

# Learning About China: Sipping from a Firehose

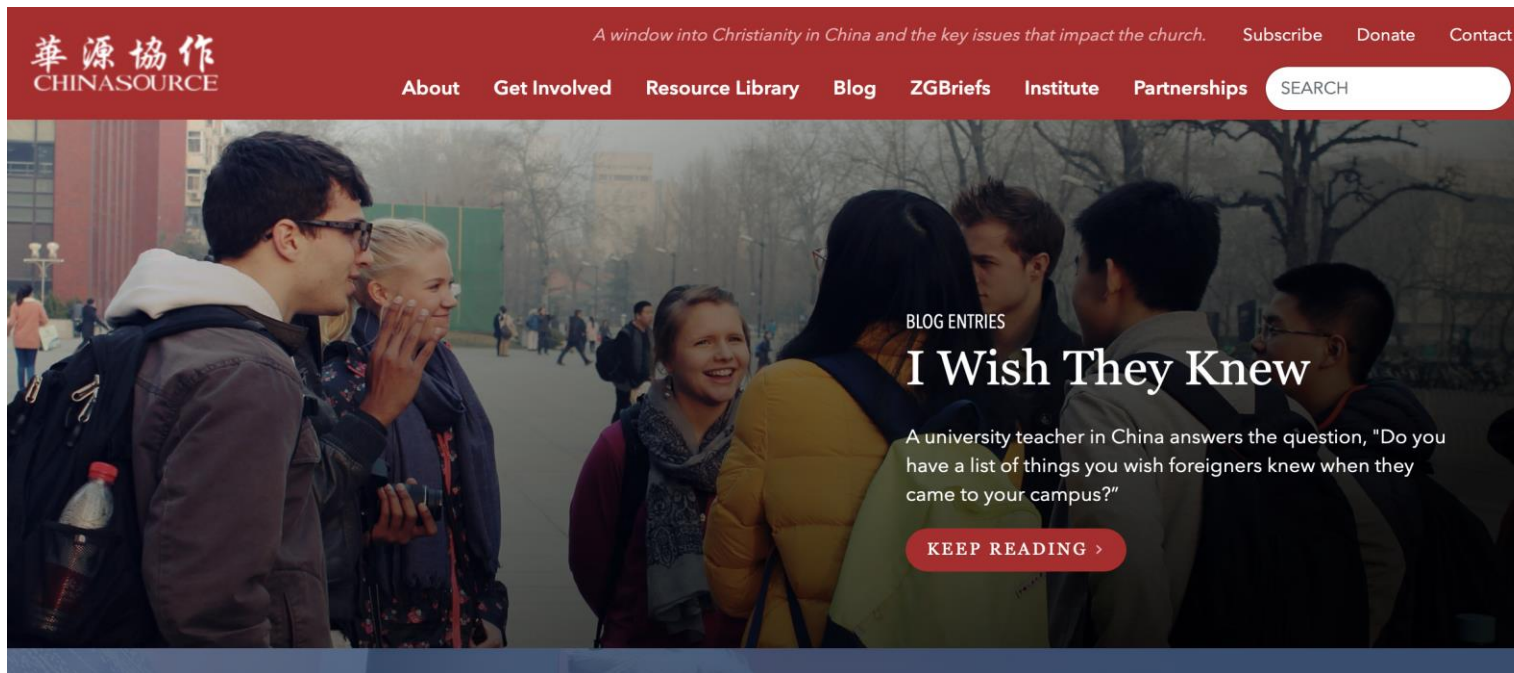
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