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本书是卓新平主编的《宗教与思想丛书》之一

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本书于 1930 年完成。针对当时中国流行的认为中世纪欧洲是天主教统治的黑暗时代的说法 , 作者对欧洲中世纪社会思想文化进行了研究 , 以使能对中古欧洲及教会能有较客观公正的认识和评价 , 并写出了本书。此书完成后在中国基督教界获得好评 , 被收入《燕京宗教学院丛书》, 于 1936 年在上海博物院路广学书局出版。时隔 60 多年 , 中国学读者对中古欧洲的理解仍很片面狭隘 , 因此“宗教与思想丛书”编委认为仍有必要再版本书 , 以图匡正人们对中古欧洲的了解并推动相关学术研究。

本书分两篇。第一篇为“基督教在中古欧洲之普通社会生活和经济生活的贡献”。第一、二章讨论了教会进行的和在教会推动下欧洲王权政府进行的救济穷人、医治病人的工作。第三、四、五章论述了教会对待没有地位的外国人、奴隶和农奴、

妇女和婴儿的态度，探讨了教保护奴隶和农奴、推动废除奴隶和农奴制度、保护妇女婴儿的和提高妇女地位所进行的努力。第六章讨论了基督教对农业、渔业和手工业的提倡。第二篇“基督教在中古欧洲之政治生活的贡献”。第七章讨论了基督教教会如何克服蛮族的个人主义并通过教会组织礼仪建立社会凝聚。第八章讨论了基督教对中世纪欧洲政治作的贡献，第九章讨论了基督教对欧洲废除残酷刑罚做出的贡献。第十章讨论了基督教对限制战争和推动和平作的贡献。

本书对读者了解中古欧洲历史基督教会有一定帮助。

Title: The Contribution of Christianity in Medieval Europe

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Author's Introduction: Yang Changdong (1897-1983), born in Fujian Province. B.A., Fujian Union University, 1925, M.A. in Theology, Yenjing University, 1928, Ph.D., Yale University, 1934. His ministry included clergy, principal of high school, Fuzhou Union Agricultural Career School, Fujian Union Bible School, and Fujian Union Theological College.

Contents: The book is among “Religion and Thought Series” edited by Zhuo Xiping and was originally published in 1936 to boost better understanding about Mid-Ancient Europe and the Church. During 1930s, the general notion in China was that Middle Age ruled by the Roman Church was the Dark Age; after 60 years, the notion has not changed too much, therefore the reprint of this book is deemed necessary by the “Religion and Thought Series” Committee.

The book is divided by two parts. First part is “The Contribution of Christianity in General Social Life and Economic Life of Mid-Ancient Europe.” 1,2) The compassionate work of poverty and sickness relief extended by the Church and the European monarchy urged by the Church. 3,4,5) The contribution of the Church to the insignificant foreigners, slaves and peasants, women and babies; the efforts of the Church to protect slaves and peasants, to advocate the abolition of slaves and peasantry, to protect women and babies, and to upgrade the status of women. 6) The advancement of agriculture, fishing, and the handicraft by Christianity. The second part is “The Contribution of Christianity in Political Life of Mid-Ancient Europe.” 7) The suppression of the individualism of the Vikings by the Christian Church through church organization and liturgy to establish social coercion. 8) The contribution of Christianity to Middle Age politics. (9) The contribution of Christianity to the

abolition of the European ruthless chastisement. 10) The contribution of Christianity to limit war and keep peace.