

the land of China that he almost forgot anything else in his tremendous interest in it. And I think to too great an extent forgot his own family in his great devotion to the Lord. That this woman should have completely truned away from the belief of her father and mother, so completely that in her book she rejoices when she finds something that is not the best in American society to say, Oh the Chinese culture is so much better! The Chinese have so much truer an idea on these things.

And of course she means the Confusionist and Buddhist Chinese when she says the Chinese in this way. There are so much better on these, and as you read these different passages you would think, Here's a woman who spent half of her life in China and who knows Chinese well, knows the Chinese classics and travelled all over that country in her younger days, and she can make a true comparrison of the situation there and situations in America.

Yet as you read the story of the exile, you read how her mother took pity on a Chinese woman when her third daughter had just been killed by her husband who would take a rock and crush in the skulls of the girl babies because he wanted a son and was not interested in daughters. The mother was so utterly distraught and sorrowful that Pearl Buck's mother took sympathy on her and brought her into her home and she was a very faithful person in their home for many years. But you would not find that happening in a land with a Christian background.

She tells in anohter place how when they had the revoltion in China and they did away with the Manchu dynasty, she tells how her mother looked out of the windows of the house and she saw here--this would be about 1912, long before the communist revolution--she looked out the windows and she saw women dressed in lovely clothes. Manchurian women who had been the privileged class all over China when the Manchurian empire had been in existence for some centuries. She saw these women running and hiding in the trees and trying to escape. She felt so sorry for them, but she dared not open her door and let any of them in because if she had, it would not have helped them any but merely meant that she herself would have had to share their fate.

And they were hunted down and killed, everyone of them, which Pearl Buck says was what happened when a dynasty was changed, they simply killed all the members of a former dynasty! She tells instance after instance like this in the course of her recollections which were simply part of the pagan culture of old China and she doesn't bring it together in her mind with the fact that where you have Christian civilization and teachings such customs as that come to be done away with. Christian love is a result of Christianity and it has permeated many a ~~Christ~~ country from Christianity even among people who have not adopted Christian teachings. They have been affected by the ethics that have gone out from it, but its source is in Christinaity.

You go back to the Greeks and Romans and you'll find some beautiful writings on compassion and kindness and all that.