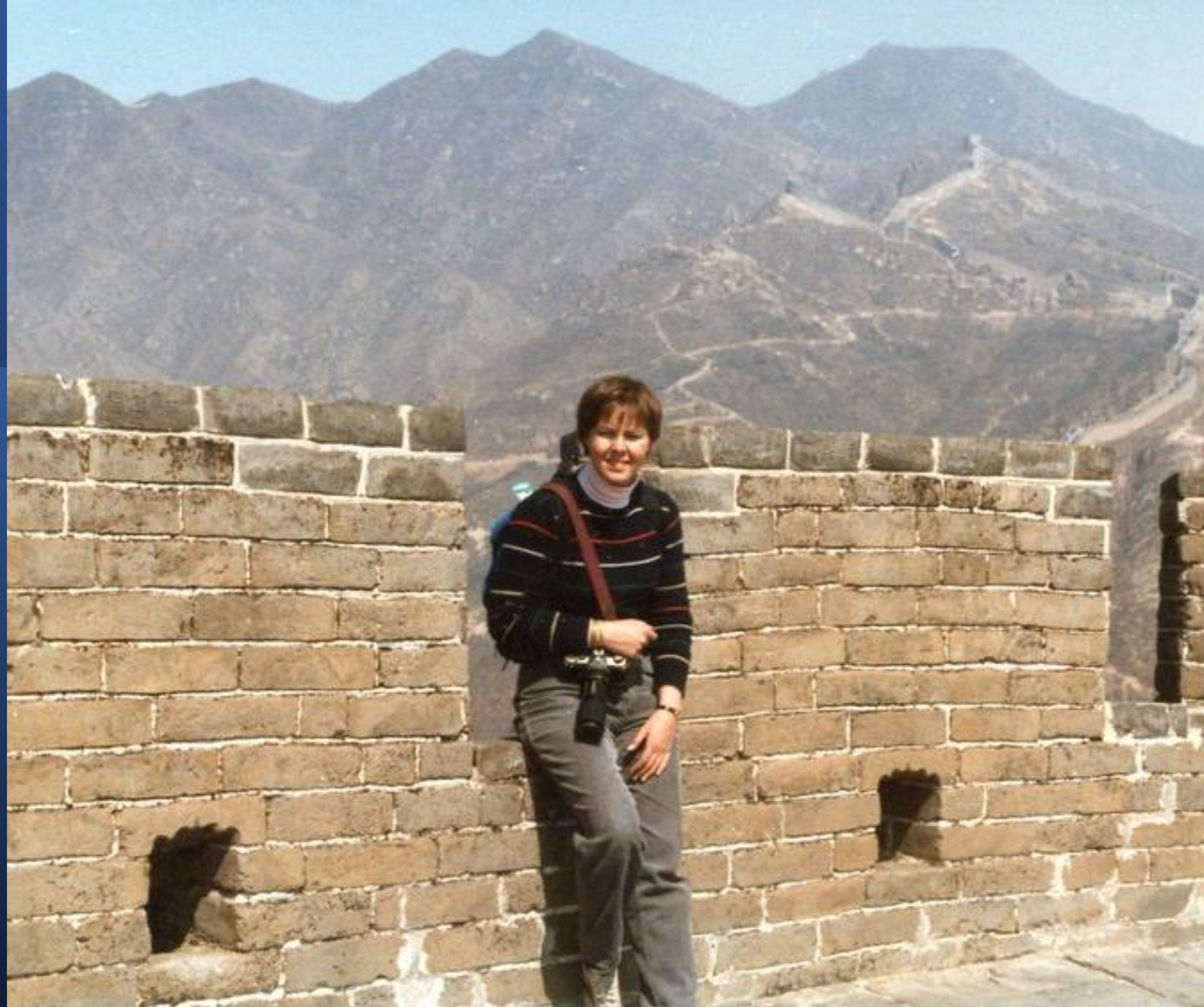
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# My China Story



