religions in several countries of the world in order to offer resource materials to Chinese researchers, philosophers and scientists.

Because of the scholarly and theoretical nature of the

periodical, it probably does not have an extensive readership in China. A few articles are translated from materials written in Russian. It was said previously in Tripod (#3, 1981, P.45) that the study of religion is welcomed for very practical reasons. It is recognized that unless the nature of religious beliefs is understood, they cannot be criticized effectively or eradicated. Nor will it be possible to draw up appropriate policies for dealing with religious believers both domestically and in foreign affairs. (Ren Jiju Zhaxue Yanjiu 4/1979)

An index of 77 articles in the four issues of 1980 can be found in volume 1 of 1981. Excluding those articles talking about religion in general, the following list is meant simply to give the reader an idea about the kind of articles which dealt with Christianity:

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During 1981, two other issues have been published. Vol. one features two translated articles. One is Hans Küng's public letter addressed to the Pope: "Man has the right to Marry". The other one is an article originally written in French about the relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Churches. There are also three articles introducing John Hus, the African Conference of Third World Theologians, and the main feasts of the three great world religions. Among those the Christian feasts of Christmas and Easter are explained.

In volume two there is an article about Pope John Paul II and related Church problems. It is translated from English. There are also three articles introducing Paul Tillich, the well known contemporary Protestant theologian, the World Christian Conference, and the college of cardinals. In the article treating the cardinals, after a short introduction on the origin, power, function, structure and changes of the college of cardinals, a quite extensive list is given of the names, nationalities and duties of the different cardinals according to information available in December 1979.