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5. 作者简介：朱谦之 (1899 ~ 1972)，1920 年毕业于北京大学哲学系。曾参加过“五四运动”。1929 年留学日本，潜心研究历史哲学。1932 年起任中山大学教授，兼文学学院院长。1952 年起任北京大学哲学系教授。1964 年起任中国科学院哲学社会科学部世界宗教研究所研究员。他是中国当代著名的历史学家、哲学家和东方学家，特别是中国古代基督教研究专家。他著述甚多，有专著 42 部，其代表作有《周易哲学》、《庄子哲学》、《老子哲学》、《中国哲学史提纲》、《中国哲学对欧洲的影响》、《日本的朱子学》、《文化哲学》等。
6. 内容提要：《中国景教》一书，是当代中国著名学者朱谦之先生的遗作。是一部景教（即东方基督教派之一—聂斯托利派）研究的最权威的专著。1993 年出版发行以来，引起学术界的广泛关注，不仅受到国内专家的赞誉，还受到国外学者的重视。全书共 11 章，20 余万字。主要内容是：景教与天主教、祆教、摩尼教、伊斯兰教的关系；景教的异端性，主张基督一性论，反对基督二性论；景教东渐的历史过程：传入波斯、阿拉伯、印度等地；景教传入中国的社会背景：经济、政治、文化等原因；景教碑是如何发现的；景教碑在景教文献中的地位；景教碑中的景教思想，对“景”字意义的解释，与其他教派思想的关系；景教碑中的史地问题；唐朝以后的景教；宋元之间景教对西北地区蒙古族的影响；中国境内的景教遗物：墓石、墓志铭、壁画、十字架、寺院遗址等；景教衰亡及其原因。本书的特点是：内容丰富、资料翔实、研究最深、篇幅最多、分析独到、有重要的学术价值；吸收了国内外最新的学术研究成果；注重历史考证，有说服力；外国学者研究景教，多侧重于史论，中国学者研究景教，多注重考证。因此，本书既吸收了外国学者研究之成果，又汲取了中国学者之专长；图文并茂，附有图片和国内外有关景教研究的论著目录，为学者和读者考察和研究景教提供了重要线索。

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5. Author's Profile: Graduated from the Philosophy Department of Beijing University in 1920, Zhu Qianzhi (1899-1972) participated in the 'May Fourth Movement'. He went to Japan for further studies in 1929, and became a professor and Head of the School of Arts at Zhongshan University in 1932. Subsequently, he became a professor at the Philosophy Department of Beijing University in 1952, and joined the Department of Philosophy and the Social Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Science as a researcher in 1964. Zhu is a well-known historian, philosopher and Orientalist in contemporary China, specialising in the studies of ancient Chinese Christianity. A prolific writer with 42 titles to his credit, his magnum opus include The Philosophy of Zhou Yi, The Philosophy of Zhuang Zi, A Compendium of Chinese Philosophy, The Impact of Chinese Philosophy on Europe, The Studies of Zhuzi in Japan, Philosophy of Culture and etc.

6. Précis: The Nestorianism of China, written by the late Zhu Qianzhi, a renowned Chinese scholar, is one of the most authoritative works on Nestorianism, an Eastern sect of Christianity. Since its publication in 1993, the monograph has called forth considerable interest in the academia, receiving commendations from local scholars and high regard from their foreign counterparts. The 20,000-Chinese-word volume comprises of 11 chapters, addressing issues such as the relationship between Nestorianism on the one hand and Roman Catholicism, Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism and Islam on the other; its heretic doctrine of monistic Christology and its denial of the two natures of Christ; the history of the eastward expansion of Nestorianism – from Persia to Arab, India and etc.; the social background – viz., the economic, political and cultural factors – that facilitated the spread of Nestorianism to China; the discovery of the Nestorian Tablet; the place of the Nestorian Tablet in Nestorian literature; the Nestorian thoughts as expressed in the Nestorian Tablet, the explanation of the meaning of 'Nestorianism' and its relationship with the ideologies of other sects; the historical and geographical issues in the Nestorian Tablet; Nestorianism after the Tang Dynasty; the impact of Nestorianism on the Mongolians in the northwest area; the relics of Nestorianism in China: tombstone, epitaph, mural, cross, chapel sites and etc.; the decline of Nestorianism and its reasons. This book is rich in contents, comprehensive and accurate in its presentation of facts, and is a product of in-depth research, with its extensive coverage and ingenious analysis. As such, it has made significant contributions to scholarship, and has drawn on the latest developments in the frontiers of local and foreign scholarship. As a result of its emphasis on historical evidence, it has been known as a cogent work. Unlike the historical approach of foreign studies of Nestorianism, Chinese scholars studying Nestorianism focus on the verification and examination of historical theories. Therefore, this work has the best of both worlds in its use of the studies of foreign

scholars and the expertise of their Chinese counterparts. This finely illustrated book with a bibliography on the local and foreign studies of Nestorianism provides scholars and readers with important resources for their studies of Nestorianism.