



AN OVERVIEW

DISCOVERING GOD IN CHINESE CHARACTERS (BILINGUAL VERSION)

What this booklet's objectives are:

1. To tell the salvation story through the ancient and modern Chinese characters as its etymological roots reveal startling correlations with the Bible.
2. To give readers a chance to respond to the invitation to receive Jesus Christ via the culture of the Chinese language.
3. Allow people to ask questions about Jesus Christ.

Who is this booklet for?

1. Chinese non-Christians
2. Non-Chinese Christians interested in the language
3. Non-Chinese, non-Christians interested in the language

This booklet does NOT:

1. Question the historicity of the Chinese language.
2. Prove definitively that all the bone oracle characters can only be interpreted this way, however, when you study many more characters, the correlations are persuasive in and of themselves.
3. Present a Westerner's perspective of the Chinese characters as these discoveries were made by Chinese scholars in China and in South-East Asia.

Summary:

Have you discovered God in Chinese characters?

Page 3 has a brief history of Chinese characters and an example of how characters are broken into radicals.

Page 3-13 talks about the **creation of man** and the relationship between God and His creation.

Pg 14-21 talks about the **fall of man**; the choice he made to disobey as well as the consequences which followed.

pg 22- 31: God's **redemption of man** through Jesus.

Pg 33 talks about how one receives Jesus Christ.

Pg 36-37 talks about follow-up and growing in faith.

Back cover: Website resources and a place to write down your name and contact info.

Resources

The Discovery of Genesis by *C.H.Kang (Published 1979)*
 Genesis and the riddles Confucius couldn't solve by Dr. *Ethel Nelson and Richard Broadberry (Published 1994)*
 God's Promise to the Chinese by *Dr. E. Nelson, Broadberry and Dr. Ginger Tong Chok (Published 1997)*
 Faith of our Fathers by *C.K. Thong (Published 2006)*
 The Four Spiritual Laws by *Bill Bright (first published 1965)*

The Bible says in John 14:6-

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father except through me.’” **Which box represents your life?**

A life without Jesus Christ is a life that has *not* been made right. Without

trusting that Jesus Christ is who he says he is, the lamb remains outside and “I” remain separated from him.

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A life with Jesus Christ is a relationship that *has been made right*. By choosing

to put the lamb of God over me means *I accept the **only way** He has provided for me to know Him.*

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Where will this booklet be used?

This booklet is currently being translated into Korean and Japanese. The Simplified Chinese version had been printed in January 2007. With the large number of Chinese from China moving to countries like South Africa, Panama, Canada, as well as students in Universities in England and Paris, the bilingual copies of the booklet will be well-served in non-English speaking countries.

Both Japanese Kanji and Korean Han-mun are derived from Chinese so this booklet can also be used to share with these ethnic groups.

Uniqueness of the booklet

The oldest ideographic forms of Chinese were carved on bones and tortoise shells. They were first discovered during the late Shang Dynasty, around 1300BC. Scholars in China and Asia have spent many years studying these bone oracle characters and many books have been written on them. This booklet is unique in that by breaking down 10 characters to its most basic form, they correlate with the Biblical story of a creator God, His purposes in creating mankind, plans for man's salvation and an opportunity to exercise faith in this loving God. Instead of a foreign missionary sharing about a Jewish God, this booklet simply shares who God is using something already familiar to them.

Costs

English only version: \$0.40 each
Bilingual version (English/ Chinese) \$0.75
(English/Japanese; English/Korean will be released later)
All prices are in CAD\$

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www.powertochangerc.org (Power to Change Resource Centre) More info: www.interculturalnetwork.com

What people are saying about the booklet:

“God exists in all cultures. It brings me closer to God. I want to discover more of God in other Chinese characters!”

“Sacrifice, righteousness and faith touched me the most. No matter how bad we are, not perfect, God still loves us. He covered all our sins...He took our sins, gives us His righteousness so that we can be children of God.”

“It applied a new meaning to Chinese by showing them in light of the Bible. It's very interesting and inspiring.”

“The explanation of the words touched me. It confirms that the Chinese people had God on their minds.”