

part of the earlier missionaries, and there can be no reasonable doubt that scores and hundreds of the first converts were led directly to the Fountain opened for sin. Their great anxiety to bring China speedily under papal rule induced later agents to *broaden the gauge* so as to allow converts to retain some, if not all, their heathen customs.

The great controversy to which allusion has been made, was principally respecting the practice of worshipping at the tombs of ancestors, and offering sacrifices to the memory of Confucius.

The advocates for the custom made such representations to Pope Alexander VII. respecting them as to secure from that Pontiff a decree that the custom was both prudent and charitable.

Encouraged by past success, Rome, true to herself, failed not to teach in Asia, as she had done elsewhere, that the Pope is not only God's vice-regent, the divinity-appointed head of the Church on earth, but also the chief of the princes of the earth. The Chinese, ever jealous of foreigners, suspected at the first that these Europeans with their new religion were really aiming at the overthrow of the Empire. The Romanists, ever interfering in some way or another with the government and hinting at or boldly proclaiming the *temporal* and spiritual supremacy of their priestly master, at length confirmed those suspicions, and brought down upon themselves the wrath of the Emperor and his advisers. It does not follow because the Romanists have had trouble, that Protestants need fear. The laws enacted against the former do not apply to those teaching the Protestant religion. Those things which have caused their chief trouble are not necessary in carrying on the true work of Christianity.

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