# Pakistan and China





HK and  
Shenzhen  
(1979)



# Guangzhou (1979)





# Zhengzhou (1980's)



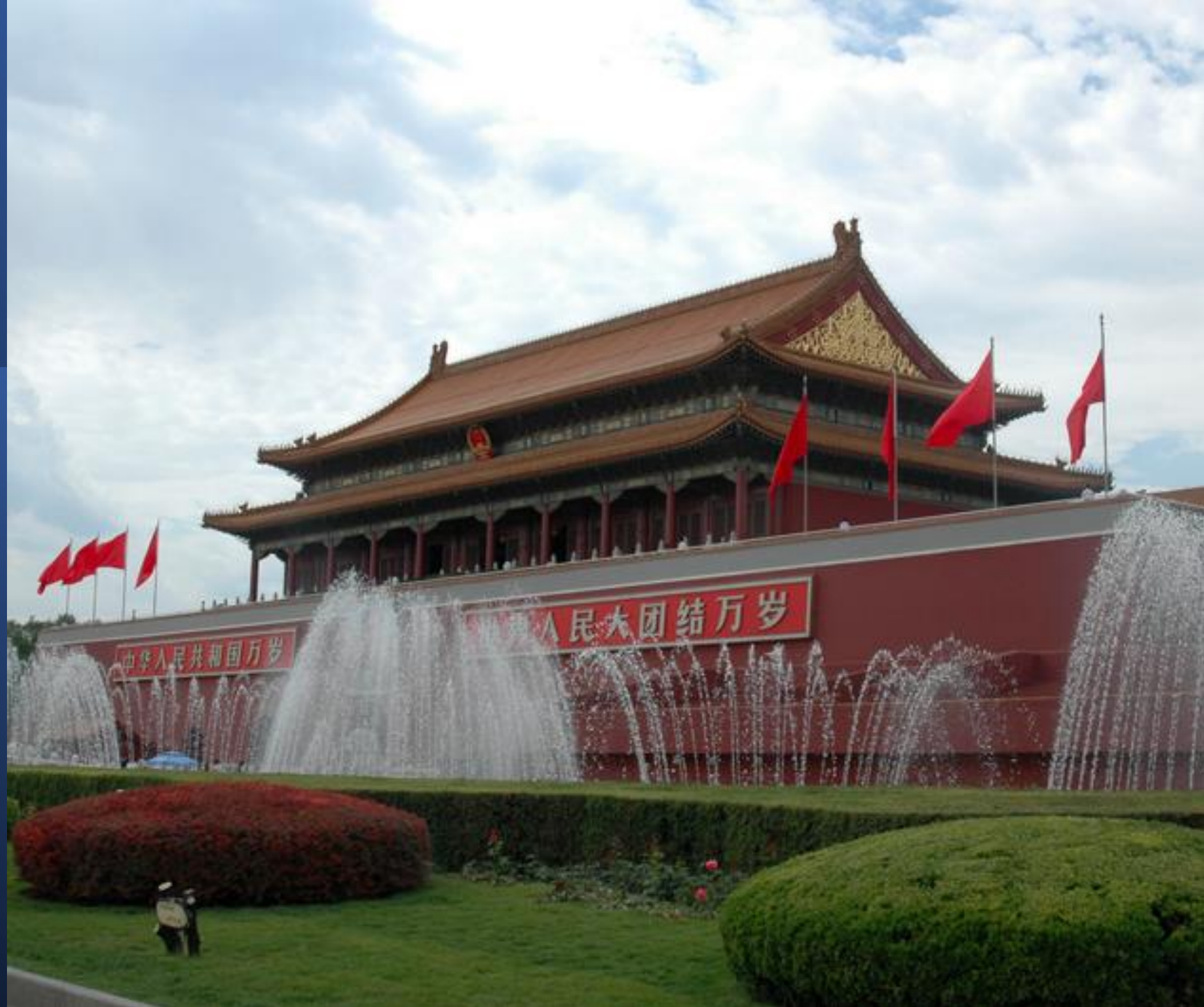


# Changchun (1990's)





Beijing (1998-  
2012)





# Observed Trends







Ration Coupons to Walmart





Isolated to Engaged





Conformity to Self-Expression





Poor to Economic  
Power





Hidden to Visible





GETTING STARTED



# History

- *To Change China: Western Advisors in China*, by Jonathan Spence
- *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*, by June Cheng
- *God's Chinese Son: The Taiping Heavenly Kingdom of Hong Xiuquan*, by Jonathan Spence
- Video series: China in Revolution (PBS)







## Culture / Tradition

- *Snowflower and the Secret Fan*, by Lisa See
- *Encountering the Chinese: A Modern Country; An Ancient Culture*, by Hu Wenzhong
- Video: A Bite of China (CCTV)
- Movie: Farewell



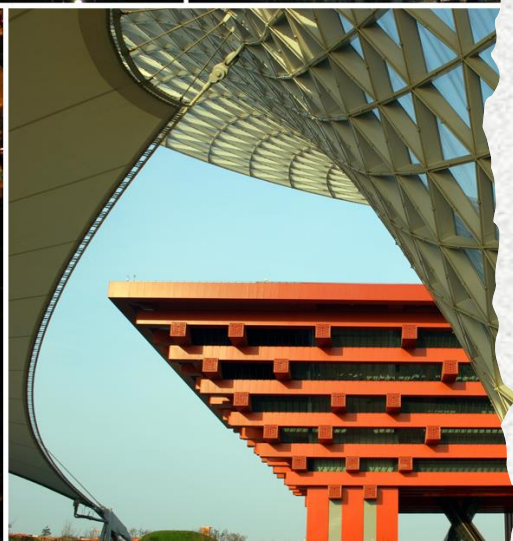
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## Language

- *Dreaming in Chinese: Mandarin Lessons in Life, Love, and Language*, by Deborah Fallows
- *A Billion Voices: China's Search for a Common Language*, by David Moser
- Passive listening – Chinese TV dramas
- Chinesepod.com
- [Chinese Buddy: Songs for Kids](#) (YouTube)





# Contemporary Society

- *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China*, by Evan Osnos
- *Country Driving: A Journey Through China from Farm to Factory*, by Peter Hessler
- *Shanghai Free Taxi: Journeys with the Hustlers and Rebels of the New China*, by Frank Lingfett
- Contemporary Chinese films on Netflix



# Religion

- *The Souls of China: The Return to Religion After Mao*, by Ian Johnson
- *China's Urban Christians: A Light That Cannot be Hidden*, by Brent Fulton
- *Shanghai Faithful: Betrayal and Forgiveness in a Chinese Christian Family*, by Jennifer Lin
- *Salt and Light: Lives of Faith that Shaped Modern China (3 volumes)*, by Carol Lee Hamrin and Stacey and Bieler
- *The Bells are Not Silent: Stories of Church Bells in China*, by Joann Pittman
- [www.chinasource.org](http://www.chinasource.org) (numerous book reviews)





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## The Bells Are Not Silent

Stories of Church Bells in China

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