

Song of a Wanderer – Beckoned by Eternity

by Li Cheng

Taken from the Foreword to the English Edition of

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“A sensation!” is not an exaggeration in describing the book, *Song of a Wanderer*, originally published in Chinese as “*Youzi Yin*.” Since it first became available in simplified script through our Mainland Chinese literature ministry at Ambassadors for Christ, it has widely captured the attention of the Chinese intellectual community. In the six and a half years since its first appearance, over 400,000 copies (now 780,000 copies) have been distributed and eagerly received by educated Chinese around the world. Although to date it has not been possible to obtain permission to publish it in China, we are aware that many copies have found their way to the homeland where it has become well-known among a large number of educated Chinese who have been impacted by it. It has been exciting to observe the overwhelming influence that the Chinese edition of *Song of a Wanderer* has had on a great number of Chinese intellectuals as it gives answers to their haunting questions. ...

Li Cheng communicates with a fervent heart and great enthusiasm for sharing truths that have captured and transformed his own life. He is unquestionably genuine in his convictions. He has addressed thousands of his fellow academic compatriots studying in the United States. Hundreds have responded to his message in these lectures. Their minds were convinced by his evidence and logic; their hearts stirred by his passion. Like Li Cheng himself, they have become followers of the One who alone can satisfy the most essential longings of Chinese, and indeed of all humanity. ...

Applying his keen intellect to the task of evaluating Christianity, Li Cheng turned from atheism to become an ardent follower of Jesus Christ, and many of his fellow citizens were likewise convinced by the words that you now have before you in this English edition. ...May you be among those who not only understand what Li Cheng discovered, but also allow it to transform your life as it did his. It is the most important endeavor you can undertake.

Finally, we are most of all filled with thanks to our precious Lord, whose love, grace, and power are really the ultimate explanation for both the message and the production of this book. May He be pleased to use it to bring great glory to Himself and much blessing to large numbers of English readers.

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Responses to the Chinese version:

“Song of a Wanderer has lit a light in my heart which has been bleeding in darkness since my earliest memory. It answered many of my questions that tortured me. I’ve finally found the light of life.”
-- university professor in East Asia

“It is a wonderful piece of literature, a good witness to convince a person to believe in Christ. I want to share the book with my friend.” -- Chinese believer

“A scholar who refused to believe in Christ read *Song of a Wanderer* on the way to a retreat. As a result he believed before the retreat started.”-- from a Christian worker

“He talked about what a great book *Song...* is, and that he keeps a copy of that on his desk in his office, so others will look in it.” -- report about a new believer

“I have seen God use the *Song of a Wanderer* more than any other apologetics book to help Mainland Chinese students and scholars come to Christ. “
-- from a prominent ministry to internationals

“*Song of a Wanderer* is excellent. My friends here love it! I can't seem to keep any of the copies I have on the shelves.” -- Christian living among Chinese

Regarding the book and the author:

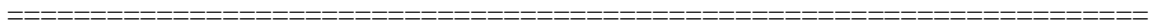
Translated from the back cover of *Song of a Wanderer* :

This is a book of Christian apologetics. The author, Li Cheng, is from Beijing. He became a Christian after coming to the United States. He understands deeply how most Mainland Chinese scholars think, and wrote this book to help answer the questions of those scholars who are searching for the truth and faith in Christianity. He uses in depth discussion and comparison, providing a wealth of evidence. His writing is fluent, presenting very sound thinking with a balanced approach. Each chapter in this book is a unique message, which he has delivered with excellent response all over America. It has been very helpful in breaking the bondage of unbelief for those scholars with atheistic backgrounds. At the same time, it helps the Christian be more firmly rooted in his faith, and is an excellent reference for sharing the Gospel.



Other Notes:

The author, who uses a pen name (a common practice for Chinese writers), is a graduate of Beijing University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He earned his Ph.D. in the United States and he has excellent credentials as a medical researcher. Before trusting in Christ he studied the evidence thoroughly and after some struggle became convinced that the Bible and the Christian message are true. He is humble and earnest in his presentations. Many have come to Christ through them. The book, *Song of a Wanderer – Beckoned by Eternity*, and his lectures on tape and CD-ROM, all by "Li Cheng," are tremendously effective for intellectuals of Mainland China, particularly for scientists. Over 780,000 copies of the simplified Chinese edition are now in print. Recently *Song of a Wanderer – Beckoned by Eternity* has also been translated into English as well.



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Ordering Information:

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The **simplified script edition** is available on a donation basis. The "suggested amount" for *Song of a Wanderer* is just US \$3.50 for the regular size (C1-7R) or US \$3.00 for the smaller, pocket-size edition (C1-7S) plus shipping. The **audio book** is available now on MP3 for US \$5.00 each (# J1-12M).

Highly recommended is a set of 15 video lectures by the author of *Song of a Wanderer* called **Science, Faith, and Life**. It is similar in content to that of the book, on 2 DVDs (J1-11D, \$30.00) It is also available on 15 VCDs (**video compact disks** -- \$28). A free sample lecture is available as well. In addition, this set is also available **in audio form as an MP-3 which is a CD-ROM** (J1-11M - \$7.00) **and on cassettes tapes** (J1-11T - \$24). They cover material similar to that in the book. **Please call about special arrangements for taking these J1-11 to where they are most needed.**

An English translation of *Song of a Wanderer* has also been published and is available for USD \$ 9.50. Ideal for intellectuals who are seeking spiritual truth, multiple copies of 5 or more can be purchased at a discount.

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