

Word Definitions

- Chinese:** Used to describe historical and mythological events, philosophies and ideas that occurred or originated in the area that is now recognized as the Peoples Republic of China.
- Taiwanese:** Used to describe historical and mythological events, philosophies and ideas that occurred or originated in the area that is now recognized as the Republic of China.
- Mainland China:** Used where differentiation is needed between the geographical areas known as the Peoples Republic of China and the Republic of China.
- Taiwan:** Used where differentiation is needed between the geographical areas known as the Republic of China and the Peoples Republic of China.
- Faith:** A belief in a supernatural power or powers that control human destiny. A belief in a God, deity, or in a particular religion.
- Superstition:** An irrational belief connected with ideas about magic, etc.
- Family Cult:** A family unit that follows a system of religious beliefs and rituals involving worship of family ancestors.
- Utilitarian:** Designed to be useful rather than decorative. Designed to be practical rather than attractive.

Pinyin and Font

- Hanyu Pinyin:** Hanyu Pinyin has been used selectively alongside Chinese names, and for Chinese words and concepts with no English equivalent.
- Regular Font:** Regular font has been used for real names of people, deities, places and names of Sanskrit scriptures.
- Italics:** Italics have been used for Hanyu Pinyin names of religious texts and Chinese words that are not names of people, deities, places or schools, and words with no English equivalent.

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To

My amazing parents, without whom none
of this would have been possible